

Nero Impala

TESTING

Water Absorption: 0.1 %
Compressive Strength: 218 Mpa
Density: 2945-2953 kg/m³
Flexural Strength: 28.0 Mpa
Hardness on the Mohs scale: 7

PETROGRAPHIC NAME

Gabbro (Norite)

CHARACTERISTICS

100% natural
Hard and resistant to heat and scratches, but must be treated with respect to prevent damage. The best of all the natural materials, it can withstand high temperatures, is water resistant and impervious to most stains, but wine and citric acids must be cleaned up at once to avoid damaging the stone. Will usually need to be protected by a special sealant (initial sealing done by Nerostein, another in about 4/5-10 years).

LOW MAINTENANCE

Damp cloth and mild detergent daily will do.



AVAILABLE FINISHES

POLISHED

- High gloss, mirror-like surface
- Enhances the color and markings of the material
- Smooth, shiny and reflective
- Brings out the full color and character of the stone
- Retains its shine for a very long time, which makes it relatively easy to clean and care for



- Nero Impala is a light/medium/dark grey stone, that provides a timeless look both in traditional and modern kitchens
- Within its grey and black background color, Nero Impala shows grey medium sized grains and white pointillism
- Color and structure of Nero Impala appear quite uniform and regular as the minerals contained in this granite are distributed rather homogeneously
- Homogeneity and regularity confer very good technical properties to Nero Impala
- Recommended for both indoor and outdoor usage
- Origin: South Africa

DAILY CARE

A lint-free cloth or paper towel and hot water or a ph-neutral cleaner are sufficient to clean, disinfect and protect the countertop.

Common abrasive cleaners, which can destroy the protective sealant on the granite should be avoided.

SPILLS

Acidic substances like wine, coffee, fruit juices, tomato sauce, and sodas could potentially stain the surface. Cooking oils may also leave a stain if not wiped up. As soon as possible, blot the spill with a soft cloth or paper towel, then clean the area with a granite cleaner and dry with a clean cloth. Remember to blot, not wipe, because wiping can spread the spill.

HEAT

Although extremely durable as granite is, it's best to use a trivet beneath a hot pot or pan. As extreme changes in temperature can harm or even crack it.



WATERDROP TEST FOR SEALING GRANITE COUNTERTOP

Pour a bit of water on the counter.

Note the time that you placed the water on the counter and time the water to see how long it takes to absorb (the granite will darken).

Use this chart to determine how often (if at all!) you need to seal your granite countertop:

Immediate absorption: Apply a couple layers of sealer annually and wipe spills quickly.

4-5 minutes: Multiple layers of sealer needed, but only redo every 3-5 years. Use this water test again before reapplying.

10 minutes: Apply a single layer of sealer; may be many years before reapplication is needed.

30 minutes (or doesn't absorb): No need for sealer!

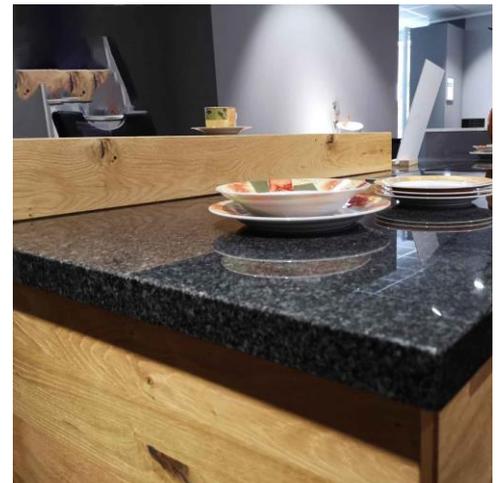
NOTE!

Sealing will not prevent etching or scratching.

Excessive attempts at sealing could create a residue film build-up

DO NOT

- Use generic cleaning products (as bleach, glass cleaners, and other degreasers and common household cleaners)
- Use ammonia-based cleaners and vinegar
- Use bathroom, tub&tile or grout cleaners
- Sit or stand on the countertop
- Store liquids or toiletries directly on the countertop



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