

You have purchased a quality Duropal Worktop. Please follow this simple step by step process to cut out a hob or bowl for fitting into your worktop.

## **Before You Start:**

Please ensure the complete length of your worktop is well supported before you start, and throughout the entire process of the cut out. Once you make your cut out, you remove a large portion of the worktop so support and handling of your worktop is important until you have it sitting in place.

If space allows, making the cut out with the element in place is recommended. Once the cut out is complete, if it is necessary to move the worktop, ensure you lift it on its edge.

## **Cut out instructions:**

Carefully mark out the exact position and size of the cut out to be made. It is recommended that you place masking tape on the worktop where the cut out is to be made and mark the cut out on the masking tape. This makes it easier to see and adds some protection to your work top when making the cut.

Having marked the cut out, carefully drill a 10mm hole in each corner. It is important that the corners retain the radius of the drill hole. This helps prevent the top from cracking in the corners. Having drilled a hole in each corner, using a Jig Saw, carefully cut the hole required, working from corner to corner.

We recommend having at least 150mm clearance from a bowl to a join to aid in reducing water sitting on join. In addition, it is recommended that any cut out is at least 150mm from the end to ensure the integrity of the benchtop.

## **NOTES:**

- It is important to support the piece being cut out so it does not fall away and break the top as it is being cut out. Having an extra pair of hands will be helpful.
- We recommend using a sharp, DOWN CUT, jig saw blade, and cutting slowly. A Down Cut will help eliminate chipping to the face edge.
- Placing some Masking Tape around the cut out, so the jig saw is sitting on the masking tape when cutting, helps to protect the surface of the worktop from scratching while making the cut.
- We recommend using a neutral cure, clear, wet area silicone for sealing bowls.

## **IMPORTANT - Fitting of Accessories to Duropal HPL Worktops**

Duropal worktops are manufactured to the highest European Standards. It is critical when installing a hob, sink or tap that all cut outs are fully sealed and that the accessory is also fully sealed to the surface of the worktop to prevent water penetration into the cut out.

Water penetration and/or swelling to the substrate as a result of not sealing the cut out edges or the fitting of the accessory is not covered by any warranty claim.

