

ALL COUNTERTOPS ARE NOT CREATED

EQUAL

The following chart has been compiled by COUNTER FITTERS to make your purchase decision an informed one.

	Decorative Laminate	Solid Surface	Natural Stone	Engineered Stone	Ceramic Tile	Stainless Steel	Concrete & Epoxy	Solid Wood
1. Repairability	Poor	Excellent	Poor	Poor	Fair	Poor	Poor	Fair
2. Heat Resistance	Good	Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Excellent	Very Good	Fair
3. Scratch Resistance	Good	Fair	Very Good	Very Good	Good	Poor	Very Good	Fair
4. Stain Resistance	Very Good	Excellent	Poor ¹	Very Good	Very Good ²	Excellent	Poor ¹	Fair
5. Bacterial Resistance	Very Good	Excellent	Poor ¹	Very Good	Very Good ²	Excellent	Poor ¹	Very Good
6. Visible Seams	Yes*	No	Yes	Yes	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes	Yes
7. Maintenance Requirement	Very Little	Some	Considerable	Little	Some	Little	Some	Some
8. Undermount Sink Capability	Yes ⁴	Yes	Yes ³	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
9. Demands Professional Installation	Yes/No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/No
10. Relative Installed Cost per lineal foot	\$35-\$51	\$103-\$171	\$120-\$200 +	\$150-\$200 +	\$150 +	\$100-\$180	\$200-\$1000 +	\$70-\$150

1. Natural stones (i.e., granite, marble, limestone, slate) must be sealed in order to minimize stains. Soapstone does not.
2. Ceramic tile counters demand epoxy grout as normal tile grout will stain and support bacterial growth.
3. Undermount sink installations in natural stone expose the stone's edge to chipping.
4. COUNTERFITTERS provides solid surface sink aprons enabling undermounting of your sink.

*Can be eliminated in most cases. Ask us how!



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