

## Storage & Installation Guidelines

### **Monocoat & Weathered Finish Surfaces**

Monocoat needs to cure for approx. 7 days. Due to packaging we recommend you start the seven days after the top has been uncrated and allowed to breath. Do not get the top wet during this time frame. Dry clean with a rag or paper towel only.

### **Handling**

Overall wood countertops are extremely durable. The most common damage occurs when a top is scratched. To avoid this handling should be kept to a minimum and protection like moving blankets should be used. When a countertop is over 50" wide care should be used as it can become structurally vulnerable. Countertops made in the END grain construction style should have extra care taken when handled.

### **Storage**

All tops should be stored flat. Do not lean up vertically against a wall. Installation of the top should take place as soon as possible.

### **Installation**

Installation is the same for all of our wood countertops. All will expand and contract as the climate changes. To accommodate this there has to be room for the countertop to move horizontally but not vertically. There are many ways to do this and the installer should be able to accomplish this in most circumstances.

To read more scan this code. You will be directed to our installation guidelines page on our website.



The URL is <http://www.jaaronwoodcountertops.com/how-to-install-a-wood-countertop/>

It's OK to use glue in some cases but be careful when deciding where to put it. The end goal of some movement needs to be maintained.

If there are any questions please contact us at 866-583-4200.



## Care & Cleaning

### Daily Cleaning

To clean your countertop finished with varnish or Monocoat we recommend using mild soap and water. As a natural disinfectant a mixture of one part white vinegar to three parts water. Do not use bleach or other harsh cleaner.

### Maintenance (MONOCOAT)

Use Monocoat Refresh aerosol spray when the surface looks or feels too dry or rough, or when the finish has worn off due to heavy traffic. To order go to [www.monocoat.us/Refresh/](http://www.monocoat.us/Refresh/)

### Maintenance (VARNISH)

No ongoing maintenance is required. To cover small scratches use tung-oil or Howard Brand Restore A Finish in the appropriate color.

### Maintenance (BUTCHER BLOCK WAX)

In the first 6 months apply a coat of butcher block wax or mineral oil monthly. The two products are interchangeable. After that re-apply 4-5 times a year depending on use.

### What Not To Do

Do not apply wax of any kind to the top. (MONOCOAT ONLY)

Do not scrub with harsh products like Comet or Scotch Bright pads.

Do not set hot pans directly on the surface. Be careful taking lids off cooking pots and setting them on the surface. The hot steam can damage the finish.

Do not place or use harsh chemicals on the surface.

Do not use steel wool on the surface. Small pieces can get into the pores and rust.

Use common sense when cutting on the surface. If you purchased the countertop as a food preparation area then use it as one with no fear of cut marks. If you did not purchase it for food preparation you may not want to chop directly on the surface as it will leave marks.

Now that you're up to speed on your new wood countertop sit back and relax, your new kitchen or bathroom is probably just about done. Enjoy, you deserve it.

It is recommended that a humidifier be used to increase humidity levels in the space where this countertop lives. For best results a humidity level of approximately 50-55% should be maintained.

**Please note that areas with naturally dry air like Arizona or climates that use extensive amounts of dry heated air like Wisconsin in the winter should take extra care.**

