



## FINISHING TIPS FOR SOLID SURFACE

### GENERAL NOTES:

- Solid Surface does not require sealers or other surface preparations.
- Solid surface is the same color throughout so the amount sanded away does not impact the color.
- The correct finish for solid surface is the one you prefer.
- The less sheen, the less likely the surface will show use.
- Lighter colors typically have a matte finish.
- Darker colors may look better with more sheen.
- 120 and 180 grit disks are aggressive sanding grits and are used to remove material quickly. The higher the grit numbers, the finer the grit.

### USAGE NOTES:

- Dried, excess adhesive that has squeezed out when seams are glued should be sanded away, starting with 120 grit disks, then 180 grit, then 280 grit.
- Deep cuts or scratches can also be removed using 120 grit, then 180 grit, then 280 grit disks.
- Whether removing a scratch or sanding excess adhesive from a seam, it is important to feather out the sanding area. Use the largest grit for the first and narrowest band, then feather out to the widest area using the smallest grit.
- Sand the entire surface several times left to right and front to back, then wipe the surface before using a finer grit. Repeat this process with successively finer grit until the desired finish is obtained.
- 280 grit disks will give the surface a matte finish much like what is usually provided by the manufacturer.
- If you desire a bit more shine than matte, use the Maroon Scuffbrite Pad (320 grit).

### THE SANDING SEQUENCE:

**Matte finish:** use 280 grit, then the Maroon Scuffbrite pad if more shine is desired

**Satin finish:** follow the Matte finish procedure, then use 400 grit, followed by the Gray Scuffbrite pad

**Semi Gloss finish:** follow the Satin finish procedure, then use 600 grit and the Gold Scuffbrite pad

**Gloss finish:** follow the Semi Gloss finish procedure, then use the Green buffing compound and wool Buffbrite pad (available in the Gloss Finishing Kit - P0009-096)

The abrasive kits described above can be found at: <http://solidsurface.com/abrasives/>