

UPSTANDS

Where worktops are to be fitted with an upstand, the upstand should always be fixed to the wall and not the worktop. This will ensure that the upstand will cover any possible shrinkage of the worktop that may occur.

CORRECTING BOWING

If a worksurface has bowed, it should be fixed at the back edge and gradually pulled down towards the front using clamps and straight edges, before fixing in position with brackets and screws.

HOT STUFF

All hot pots and pans should be placed on a heat resistant trivet / surface. Contact with the wooden work surface may result in permanent damage.

CAST IRON PANS

Wet cast iron pans can react with some timber and affect the tannings, leaving black marks. Avoid contact at all times.

CARE & MAINTENANCE

Once a solid timber worksurface has been fully sealed using Ultra worksurface sealant, it is virtually maintenance free, but wood is a living product and the following guidelines will help keep your worksurface in excellent condition.

USING WORKSURFACE FOR THE FIRST TIME

For daily cleaning we recommend a solution of warm water and a drop of washing up liquid, soak a cloth in the solution, ring out and wipe the worksurface down.

- Don't use concentrated soap /detergent.
- Don't allow surplus water from wet cloths, cups, plates, vases etc. to remain on the worksurface.
- Don't use rough steel wool or rough sand paper on the surface. If polishing is necessary, please use fine sandpaper min.240 grit or finer.

HEAT:

Rather than cause accidental heat-damage, it is much better to prevent such damage in the first place:

- Always use a heat protection pad or trivet (with rubber feet) for hot cookware, or leave cookware to cool on the hob first.
- Don't put hot pans, particularly CAST IRON, directly onto your timber worksurface. Such heat can damage any surface

HOB AND GRILL COOKING METHODS:

Modern appliances reach higher temperatures more quickly - often holding heat for longer. To avoid worksurface damage, follow both the appliance manufacturers instructions and these rules:

- Always use the correct size of pan for the burner, placed centrally. An overhanging pan can scorch surrounding surfaces. Don't use two burners as one (e.g. for a large griddle)- it has the same effect.
- To reduce heat, turn the burner down instead of pulling the utensil partially off the heat source.

SCRATCHES:

Don't cut or chop on a Timber worksurface - it will score the surface! Always use a chopping board.

APPLICATION.

Wood surface must be clean and dry. Worksurface sealant is ready to use, do not thin - stir well.

Apply all 3 coats thinly, evenly and thoroughly along wood grain. Leave to dry at least 8 - 10 hours in between coats. Ensure good ventilation.

Can be buffed or polished, when thoroughly dry rub down using a white non abrasive polishing pad.

Clean utensils with White Spirit.

SEALING WOOD

When applying first coat of sealant, apply first coat thinly with a little lint free cloth to the face and all edges (including sink and hob cutouts) and allow to penetrate the timber. Wipe off excess and leave to dry overnight (at least 8 - 10 hours) ensuring good ventilation.

Apply a second coat as previously.

Apply a further coat where the surface has soaked up first two coats.

Further coats of sealant should be applied in the first few weeks following installation to prevent drying out as the worksurface acclimatises to its new environment.

If at any time in the future, your worksurface begins to dry out or look tired, re-apply a further coat of sealant.

WATER TEST

To test if a worksurface requires further sealing, apply a drop of water to the surface, if the water runs away the sealing has been completed successfully. If the water forms in pools, further sealing is required.

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These instructions cover the installation of wood worktops.

Installing wood worktops should only be undertaken by someone skilled in DIY. If for example you have previously installed a laminate worktop, then these easy to follow instructions should enable you to successfully install Wood.

Please read these instructions thoroughly before commencing installation. Ensure that you read, understand and follow Health & Safety Guidelines carefully.

If you encounter any difficulty during installation, please call our HELPLINE: FREEPHONE 0800 169 2960 for further assistance. or Email: installations@sheridan-uk.com

Wood Worktop Installation

Worktops should be installed within 7 days of delivery and stored horizontally in a cool, dry area at room temperature until installation.

We hope that your wood worktop provides you with many years of trouble free service.

Being a natural material, wood is subject to variation in colour, texture, graining, pattern and knots.

Wood also has characteristics which are not found in man made worktops, such as surface splits shakes etc. these are accepted as being normal features and are generally not detrimental to the performance of the worktop.

Changes in humidity will cause natural expansion and contraction of the worktop, so a wood worktop must never be "trapped" between two walls without a gap to allow for the movement of the worktop

Staves of kiln dried timber are finger jointed in the length, butt jointed and glued together along their width.

