



Acrylic Sinks



CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Thank you for purchasing a Karran acrylic solid surface sink. Your Karran sink is made from a unique, 100% pure acrylic resin that has been researched and produced to meet the specific demands of the kitchen. This material is more resistant to surface damage than other materials but like most things, better care will make for a longer life.

REGULAR CLEANING

Our recommendation for cleaning your Karran acrylic sink is a 3M Scotch-Brite® pad and Comet®, Ajax® or any other powder detergent. The special satin finish of this sink will improve with the use of powder detergents, but all liquid detergents will also prove satisfactory. Please be careful with drain cleaners. Make sure that the cleaning agent goes down the waste outlet and that it does not sit in the basin. Some drain cleaners react relatively violently as one would expect by the very nature of the requirement of the product and instructions for handling are always given precisely on the product.

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This material is resistant to heat and is unlikely to mark below temperatures of 360°F. This means, in practical terms, that pots in which water and vegetables for example are boiled could be left on your sink for a limited (short) period of time without causing damage. However extended exposure to a hot pot will cause damage. Our recommendation is to ***always*** let hot items cool before placing them in your sink. Alternatively run some cool water when placing a hot pot into the sink. By doing this there is no chance of marking your sink as the hot item is instantly cooled. Additionally when draining pots of boiling water into your sink, we recommend running cold water into the bowl at the same time.

Scratches and small chips from sharp utensils can occur but can easily be removed by sanding with a 3M Scotch-Brite® pad for fine scratches, and sandpaper for deeper scratches and small chips. Use a coarse sandpaper (100 or 150 grit) to start, finishing off with fine grit sandpaper and a 3M Scotch-Brite® pad. For deeper chips that are not removable by sanding, please call Karran USA (866-452-7726) to order a no-charge DIY sink repair kit.



Stainless Steel Sinks



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Your Karran stainless steel sink is manufactured from the highest quality nickel bearing stainless steel. With the right care it will last a lifetime.

All Karran sinks have a lustrous satin finish which is easy to maintain and clean. Many cleaners work well with Karran stainless steel sinks. All that is generally required is a simple liquid soap and a dish rag. Some of the cleaners that also work, only if needed, are Bar Keeper's Friend™, Zud™, Comet™, Flitz™, Soft Scrub™ and Mr. Clean™.

Regular maintenance will keep your sink looking great:

- The most important maintenance requirement for any stainless steel sink is to thoroughly rinse and wipe out the sink after each use with a dish rag or paper towel. Remaining water, food, soap residue and mineral deposits may remain on your sink's surface after use if not rinsed thoroughly, and if left there may mark your sink, requiring more intensive cleaning later.
- When scouring your sink (with a 3M Scotch-Brite™ pad), which may be done periodically only if needed, ensure that you rub in the direction of the satin finish grain lines. Do not scour across the satin finish grain lines. This will damage the lustrous satin finish of your sink.
- Never leave soaps, detergents or other cleansers on your sink's surface to dry. Most contain chlorides and chemicals that could, if left on the sink's surface, damage it.
- Do not soak your sink with solutions of bleach. Bleach, and most soaps and detergents, contain chlorides that will damage your sink if left on the surface for an extended period of time.
- Do not use steel wool on your sink. Steel wool can break down and leave small steel particles on your sink's surface that will rust. If aggressive cleaning is needed, use a 3M Scotch-Brite™ pad.
- Do not leave wet sponges and cloths in your sink. They may lead to surface rust.
- Water quality in your area may affect your sink's appearance. When water has a high iron content, it may leave a brown stain on your sink. Over-softened water will leave a white film on the sink's surface. Thorough rinsing and towel drying will help alleviate these issues.
- The use of rubber mats is not recommended as they may cause possible pitting or surface rust. If mats are used, remove them from your sink after each use.

Stainless steel, like all metallic surfaces, will scratch. These scratches will blend into the overall satin finish of your sink over time. Do not use your sink as a cutting board or chopping block. This type of use may cause deep scratches in the finish of your sink.

Follow these simple maintenance tips to keep your sink looking its best for years.



Quartz Sinks



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Your Karran quartz sink is produced from the highest quality natural quartz crystals and acrylic resins. With the right care it will last a lifetime. Cleaning and caring for your quartz sink is easy. Simply follow the simple reference guide below.

Normal impurities (residue from washing up)

Clean your sink with water, a non-abrasive cleaner (liquid dishwashing soap, Bar Keepers Friend, Soft Scrub with bleach) and a cloth, then rinse well and dry. This should be done after every use. Doing this will eliminate water spots and soap film build-up.

Metal abrasions (pots, pans and cutlery)

Use a rub-out sponge (Mr. Clean Magic Eraser sponge). Follow up by cleaning your sink with water, liquid dishwashing soap and a cloth, then rinse well and dry. Do this whenever necessary.

Lime scale stains (calcium deposits)

Use vinegar or a commercial lime scale & rust remover such as Lime Away or CLR. With vinegar, dilute 50% with water and let it soak into the affected areas for 20 minutes. Rinse thoroughly then dry. With a commercial lime scale & rust remover, follow the directions for use on the packaging, then rinse sink thoroughly and dry. Do this whenever necessary.

Stubborn stains

Use a mild abrasive cleaner such as Bar Keeper's Friend and a soft scouring pad. A diluted bleach solution may also be used. Mix 1 part household bleach with 1 part water and let soak in sink for 1 hour. Drain, rinse thoroughly and dry. Do this whenever necessary.

These simple maintenance tips will keep your sink looking its best for years. To prevent permanent damage to your sink:

- Do not place hot pots or other hot items directly onto the sinks surface. Let them cool completely before placing them on the sinks surface.
- Do not use the sink as a cutting board. While quartz is incredibly durable, sharp knives may cut into the surface.
- Do not clean the sink with abrasive cleaning/scouring pads and powder detergents. This may dull and damage the sinks surface. If needed a nylon brush or soft scouring pad can be used.
- Strong alkalis (ammonia and caustic soda solutions) must be avoided.
- Be very careful with drain cleaners. Do not let any drain cleaner come into contact with the sinks surface.

Luster Pro cleaning oil, available from your local Karran dealer or by calling Karran USA directly, is a specially formulated oil-based cleaning solution. It is perfect for giving your quartz sink that extra shine and sparkle when needed. After thoroughly cleaning and drying, place a small amount (size of a quarter coin) in the bowl and wipe all over the sinks surface with a cloth. Apply more if needed and use as often as desired.