



NEOLITH

Polished Finish Manual

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1. Technical Features

FORMAT	3.200 x 1.500 mm - 125" x 60"	
THICKNESS	6 mm - 1/4"	12 mm - 1/2"
Full Slab Weight (Kg) (Lb)	90 Kgs	150 Kgs

2. Neolith Polished Applications

- Countertops.
- Interior and exterior cladding.
- Interior flooring with low intensity pedestrian traffic and no outdoors connection.

3. Cleaning and Maintenance

Cleaning should be limited to immediately rinse the spills off the surface and dry with an absorbent cloth. For daily cleaning use only a damp cloth with water and soap.

For embedded stains, pour warm water on the stain then wait till it "loosens" and finally rinse or remove with a clean cloth.

Avoid using pads, rough sponges and steel wool. TheSize recommends using a blue pad: made with soft fibers, suitable for cleaning of glass, kitchen appliance and nonstick frying pans.

Do not use caustic soda or products with a pH greater than 11. If you use bleach, rinse with plenty of water and never leave it in permanent contact with the Neolith polished surface. Avoid cleaning the surface with abrasive cleaners such as Cif Cream (Soft Scrub Cream Cleansers).

Use pads, cloths, napkins and glass coasters to place cooking pots or other kitchen hardware on the surface.

Never cut food directly on the counter, use a cutting or chopping board.

Do not pull or drag kitchenware, pans and appliances on the counter.

4. Handling of Polished Slabs

The Neolith slabs must be loaded, unloaded and transported by a forklift, crane or other lifting device. In all cases, handling and transport of the slabs must be balanced taking into account its center of gravity.

Always pay attention to the movement and handling of the slabs to prevent chipping or breakage. To lift and move individual slabs, TheSize recommends the use of the following type of clamp.



Image 1: Clamp



Image 2: Neolith slab handling with Clamp

Be sure to cover all metal surfaces that may come into contact with the polished slab with adhesive foam tape.

This clamp is available through TheSize. Contact TheSize for details.

- Before picking up the slabs with the clamp, remove the protective plastic from the slabs.
- It is not recommended to take more than 2 slabs at once with the clamp.

In case of not having this type of clamp, use a 2 cm plank of approximately 3 m x 20 cm. Place the plank on the back of the slab.



Image 3: Plank in the backside of the slab



Image 4: Handling with Clamp

- 1) Put the clamp on the slab and plank together.
- 2) Attach the clamp and lift the slab with caution.
- 3) Avoid sudden changes of direction.

To avoid damaging, it is recommended to store indoors the polished slabs.

5. Mechanical Fabrication of Polished Countertops

TheSize strongly recommends wet cutting to fabricate **Neolith Polished countertops**.

6. Bridge Saw, Waterjet and CNC

Follow same instructions as when cutting Neolith Satin or Silk slabs.

7. Waterjet Warning

When starting cutting with waterjet technology, make sure that the initial drilling is far enough from the work area in order to avoid chipping risk.

8. Polished Edges

The edge polishing of a Neolith Polished slab should be done with water. This factor ensures a higher level of brightness and reduces the chipping possibilities in the edges.

9. Hand Fabrication Instructions of Polished Countertops

For hand cutting of countertop holes, it is recommended to use the blade typically used to dry cutting and available through TheSize.

When dry cutting, please note that there will be more chances of chipping during the process, therefore keep this in mind when marking and making the hole.

After cutting, it is recommended to grind the hole edges to the desired size, using TheSize grinding discs and beveling cups.

Drilling must be made with water.

More information related to the Neolith slabs handling and fabricating recommendations, can be found in our **Countertop Technical Guide**, available in the download area of www.neolith.com.

10. Handling of Polished Slabs

Due to its composition, the polished slabs are more sensitive to bending. **Make sure never to bend the slab by stretching the polished side.**

To avoid unexpected bendings during transportation, it is recommended to fasten the countertop with an aluminium bar and grips.

Guide to repair surface scratches on Neolith Polished Slabs

1. Required Materials

- GlassRenu® Professional Grade System
- Electric Variable Speed Grinder
- Dust Mask
- Lint Free Cloth
- Water
- Spray Bottle
- Goggles

Before starting the scratch removal process on the polished surface of the slab, the depth of the scratches should be inspected. If scratches can be felt with a fingernail, it means that you will need to start with a BLACK RenuDisk that can be found in the GlassRenu System. If the scratch cannot be felt with a fingernail, the scratch can be removed with the polishing compound and felt disk supplied in the system.

