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INSTALLATION, CARE & MAINTENANCE

Bathroom Laminate



Beautiful. Practical. Easy to care for.

Installation, care & maintenance for laminated bathroom worksurfaces

Everything you need to measure, cut, seal and care for your laminated bathroom worksurface — including how to protect the vulnerable cut edges. Please read fully before you begin, and keep for future reference.

Before you fit — inspect & check the match
Peel back the protective film to check the colour match before installation; push it back afterwards. Double-check, measure twice and inspect the worktop for transit damage and marks before fitting. No refitting charges will be accepted for shade variation after fitting.

Measuring & marking

Once you are sure your measurements are exact, use a pencil to mark the laminate. Remember to allow for any edging to be added.

Cutting

Using a hand saw

Cut through from the laminate surface. A sharp, fine-tooth saw (10–12 teeth per inch) is ideal for a clean cut.

Using a power saw

Cut from the underside of the worktop. With the worktop face down, follow your marking so the saw teeth cut towards the laminate surface — this minimises chipping of the decorative face.

Square / acrylic edges — extra care
If your worksurface has an acrylic or matching laminate square edge: always cut into the edge, and seal the flat front edge as well as the surface joint.

Cut-out basins & bowls

Use the pattern supplied with the sink to mark out. All cut edges must be sealed with a water-resistant material such as polyurethane or silicone, paying particular attention to semi-recessed bowls.

For a semi-recessed bowl, cut into the front edge, then seal the front edge top surface and continue the sealant underneath for at least 100 mm.

Silicone sealant must run all the way under the front edge where the bowl cuts into the worktop, to stop water reaching the core.

Support & mounting

This worksurface is designed to sit on a base unit or be supported by floor-to-worksurface legs. Free-standing wall mounting is not recommended; if required, you must use fixings/brackets suited to the wall type and the load the surface is expected to carry.

50 mm lightweight-core tops
If your product is a 50 mm-thick lightweight-core worktop, do not cut to size or cut into any factory-fitted edge. It is for free-standing (not fitted) units only. You may drill/cut the laminate surface for tap holes and basin cut-outs, then seal as normal.

Water protection & everyday cleaning

There's nothing easier than caring for your bathroom worksurface — the HPL surface makes cleaning simple. A moist cloth is usually enough; use washing-up liquid to remove grease. Stubborn dirt lifts with an organic solvent such as methylated spirits or alcohol. A hard-bristle brush (never wire) may be used, but not on a gloss surface.

Everyday cleaning

For general cleaning, use only a damp cloth with mild detergent or a non-abrasive cleaner diluted in warm water. Avoid abrasive scouring powders, creams and polishes. Remove persistent stains immediately and buff dry with a soft cloth.

> **Gloss surfaces show wear**
> A gloss surface will show scratches, cuts and heat damage more readily than a standard finish. Take extra care, always use a chopping board, and never place hot items directly on the surface.

> **Water is the main risk — protect the edges**
> Always avoid excess water around cut-outs, as these are potential weak areas, and wipe away standing water immediately. Do not leave damp cloths, sponges or anything wet on the top front edge — it is the most vulnerable area to water ingress.

Why edges matter

- The decorative laminate is bonded to a core that can swell if water reaches it.
- Cut-outs and the front edge are where water is most likely to get in.
- Keeping these areas sealed and dry is the single best way to protect your worktop.

Stain removal guide

Stain / soiling	How to remove
Light dirt	Dry or damp paper towel, cloth or sponge
Fat, oil, fingermarks, lime, rust, juice, coffee, tea, wax, blood, marker	Cloth or soft nylon brush with washing powder, soap or washing-up liquid; if needed leave a while, then rinse with clean water
Long-exposure tea / coffee / fruit-juice discolouration	Washing powder with household bleach (do not repeat too often)
Pencil, felt-tip, biro, lipstick, crayon, wax, shoe polish, nicotine, nail varnish	Organic solvent — acetone (nail-varnish remover), meths, petroleum spirit. Read the manufacturer's instructions carefully
Water/solvent paints, two-component paints, spray paint, varnish, printing ink	Water or organic solvent; remove two-component paints immediately
Adhesives (water-based / dispersion)	Water or an organic solvent
Two-component adhesives, urea / melamine / phenolic resin	Remove immediately — do not allow to harden

Always read the manufacturer's instructions before using any solvent, and test on a hidden area first.

Quick reference — do & don't

Do	Don't
Seal all cut edges with silicone / polyurethane	Leave cut edges or the front edge unsealed
Wipe away standing water immediately	Leave wet cloths or sponges on the front edge
Use a chopping board and heat pad	Cut, chop or place hot items on the surface
Clean with a damp cloth and mild detergent	Use abrasive scourers, creams or polishes on gloss
Check the colour match before fitting	Expect refitting credit for shade variation after fitting
Support on a base unit or proper legs	Wall-mount free-standing without correct fixings

Quality guarantee

We offer a 5-year guarantee against manufacturing defects, provided all installation and care instructions are strictly followed, subject to normal wear and tear. Due to the inherent properties of gloss laminate, we cannot accept responsibility for the performance of the decorative surface — refer to the gloss care guidance before and after installation, as misuse may affect appearance, particularly scratching.

Keep this guide

Please do not throw this leaflet away — keep it for future reference. For advice, contact Worktop Fabrications on 0115 942 5549 or visit worktop-fabrications.com.