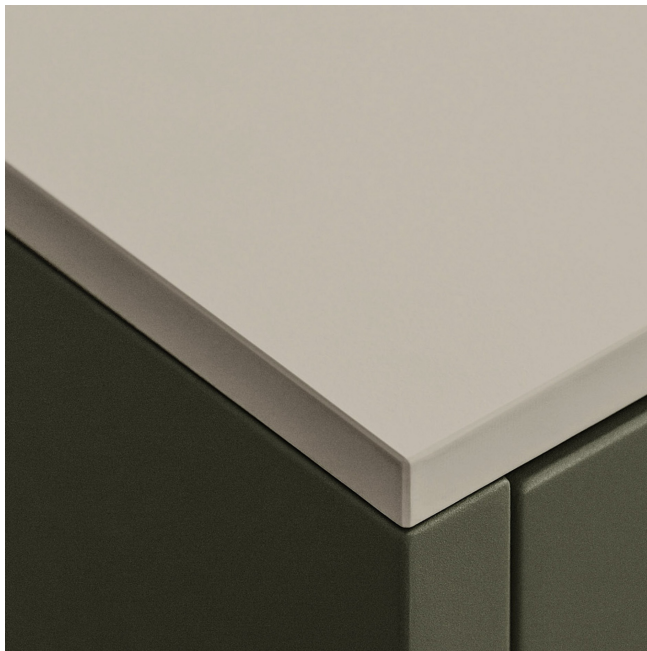


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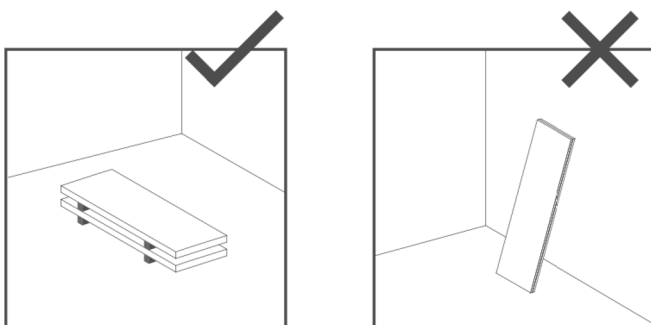
Introduction

Congratulations on your new countertop!

We recommend taking the time to read through this guide before commencing installation to ensure your countertop is fitted correctly. Before installing the countertop, ensure the kitchen cabinets are installed, securely fastened and level.

Installation should be carried out as soon as possible after delivery. However, if storage is necessary, it must be laid flat and fully supported in their original packaging. Please make sure the storage area is indoors with stable humidity and will not be subject to extremes of temperature. Ideally, the environment is like the one of the space it will be installed in.

Countertops must never be placed directly onto the floor, instead raise the countertop from the floor with battens as shown in the diagram below. Battens must also be used to separate multiple countertops stored together, also shown in the diagram below. Place 1 batten per 80 cm / 30" of the countertop length.



Pre-installation checks

Pre-installation checks must be done within 7 days after receipt of the countertop. Any claims must be made **before** installing the countertops.

Check the countertop and its packaging for any shipping damages. In the event of a damage, please photograph both packaging and countertop and forward them to our Customer Success team for reclamation (see contact details below).

Please double-check that the dimensions and colors correspond with the order. Allow for the tolerances in measurements:

- length = +/- 2mm / 5/64"
- depth = +/- 2mm / 5/64"
- thickness = +/- 1 mm / 3/64"

Take good care when opening the package as spare parts for assembly are included in the packaging.

Reporting claims

In the event of claims, please reach out to the Customer Success team responsible. Please add your order number, name and include any photo documentation to facilitate a swift service. Please find the contacts per country below:

Denmark & International:

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aftersalesdkint@reformcph.com

Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Belgium:

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Scribing the countertop

If you have ordered your laminate countertop oversized to be able to adjust it to fit on site, you will need to transfer the shape of the wall onto the countertop (scribing) to fit an uneven wall.

We recommend consulting with a professional or having your installer/fitter do the scribing if you are not confident in taking on this task.

How to scribe a countertop

1. Place the countertop hard against the wall but keeping it parallel with the base units underneath.
2. Take a pencil and place it on the back edge of the countertop at the point where the largest gap is.
3. Before you draw the line on the top, stick a piece of masking tape along the length to ensure the pencil line is clearly visible.
4. It's best to use tool for wall scribing, however, also a small piece of wood may be used. Attach the pencil flat onto the wood with the top exceeding the bottom. For precise results, it is best to minimize the width of the piece of wood.
5. Place the backside of the wood vertically against the wall. Next, run the pencil along the countertop along the whole length which will transfer and draw the line of the wall on the top.
6. Using a jig-saw, cut along that line and discard the waste. Please make sure to use a new down cutting jigsaw blade, this will ensure that the surface does not chip out as the blade moves up thus leaving a cleaner finish.

Having followed this instruction, the shape of the wall is transferred onto the countertop, allowing a neat fit and installation.

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Mounting a linear countertop

Before mounting the countertop, it is recommended to apply silicone or other mounting glue to the outer edges of the cabinet set up. Then mount the countertop by putting it on top and placing it correctly. Please do not glue onto appliances, as these may need to be removed at a later point.

If you have any empty corners or overhangs, please ensure sufficient support. It is generally recommended to use timber to allow for a stable construction.

