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# CARE AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

## Concrete



#### **Material Characteristics**

Concrete artifacts are crafted using natural materials, employing a completely artisanal and ecological production cycle. The concrete is manually mixed and poured into molds, then left to cure and finished on the surface. The result is a unique handmade product, colored with natural oxides, whose imperfections are synonymous with uniqueness and authenticity.

Concrete may exhibit "tonalization," meaning visible and non-uniform chromatic differences between different elements that make up a finished product. This is a distinctive feature of this material and is part of its intrinsic beauty. The concrete surface may have small blowholes that occur during the pouring of the material into the mold, randomly appearing, especially on vertical portions; these are also intrinsic and typical characteristics of the material.

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To always keep the surface in the best condition, it is recommended to pay particular attention to the maintenance phases of the artifact.

### **Recommendations:**

- Use a soft cotton or microfiber cloth and non-abrasive neutral liquid cleaners.
- Use soap coasters and clean any spilled liquids immediately.
- It is recommended to keep corrosive liquids containing high pH levels, such as bleach, lemon, or nail polish remover, away, as they may cause stains and erosion on the surface.

#### Not recommended:

- Do not leave wet or damp products on the surface to avoid stains or marks.
- Do not use acidic products or abrasive sponges that may damage the finish.

**CAUTION:** Absolutely avoid using cleaners containing ammonia and/or solvents and ethyl alcohol, regardless of their concentration and even if diluted, as they tend to attack the material. Avoid excessively abrasive tools. Avoid rough and abrasive sponges, metal scouring pads.

Despite concrete being a durable material, due to its vulnerability, cracking may occur, especially on the edges and corners. Avoid collisions with heavy objects directly on the surface to protect your product.