

## 1. What is Silestone?

Silestone® is naturally beautiful, durable quartz. Silestone is the world's leading natural quartz surface - a superior stone for myriad interior surfacing applications because of its ideal combination of beauty and practicality. Silestone features a range of more than 65 unique colors, so no matter what your taste or style, we've got the perfect fit.

## 2. What is natural quartz?

Quartz is one of the hardest, most abundant minerals found in nature - only diamond, sapphire and topaz are harder. Besides beauty, the quartz in Silestone gives it extreme strength, making Silestone highly scratch-resistant.

## 3. What are the advantages of Silestone?

Silestone is a dense, non-porous stone that delivers unsurpassed reliability and performance - scratch-resistance and stain-resistance with no sealing required in a large variety of naturally beautiful colors.

## 4. Why should I choose Silestone?

Silestone can be a smart choice for homeowners as it delivers both unique beauty and extreme durability. The unsurpassed professionalism of Silestone's team is backed by more than 70 years experience in the natural stone industry, and a mature distribution network makes the product readily available throughout North America.

## 5. How does Silestone compare to other natural stones, like granite?

Silestone offers more color consistency than granite, making it easier to pick colors from samples without having to visit a stone yard. Plus, Silestone is virtually maintenance-free - it doesn't need to be sealed and cleaning is a cinch.

## 6. How does Silestone compare to solid surfaces, like Corian®?

The quartz in Silestone is 100% natural; a hard mineral that gives Silestone both beauty and strength. Solid surfaces are plastic polymers that lack the brilliance and reflectivity of natural stone, and are softer - making them more susceptible to scorching and scratches.

## 7. How does Silestone compare to other natural quartz surfaces?

Silestone provides unmatched delivery capacity, worldwide availability, more color variety, the only program of certified installation professionals and a successful track record of more than 15 years in natural quartz and 70 years in the stone industry. In 2005, Silestone is the first and only countertop to introduce built-in bacteriostatic product protection.

## 8. Can I use Silestone in my kitchen?

Yes. Silestone is ideal for use in kitchen countertops, island tops, backsplashes, and more. You may even purchase knobs, switch plates and handles made of Silestone natural quartz to match your kitchen surfaces.

## 9. Can I use Silestone in my bathroom?

Yes. Add beauty and practicality to any bathroom with Silestone vanities, backsplashes, shower walls and tub surrounds.

## 10. Can I use Silestone for flooring?

Yes. Silestone makes striking flooring throughout the home or office. You may pick from standard-size tiles or have Silestone custom-cut to fit your style.

## 11. What makes Silestone "A Cleaner, Safer Countertop"?

Silestone's non-porous surface protects your countertops from staining and prevents liquids from penetrating the surface. Silestone is also the only countertop with bacteriostatic protection included in every slab. Bacteriostatic product protection is built-in during manufacturing to provide continuous bacteriostatic product protection. While bacteriostatic product protection does not protect users from food-borne illness and is not a substitute for normal cleaning practices, it does result in countertops that are easier to clean and stay clean.

## 12. What is radon? What makes Silestone safe for my home?

Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas found at varying levels in the air throughout the globe. Radon gas is produced by radioactive materials present in igneous rocks in the earth. When these radioactive materials break down, the gas is released. When inhaled, the gas can contribute to the development of cancers in the lungs.

Silestone's commitment to environmental safety and clean indoor-air quality means that we are dedicated to producing countertop surfaces that are not only beautiful and durable, but also safe for your family and home. While testing and research continue every day, Silestone has been tested and found to be low or free of radon gas.

For more information about radon gas and stone surfaces, visit the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) website.

## 13. Does Silestone include a warranty?

Silestone backs all installed countertop projects with a(n industry-leading) 15-Year Limited Warranty. Silestone's warranty covers structural manufacturing defects. Ask your Carole Designer for full details on what is covered.