2. Instructions

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE INCLUDED INSTRUCTIONS THAT CAN BE FOUND WITHIN THE GLASSRENU PROFESSIONAL GRADE SYSTEM PRIOR TO ATTEMPTING A REPAIR.*

1. Mix the complete pouch of dry polishing compound supplied in the system with 475ml of clean water in the spray bottle.
2. Clean the surface of the slab thoroughly to remove all traces of dirt and grease.
3. If the scratch can be felt with a fingernail, you will need to grind the surface of the slab using a new Black RenuDisk to remove the scratch. With the Black RenuDisk attached to the included backing pad, set your variable speed grinder to 1800 RPM and move the pad up and down, left and right over the scratched area. Note that this grinding is done DRY and should only take a few passes to remove the scratch. This step should only take a few minutes to complete. If the scratch cannot be felt with a fingernail skip to step 5.
4. Once the scratches are no longer visible on the surface of the slab, remove the Black RenuDisk from the backing pad and replace it with a new Grey or "Pre-Polish" RenuDisk. Use this disk in the same manner, and at the same speed as the Black RenuDisk. Make at least 3 full passes over the repair area to get the slab ready for polishing. You will know you are done pre-polishing once the surface of the slab looks uniformly hazy. This process should take only 2-3 min per square foot of repaired area.
5. Remove the Grey RenuDisk from the grinder and attach the Felt Polishing Pad. Mist the polishing solution (from Step 1) onto the surface of the polishing felt insuring the surface is damp to the touch and not dripping (4 to 5 sprays). Begin polishing the repair area on the surface of the slab. The slab will polish quickly; just insure that the surface is clear from all observable angles.
6. Clean the polish off the slab and carefully inspect the repaired area. Keep polishing until obtaining a satisfactory result.

* NOTE: IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OR REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT EITHER YOUR NEOLITH DISTRIBUTOR OR GLASSRENU DIRECTLY (www.glassrenu.com).

Neolith Polished Finish Slabs – Special Care Consideration

Neolith launched to market its first Sintered Compact Surface in 2010, it was in Satin finish. After a strong and constant focus on product R&D and after experiencing a continuously growing demand for its products, Neolith proudly introduced in 2014 three additional finishes - Silk, Riverwashed and Polished - to enrich product variety and satisfy market demand.

Neolith Polished finish, typically found in the Classtone collection, stands out for its high degree of gloss and a perfectly linear reflection which mirrors at its best the way in which precious marbles and stones look naturally; adding depth, realism and sophistication to the given designs.

Neolith Polished finish, unlike the other Neolith finishes (known for its extreme resistance to scratches, abrasion and harsh chemicals amongst others) - Satin, Silk and Riverwashed - and similarly to other polished man-made surfaces or engineered stone, is a more delicate texture that requires more care and precaution when it comes to scratches and the use of aggressive households cleaning products.

Neolith Polished slabs are recommended for residential use in countertops applications; interior and exterior cladding; and interior flooring with low pedestrian traffic intensity with no outdoors connection.

Furthermore, cleaning of Neolith Polished surfaces should avoid the use of rough sponges and steel wool as well as caustic soda, abrasive cleansers or products with a pH greater than 11. Avoid also direct contact of bleach with Neolith Polished finish surface. Use pads, cloths, napkins and glass coasters to place cooking pots or other kitchen hardware on the surface. Never cut food directly on the counter, use a cutting or chopping board. Do not pull or drag kitchenware, pans and appliances on the counter.

By signing this document you acknowledge to be informed about the Polished finish peculiarities vis à vis the other Neolith finishes and about the importance of reading the Polished Finish manual (available in www.neolith.com) to follow all the handling, fabrication, care and maintenance guidelines. Final clients should be informed about Neolith Polished characteristics and made aware of the existence of Polished Finish Manual for the subsequent maintenance of Neolith surfaces.

