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Marble Information & Waiver

Marble is made up primarily of calcite crystal. Due to their mineralogical makeup, all marbles are vulnerable to either abrasion or chemical attack. Scratching could occur from common kitchen utensils. Lemon juice, tomatoes, vinegar and other acidic solutions will etch the surface, removing the polish of the stone. Although red wine is the most feared liquid near a kitchen, foods that have both acidic and oily qualities are usually more harmful because oil acts as a carrier into the stone. Salad dressings and marinades are common culprits. Marble countertops will reflect the character of the family and change to tell the story of the family using them: they will etch, bruise, chip, stain, scratch and more over time. (We think this adds character) Marble countertops may only look new for a few minutes after the install is complete. It does not take excessive force or neglect to damage marble countertops. They will wear, age and distress with normal and everyday use.

Care & Maintenance of Marble Countertops and Floors:

- Marble has a high absorption rate, and therefore, a sealer should be applied to help slow the rate of water and stain absorption into the stone. A sealer may slow down absorption to help prevent stain in marble but will not protect it against other wear/distress listed above.
- DO clean up spills immediately with a wet cloth.
- DO use trivets or mats under hot dishes and cookware.
- DO use coasters under glasses, especially if they contain alcohol or citrus juices.
- DO clean surfaces regularly with mild soap and water.
- DO use a tray for toiletry items in the bathroom to protect the surface from damaging chemicals contained in many toiletry items.
- DON'T use cleaners that contain acid such as bathroom cleaners, grout cleaners or tub cleaners.
- DON'T use vinegar, bleach, ammonia or other general-purpose cleaners.
- DON'T use abrasive cleaners such as dry cleansers or soft cleansers.
- DON'T use alkaline cleaners not specifically formulated for stone.
- DON'T use scouring powders and abrasives because they will scratch the surfaces.
- DON'T place toiletry products directly on the countertop surface.
- Avoid sitting beverage glasses directly on the marble, as they leave rings.
- If you have someone come in to clean your home, make sure they only use the products that you provide, not the strong chemical-based commercial cleaners typically used.

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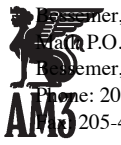
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WAIVER: I have been fully educated on the distinct characteristics of my stone. I understand the above information and am hereby requesting the use of marble as my countertop surface. I understand that marble may vary in color, veining, and other characteristics. Quantity and location of seams are determined at the discretion of AM3 Surfaces (Alabama Marble Mineral & Mining Company). I am aware that my countertops are covered by AM3 Surfaces workmanship warranty, but there is **no warranty on marble/stone itself.**

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Representative: _____ **Date:** _____