If an appliance is at the end of a run of cabinets, additional support is needed. If the appliance is next to a side panel of a base cabinet size, it is recommended to fix the side panel to both floor and wall and to mount a horizontal panel from side panel to cabinet. This panel can for example be made of wood and should always be fastened to both side panel and cabinet.

If the countertop is meeting either a wall or a high cabinet, we recommend installing angle brackets to either wall or cabinet and rest the countertop on to these (apply silicone before laying down the top).

After the countertop has been put into place, we recommend to close the gaps between top and wall / high cabinets with silicone to prevent liquids from entering.

Mounting a corner countertop

If your countertop turns around a corner, it will be delivered in two pieces. Follow the instructions of *Mounting a linear countertop*. When putting the worktop pieces into place, place silicone or mounting glue on the edges of the pieces where they will meet. Then push the two countertop pieces against each other and keep them in place until the glue is hardened.

Remove any excess sealant, working your way from the back edge of the countertop to the front. To ensure all excess sealant has been removed, wipe the surface with soapy water for a clean finish.

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Fitting a sink

In case your countertop doesn't already include a fitted sink from our production, you will need to make a cutout on-site. We recommend to refer to an experienced fitter.

Below is a list of steps on how to prepare the cutout for a top-mounted sink:

1. Cut a hole in the top of the cabinet so the sink can fit into it.
2. Place the sink upside down on top of the countertop. Make sure it is placed min. 6 cm / 2 7/16" from the front edge of the top.
3. Draw the outline of the sink.
4. Subtract min. 1 cm / 6/16" from the outline of the sink, making the cut area min. 2 cm / 3/4" smaller in width and depth than the sink
5. Drill four holes, one in each corner of the cut out and cut the hole for the sink with a jigsaw or circular saw. Make sure to know which way the saw teeth are pulling and place your countertop accordingly to avoid chipping of the surface.
6. Apply silicone sealant to the cut edges to ensure these are sealed.
7. Apply silicone between the sink edge and countertop before tightening the sink clamps underneath.
8. Remove any excess sealant and wipe the surface with soapy water for a clean finish.

Pipe holes

For pipes, cut a hole with a hole saw. Make sure to make the cut 3-5 mm / 2/16-3/16" larger than the pipe diameter to allow for expansion / contraction around the pipes. The gap can be filled with silicone sealant.

Cut the hole and make a triangular cut to remove the back piece behind the pipe. This allows you to slide the countertop in place around the pipes. Keep the cut off triangle piece and place it behind the pipes.

Fitting a hob

If you are adding a hob to your countertop, make sure to follow the steps below. For some hobs you will have to make a cut in the sides of the cabinet to fit it. For the dimensions of this cut, check the hob installation guide. Make sure not to place the hob next to an under-counter appliance if this is the case.

How to fit a top-mounted hob:

1. Find the cutout measurements for your hob in the hob installation guide. Make sure it is placed min. 6cm / 2 7/16" from the front edge of the countertop.
2. Draw the outline of the hob cut out on the countertop.
3. Drill four holes, one in each corner of the cutout and cut the hole for the hob with a jigsaw or circular saw. Ensure to know which way the saw teeth are pulling and place the saw accordingly to avoid chipping of the countertop surface.
4. Apply silicone sealant to the cut edges to ensure these are sealed
5. Add the sealant strip (that comes with the hob).
6. Check the hob installation guide for the following steps of the installation.

Dishwashers & washing machines

Remember to place a moisture barrier when installing a dishwasher / washing machine or any other appliance requiring one. A moisture barrier will be delivered with your appliance, should it require one. Place it on the bottom of the countertop above the appliance as instructed in the appliance installation guide.

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Care & Maintenance

Regular Cleaning

Cleaning is best done with a clean cloth wrung in lukewarm water. Mild household detergents may be used for stubborn dirt, always wipe of any residue and wipe with a clean cloth and lukewarm water again.

Stubborn stains & minor scratches

A greasy surface and stains can be best be removed with the use of Eco Clean in concentrated form. Follow the

1. Apply Eco Clean onto the laminate with a clean cloth.
2. Leave it to work for 2-3 min.
3. Spread gently with the cloth or a soft sponge (alternatively a melamine sponge) using little pressure.
4. Remove all residues of Eco-Clean with a wet cloth (wipe approximately 3-5 times with clean water).
5. Wipe off the surface with a clean, lint-free cloth.
6. If necessary, repeat step 1-5 until the laminate surface is thoroughly cleaned.

Preventive Measures

Although very resistant, compact laminate should never be treated with products containing abrasive substances, macro abrasive sponges or unsuitable materials such as sandpaper or steel wool. Strongly acidic or alkaline products should be avoided because they can stain the surface.

Bleach, heavily-chlorinated products and peroxides should be avoided as they can degrade the surface.

Strongly staining liquids (coffee, wine, spices, acids, spices, fruit juices and the like) can cause discoloration of the laminate worktop and should be removed as soon as possible.

Refrain from using furniture polishes or wax-based cleaners in general, as these tend to form a sticky layer on the surface that attracts and traps dirt.

Never use sharp objects directly against the laminate or linoleum surface; instead, use a cutting board. Avoid materials such as pottery and pots made from cast iron as they can scratch the surface. Scratches in unicolored and/or smooth surfaces may be more visible. Do not use metal scrapers, iron brushes or any other metal tool to remove stains, paint, plaster or other substances from the surface.

Compact laminate is not heat-resistant, therefore, please always use trivets for hot pots, pans, baking trays and similar.