Wood is a natural, living product and just as no two sets of fingerprints are alike, the same can be said of variations in wood graining and colouring, as no two lengths of wood worktop will ever look exactly alike.

It should be noted that the following can occur:

- VARIATIONS IN COLOUR & GRAINING
- POSSIBILITY OF KNOTS
- WOOD WILL DARKEN WITH AGE
- WOOD IS WATER RESISTANT - IT IS NOT WATER PROOF!
- WOOD GRAIN CAN LIFT IF SUBJECTED TO STANDING WATER FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME
- REMOVE ALL SPILLAGES IMMEDIATELY

Once wood worksurfaces have been oiled, a beautiful water repellent surface that will mellow with age is created

Tools

GENERAL TOOLS

Ultra Worksurface Sealant
Random orbital sander plus dust extraction equipment
Mitre jig
Drainer groove Jig
Router – 1850W fitted 30mm guide bush & TCT 12.7mm x 40mm cutter.
Drainer groove cutter
Electric saw
Power planer

Accurate straight edges
Set of clamps (quick action clamp)
Power drill and bits
Cordless screwdriver
Hammer
Mitre square
Bevel
Hand saw
Silicone gun

Level 1200m
Jointing bolts (3 per joint)
PVA glue for joints
Sandpaper 100, 150, 220 & 600 grit
2 x 600mm Self adhesive Aluminium Foil

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Ear defenders
Safety glasses
Dust masks
Protective gloves

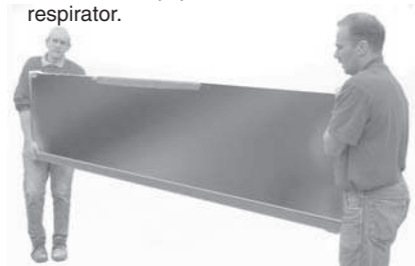
Handling, Health & Safety

HANDLING DO's & DON'Ts

- DO take note of the weight marked on each product before lifting.
- DO use two people to carry out an installation
- DO ALWAYS CARRY ON EDGE ALL WORKTOPS SHOULD BE LIFTED & HANDLED BY AT LEAST 2 PEOPLE.
- DO inspect the route you will carry worktops along and ensure the route you are taking is free from obstacles.
- DO ensure that the surface where the worktop is to be placed is flat and free of any dirt or debris.
- DO NOT CARRY THE MATERIAL FLAT, CARRY IT ON ITS EDGE! wear heavy-duty gloves, and if appropriate, use lifting straps.

SITE DO's & DON'Ts

- DO ensure that wood worktops are clean and free of dust, dirt etc.
- DO Keep work area clean and tidy.
- DO work outside on worktops wherever possible, to limit amount of dust inside building.
- DO seal doorways of adjoining rooms when working indoors.
- DO screen off the cutting area with plastic sheeting.
- DO NOT breathe sawdust. Use dust extraction equipment and wear a dust respirator.



HEALTH & SAFETY DO's & DON'Ts

- DO ensure adequate ventilation to enable dust and to escape when working indoors
- DO wear a dust mask when sanding or cutting.
- DO wear ear defenders when working with tools and machinery.
- DO always work to the highest standards of safety.
- DO use the correct tool for the job.
- DO check tool is in good condition before use.
- DO secure work. Use clamps to hold down work piece when practical.
- DO wear safety spectacles when cutting or grinding.
- DO use recommended accessories.
- DO keep children and visitors away from the work area.
- DO NOT use standard tools, use Specialist tools as described in the Tools Required section.
- DO NOT force tools.

Before You Start

- Check the worktop and make sure you are completely happy with its finish and quality (worktops should be installed within 7 days of delivery)
- If you are not entirely happy with the finish or quality please contact your local store to arrange for a replacement.
- Make sure you have the correct tools to hand for the job before starting.
- Please remember worktops are very heavy and lifting them should not be attempted alone, worktops should always be handled by at least two people.
- Check that all pieces to be installed are correct.
- Inspect all edges for imperfections and other obvious defects.
- Any alteration work is best done outside, as cutting and sanding creates dust. One of the main onsite considerations is to reduce the amount of dust.
- Use polythene sheeting and dust covers to protect all areas where appropriate.
- Clearance should always be allowed between all worktop edges and walls (see cutting your worktop to length).
- Always ensure a sturdy work bench is available before commencing cutting.