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Architectural Concrete Solutions

Bomanite Precast Systems Frequently Asked Questions

Where can concrete be used?

Anywhere other materials or hard surfaces might be used. Both interior and exterior areas such as countertops, floors, walls, baths, fireplace fronts, shower stalls, vanity tops, tables, sinks, bar tops, barbeque surrounds, patios and building facades.

Does the color ever vary?

Yes. Since the product is handmade, color and texture may vary. This is part of the uniqueness of concrete that makes each piece unique from its counterparts and individual to the client's application.

Why choose concrete countertops?

Concrete is the preferred choice for those who seek a different look or a distinct shape that can be as unique and as individual as the owner. Not only is concrete durable and strong, but it is the most versatile material available. It can be molded and shaped with great precision and delicacy.

Do concrete countertops crack or chip?

Hairline cracks, though uncommon, can occur in narrow areas and are usually considered an enhancing characteristic. They occur rarely, but when present, do not compromise the structural integrity of the piece due to the integral reinforcement present in all Bomanite Precast Concrete. Chipping is very unlikely with Bomanite Precast Concrete. However, if you hit the concrete with a sharp hard object or drop something very heavy on a corner, chips would be possible as with any type of countertop. If this occurs, it is possible to patch the concrete.

Are concrete countertops sealed?

Yes. The standard selections are sealed with a polymeric penetrating sealer that provides protection while maintaining as low a build and natural appearance as possible. This gives good stain resistance while still maintaining the tactile quality of the product. A selection of a custom finish, such as polished, will include a different type of penetrant that will require its own care and maintenance procedures.

Do concrete countertops stain?

They can, but it is unlikely due to the chemical resistance of the sealer. However, concrete is not meant to remain perfect. As with many natural stones, marks are generally considered an enhancing characteristic as the concrete develops a patina appearance with use. Periodic waxing can greatly improve the concrete's resistance to day-to-day spillage and use.

Can I cut on concrete countertops?

Cutting on your countertops can compromise the sealer, resulting in increased susceptibility to staining. It is suggested to cut on a wood or composite board so you don't ruin your knives. Consider a custom recess in the countertop to incorporate a distinctive cutting board.

Are concrete countertops rough?

Concrete countertops are nothing like conventionally finished concrete. The surface is hand polished with diamond pads to a smooth profile.

Can concrete countertops be supported with traditional cabinetry?

Yes. Bomanite standard concrete weighs almost the same as granite. At a thickness of 1-1/2", the counter will weigh approximately 18 pounds per square foot. No special reinforcement is normally required other than a ledger against walls where large spans may occur or if thicker countertops are selected and the load capacity of the floor is exceeded.

How much does Bomanite Precast Concrete cost?

Even though it is a completely custom material, concrete is competitive in price with other high-end surfaces such as granite. Consult with your local Bomanite Precast Systems Franchise Partner for pricing.