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Distributor / Fabricator:

Name of Dealer:

Signature of purchaser:

Signature of Salesperson:

Date:

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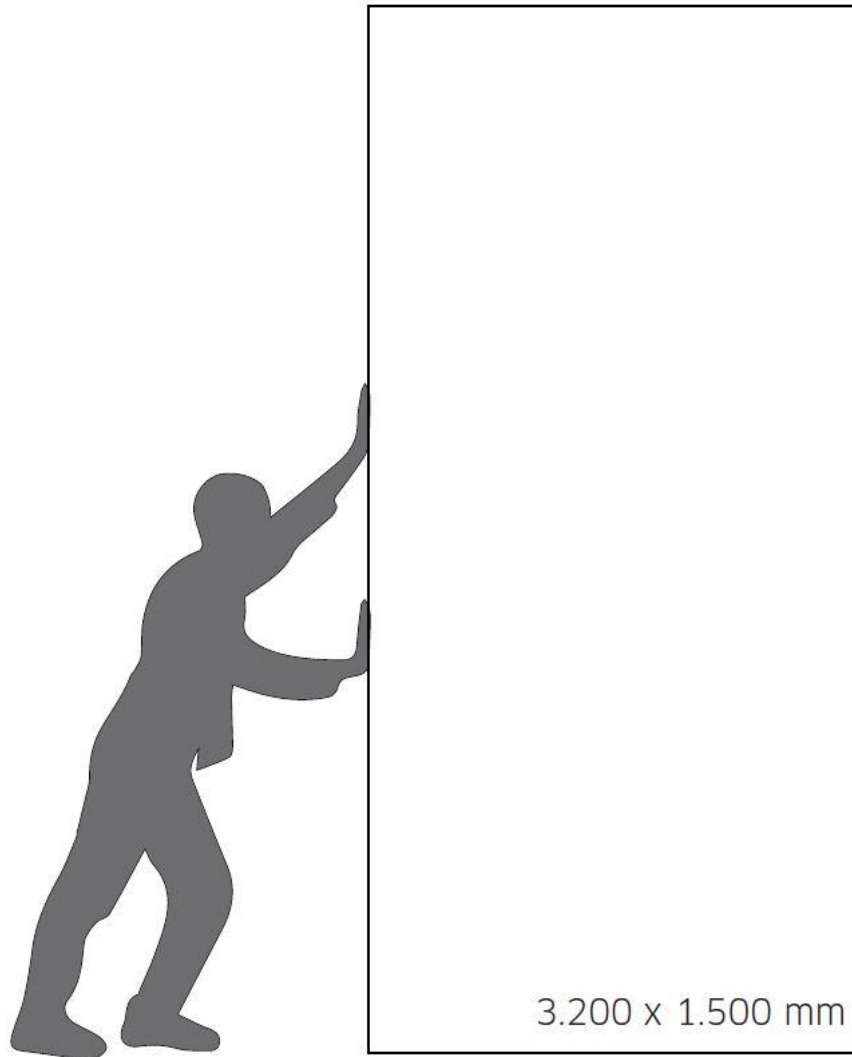
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FORMATS AND THICKNESS

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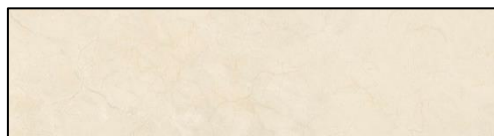
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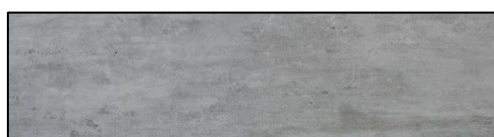
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TECHNICAL DATA

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SPECIFICATIONS

Format (mm)	3200 x 1500	
Weight slab (Kg)	6mm	90
	12mm	150

Besides the formats described above, slabs can be cut to the following standard sizes:

Length (mm)	Width (mm)
1500	1500
1500	750
750	750

For special projects, slabs can be cut to size.

PROPERTIES	TEST METHOD	VALUE	
Water absorption (%)	ISO 10545-3	≤ 0,1	
Coefficient of linear expansion ($10^{-6} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$)	ISO 10545-8	5,2 – 6,3 $10^{-6} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$	
Thermal Shock Resistance	ISO 10545-9	Pass, no defects.	
Moisture Expansion (mm/m)	ISO 10545-10	≤ 0,1	
Resistance to Dry Heat	ISO 19712	Pass, no defects	
Hardness (Mohs)	UNE 67-101	> 4	
Breaking Strength (N)	ISO-10545-4	6mm	12mm
Modulus of Rupture (N/mm ²)	ISO-10545-4	1618	5594 (Average)
		52	48 (Average)

Recommended Applications:

- Countertops. (12mm)
- Interior and exterior cladding.
- Floor coverings in areas that are walked on essentially with soft soled footwear or bare feet without scratching dirt. (Areas without direct access from the outside)

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