

ATTENTION

If a washing machine or dishwasher is going to be installed beneath the sink top, proceed as follows:

- Before installing the washing machine or dishwasher, **make sure that all of the fastening brackets for the sink top have been fastened securely.**
- To prevent overheating, which may result in the deformation and consequent detachment of the sink from the top, adjust the feet on the washing machine/dishwasher so that there is sufficient ventilation between the top of the appliance and the sink. To facilitate the circulation and cooling of the air, it is recommended that ventilation slots be made in the cabinet base.

PRACTICAL ADVICE ON THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SINK

- Avoid placing pots, pans or other hot objects in excess of **280°C** on the surface for **Duraquartz** sinks and **180-200°C** for **Granite** and **Duralast** sinks (**CAUTION!** The bottom of a pot or pan just removed from the burner can reach temperatures of over 600°C). **Pots, pans and other hot objects must be placed on appropriate potholders** (made of wood, rubber, etc.). Avoid causing excessive thermal shock due to the presence of very hot and very cold objects on the sink at the same time.
- **Do not use** the sink as a cutting surface: rather, use a cutting board made of hardwood or polyethylene, which can be purchased together with the sink. The use of wire baskets or small tubs made of polycarbonate (which can be purchased together with the sink) can reduce the risk of accidental damage.
- **Do not use detergents, abrasive substances or metal cleaning pads** to clean the sink because they could scratch the surface, making it susceptible to stains.
- **Heavy or pointed** objects that fall on the surface of the sink can damage it.
- **Scratches and chips** on the surface of the sink can be removed using sandpaper and then a coat of polish.
- **CAUTION!** Do not pour alcohol, gasoline, trichloroacetic acid or any solvents in general into or onto the sink because they could react with the chemical structure of the sink and damage it beyond repair.

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO CLEAN THE SINK

- **Clean the sink regularly** after each time it is used with warm water and a liquid detergent (LIQUID AJAX, etc. are excellent for this type of surface) and a soft cloth. **Normal stains should be removed immediately.**
- **Cleaning powders and creams** which are even slightly **abrasive should not be used**, nor chemically aggressive detergents.
- **Abrasive cleaning products** can be used only under exceptional circumstances, e.g. when a cigarette burn must be removed; however, these products should be used with extreme care.
- **Marks** caused by foods or liquid which stain easily, i.e. tea, coffee, fruit juice and the like, **must be removed immediately** with very hot water and a cleaning product.
- **Special stains**, such as those caused by Indian ink, ink, oil-based stains or paints, etc., **must be removed immediately.** If these stains are difficult to remove, use a cloth dampened with denatured alcohol.
- For **organic stains** which are especially difficult to remove, it is recommended that you fill the sink with a highly diluted **organic cleaner such as bleach** and let stand overnight. The next morning, rinse with warm water and a soft cloth.
- **Lines** caused by contact between a pot or fork and the surface of the sink should be removed with a cloth or sponge and liquid detergent.
- **Daily use** will result in **lime buildup**, especially on the bottom of the sink, which will progressively increase in thickness. This layer of lime buildup is very **porous** and **easily stained**. The presence of stains on the bottom of the sink basin is attributable to this buildup. The formation of lime buildup **must be prevented** by removing any buildup at least **twice a week**.
- **To remove lime buildup** (which is very visible on sinks which are dark in colour), it is recommended that the following procedure be followed:
 - **Cover the bottom of the sink with a solution of normal vinegar and water (or a product specifically designed to fight lime buildup) and let stand for a few hours;**
 - Then, rub the bottom of the sink vigorously with the stiff side of a sponge until the lime, dirt and stains have been removed;
 - Rinse thoroughly with water.