

Exotic Natural Stone Acknowledgement

Exotic Granites & Quartzites

Granites and Quartzite are wonderfully beautiful, natural materials. Comprised predominantly of feldspar, quartz, mica, and minerals, granites and quartzites range as much in colour and in pattern as they do in density and strength.

At Latitude, we want to ensure that your expectations for a new countertop are not only met but that you have a solid understanding of the characteristics of the Natural Stone that your countertop will be made from.

Over 90% of the granites and quartzites that we have fabricated through the past 35 years have a balanced spread – over 80% content-- of feldspar and quartz with a lesser amount of mica and minerals. In recent years, wildly exotic granites and quartzites, such as “COSMOS” and “SPECTRUS”, have come into the marketplace. Although they are devilishly breathtaking to behold, they are also richly filled with high concentrations of mica and minerals which crumble and flake.

It is in these rare cases, when wild exotic stones flake and crumble, that we must impose restrictions on fabrication procedures and we may also limit the specifications of edge styles and cutouts etc., which can be constructed. Unfortunately, we can sometimes only determine if restrictions are necessary when we receive stone slabs at our facility for inspection. If this situation does arise with the stone slabs that you have selected, we will contact you as soon as possible to make all necessary arrangements to get a stunning new countertop installed as quickly as possible.

General Points to Acknowledge for Natural Stone Countertops:

- Natural stone is sometimes prone to holes, fissures/extrusions (small visual cracks that are not fault within the slab and usually are filled with grout)
- Some natural stones are delicate and more vulnerable during transport and especially in production. Any visibly porous areas, chips, flakes or cracks will be filled and therefore may not be smooth to the touch. This does not compromise the strength of the countertop.
- Natural stones may have variances in shade, veins, and patterns throughout a single slab
- Natural stones must be sealed regularly unless treated with our 25 Year Stain-Proof Protection which protects the countertop for life.
- Seams in natural stone surfaces are visible and can be felt
- Seam locations are at the sole discretion of Latitude, unless specified in writing and approved by Latitude before production (a request to change a seam location may necessitate a quote revision)

Latitude will not be held responsible for any misuse or damage caused by negligence or the inherent properties of this material.

I understand and acknowledge the information on natural stone countertops and I know that if there is an issue with my exotic natural stone slab that Latitude will work with me to rectify the situation as soon as possible.

Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____