




SPEKVA 

NEUTRAL

LUXURY OIL

For maintenance
of oiled wood

250 ml

more than a surface

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MAINTENANCE

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By choosing FSC®-certified wood products, you are helping manufacturers to attain a positive and sustainable balance with the environment. Amongst the requirements for an FSC certification it stipulates that a minimum of one tree should be planted for every tree felled. At SPEKVA we are highly conscious of the environment. Our worktops are treated exclusively with oil and we do not use any toxic hardening agents. SPEKVA's oils contain no toxic heavy metals, parabens, phtalates or other dangerous substances.



WOODEN WORKTOPS

HOW TO AVOID DISCOLOURATION AND CRACKS IN WORKTOPS

- + Use a trivet for hot dishes and kitchen utensils.
- + Always protect the worktop from damp and non-colourfast objects.
- + Always use a cutting board.

Free-standing worktops should be maintained underneath as well as on top. See full information on caring for products at SPEKVA.dk. Video guides on the subject of caring for our products can be found at youtube.com/SPEKVA. Our oils and other care products are available at your local SPEKVA dealer and through spekva-shop.dk.

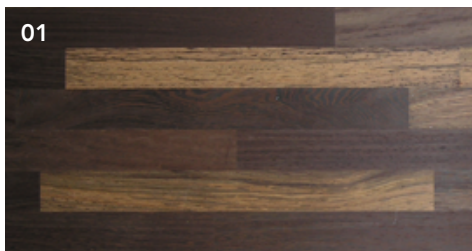
Endgrain: We recommend that surfaces designed using our endgrain construction should not have any overhangs/unsupported areas, otherwise the surface will warp/bow.

COLOUR MATURATION

During an initial phase after installation, new solid wood worktops will experience colour maturation and the surface will take on a more uniform appearance. Colour maturation depends on the type of wood, the treatment applied to the surface and how much light the worktop is exposed to. At first, some types of wood will seem 'variegated', with light and dark sections interspersed. Other wooden worktops can appear much lighter than the tops in kitchen displays. Sometimes colours may be rather "bright", making the customer think they have been sent the wrong product. This is especially true of Iroko, Wengé and Cherry.

The colour maturation process can generally take from six months up to several years, depending on the effect of sunlight, oxygen, daily use and maintenance (per oil treatment). Because of these variables, the colours from a newly received item/s will differ in comparison to a follow-up/replacement order. Over time, the colours will equalise.

Example of colour maturation 01 Wengé – Newly supplied. 02 Wengé – after nine months.





CLEANING

We recommend mild cleaning agents and a well-wrung cloth (preferably not microfibre) for daily cleaning.

- ✘ **Strong or concentrated cleaning agents and soft soap may damage the wood.**
Wipe up spills immediately to avoid discolouration.

CARE OF THE WORKTOP SURFACE

The worktop will have been treated with linseed oil or luxury oil at the factory.

BLACK / MOCHA

Black and mocha worktops have been treated with a coloured stain and luxury oil. After-care with a neutral maintenance oil is required, and with a coloured oil where required for refreshing the colour. The stain is a surface treatment, which should not be sanded. These worktops come with a small bottle of stain for repairing scratches. Remember to follow up the repair with oil approximately 24 hours after applying the stain.

FIRST DAY

It is vital that from their first day, worktops are saturated with the oil supplied with your order.

- ✘ **Never rub on one spot. Do not wipe in circular motions, as the friction may soften the wax, resulting in spots. Instead, wipe the worktop in the direction of the wood grain.**

OIL AND POLISH

SPEKVA CARE OIL – NEUTRAL / WHITE / GREY / VINTAGE

Apply an oil treatment to your worktop immediately after installation, and apply another 2-3 treatments in the first month. After this, the treatment should be applied approximately 2-3 times per year, or as required. Use a lint-free cloth or kitchen roll/paper to distribute a thin layer of oil over the worktop. Following the grain of the wood, spread the oil, taking especial care in spreading where white, grey and vintage oils are concerned. Remember to shake the bottle well before use. Where excess oil is visible, this can be reapplied to places where the wood absorbs the oil more easily. It is a good idea to lightly sand in the wet oil using sandpaper with a grit grade of 240 or a sanding sponge.

EXCESS OIL

Immediately wipe off all excess oil with a lint-free cloth or kitchen roll/paper. Leave the worktop untouched for 24 hours.

SANDING – SANDPAPER

Use sandpaper to reduce or remove scratches, gouges and other minor damage.

SANDPAPER, GRIT GRADE 180 Can be used to sand off minor marks.

SANDPAPER, GRIT GRADE 240 Can be used to sand before a surface treatment or when applying oil.

✘ **Sanding removes the surface treatment. It is therefore important to reapply a new protective layer to the worktop afterwards and continue with a polish. The polishing cloth has a Velcro strip to allow attachment to different tools.**

POLISHING PADS

Use a lint-free cloth or kitchen roll/paper to apply and distribute the oil. Use the white polishing pad to finish off. This pad will give a hardened wax surface and a smooth, fine finish.

Apply a treatment to your worktop – especially the ends of the worktop – whenever needed. You can test whether treatment is needed by dripping water onto the surface. If the water disappears into the wood, it is in need of treatment. If the water beads on the worktop surface, this means the worktop is sufficiently treated.

WHITE / GREY / VINTAGE Immediately. Leave the worktop untouched for 24 hours.

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✘ **IMPORTANT! This care procedure does NOT apply to the RIVER-WASHED finish. See the following page.**

RIVER WASHED

The wonderful rustic appearance of our River-washed worktops comes from an air scouring treatment that blows out particles of soft wood. Clean the worktop with a soft wire brush, using a slightly harder medium wire brush to remove more stubborn spots/scratches (a scrubbing brush if necessary). Remember to finish off the treatment with oil. Use a paint brush to apply the oil but take care that oil does not lie in the crevices of the worktop.

⚠ **This type of worktop should never be sanded. Remove excess oil immediately.**

Please do not use a wire brush in the attempt to work out scratches on the following wood types and luxury coloured oil treatments only - Safari Brasilica River Washed White Oil, and Grey Oil. Otherwise the natural timber colour will be visible underneath in the local area where you have worked on the surface. This also applies to Heart Ash River Washed Vintage Oil.

GUARANTEE

In confirmation of the unique quality of SPEKVA products, we offer a 30-year guarantee against defects and changes that are not due to the natural 'life' of the wood. Details of the guarantee are at spekva.dk.

We wish to point out that claims cannot be made where maintenance and installation instructions have not been followed. If you follow our instructions, you will have a worktop that is not only easy to maintain, but that will also bring you years of enjoyment through its attractive structure and excellent functionality as a worktop

⚠ **In case of a complaint, please contact your SPEKVA dealer.**



River Washed Wengé, grey oil.



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