

Hardwood Worktops

Receiving the worktops

Please ensure to check the worktops upon receiving them.

Before being delivered the worktops go through quality inspections ensuring that all tops go out for delivering on optimal conditions.

Once the delivery is accepted and proof of delivery signed is under your responsibility to store and maintain them properly.

Oiling

The worktops should be oiled 24hr after receiving them, this will help to protect them.

Fitting

The fitting should be done 48 to 72 hrs after receiving them.

Storage

When you receive your worktops, it is very important to store them completely flat if the worktops are not installed after 48hr of receiving them (it is recommended on supporting bearers) until you are ready to install and you should turn them every other day to prevent cupping or bowing. Also, heavy weight should be put on the top to avoid warping.

All worktops need to be kept inside your home (not in a garage or any other out- building).

Air humidity should be 40-65%, all the walls should be dry.

During storage, please make sure that they are kept well away from any heat source (radiators, under floor heating, etc.) and kept away from any moist areas (recently plastered walls, dump basements, etc.).

Installation

Before installation, the carpenter must hand sand to make the surface smooth without small scratches and ready for the oil process. Please make sure you oil the worktops at least three coats on ALL sides including edges, we recommend using Danish Oil or Worktop Oil.

This is standard practice for real wood worktops as they are made from natural materials. Hardwood worktops must be fitted to the base units using 'slotted expansion brackets only and supporting 90% of its weight.

Providing the screws are not over-tight- end, these brackets will allow for the worktop to naturally expand and contract across the width in accordance with slight changes in humidity.

Failure to use the correct brackets, or if fitted incorrectly, can apply excessive stress to the worktop and may cause splitting.

If you are cutting the worktops it is advised to apply as many coats as possible to the end-grain of the worktops as this is the area which will absorb the most moisture.

We recommend around four to five coats to be applied around tap holes, sink cut- outs and areas of heavy use or exposure.

Grading

The full stave worktop appearance will be according to the grading mentioned, the grading refers to the top side only the bottom side can be lower grading with wood filler.

Maintenance

After installation, you will need to oil the upper parts of the worktop once a week for the first 6 weeks, then approximately every three month- depending on the usage.