



SELECT SURFACES® Unfinished Acacia Countertop – Made in Vietnam

This document provides installation instructions for the **Select Surfaces® Acacia Countertop**.

IMPORTANT, RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE: READ CAREFULLY

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The owner/purchaser must inspect the product for color, finish, appearance, and visible defects before installation. The manufacturer cannot be held responsible for costs incurred when a countertop with visible defects has been installed. Read all instructions carefully prior to installation.

WARNING: Drilling, sawing, sanding or machining wood products can expose you to wood dust and Formaldehyde, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Avoid inhaling wood dust or use a dust mask or other safeguards for personal protection. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/wood.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

All instructions and recommendations are based on the most recent information available. They should be followed for an ideal installation.

This product is made of solid Acacia wood; strong cleaning chemicals should be avoided.

Tools & Supplies Required

- **Safety Gear:** Safety goggles, work gloves.
- **Measuring & Layout:** Tape measure, level, pencil, painter's tape (removable tape), carpenter's square.
- **Cutting & Shaping:** Circular saw (with fine-tooth blade), jigsaw, straight edge guide.
- **Drilling & Fastening:** Power drill, drill bits, screwdriver, wood screws, washers, corner/slotted brackets.
- **Sanding:** Orbital sander, sandpapers (100–120 grit, 180–220 grit, and 400+ grit optional).
- **Sealing & Finishing:** Tack cloth, caulking gun, flexible 100% silicone sealant, and an approved wood finish (hardwax oil, mineral oil/wax, varnish, or polyurethane).

Pre-Installation & Surface Preparation

*Unfinished wood must be sealed within **24 to 48 hours** of removing it from its shrink wrap to prevent moisture changes, cracking, cupping, or warping.*

1: Acclimatization

- Store the countertop flat in the room where it will be installed.
- Allow the wood to acclimate to the room's temperature and humidity before installation.
- Do not store directly on concrete floors.
- Keep away from excessive moisture, heat sources, or direct sunlight.
- Follow factory recommendations for acclimation period prior to installation.

Sanding (Mandatory)

Why it matters: Factory machining can create a surface sheen that may reduce the ability of stains and sealers to penetrate properly.

Without proper sanding, this surface sheen may prevent stain or finish from penetrating the wood pores.

Recommended sandpaper grits:

- 100–120 grit for first sanding
- 180–220 grit for second sanding
- 400+ grit (optional) for fine sanding between coats

Sealing & Finishing (Mandatory)

- **Seal All Sides:** Apply at least 3 coats of your chosen protective finish (oil, hardwax oil, varnish, or polyurethane). You must seal the top, bottom, and all four edges to create an effective moisture barrier.
- **Seal Cut Edges Immediately:** Any site cuts (sink cutouts, trim cuts) expose raw wood and must be sealed immediately before final placement.
- **Ongoing Maintenance:** To maintain protection, the protective coating needs to be reapplied every 6 months.



Step-by-Step Installation Guide

Step 1: Cabinet Pre-Check & Dry Fitting

- **Verify Level:** Ensure all base cabinets are level, properly aligned, and anchored to the wall.



- **Dry Fit:** Place the countertop over the cabinets to verify dimensions, overhangs, and wall fit.
- **Expansion Gap:** Leave a 1/8in. gap between the edge of the countertop and adjacent walls to allow natural expansion and contraction.



Step 2: Cutting & Cutout Rules (If Applicable)

- **Straight Cuts:** Apply painter's tape along your cut line to prevent chipping. Clamp a straight edge guide to guide your circular saw. Cutting from the underside also reduces top surface chipping.
- **Heat Protection:** Maintain a minimum clearance of 1.5 in from ovens/stoves. If installing above appliances that generate heat or moisture (dishwasher, washing machine, refrigerator), apply protective heat/moisture insulation to the countertop underside.



Step 3: Mounting the Countertop

- **Apply Silicone:** Apply dabs or a continuous bead of flexible silicone sealant along the top frame edges of the base cabinets.
- **Position Countertop:** Lower the countertop into place and press down evenly.
- **Secure Fasteners:** Fasten from inside the cabinet using screws with washers.

Pro-Tip: Tighten screws until secure, then back them off approximately 1/4 turn to allow for natural wood movement. This keeps the surface secure while allowing the wood to naturally expand and contract. Do not over-tighten.



Step 4: Backsplash & Final Clean-Up

- **Backsplash:** Attach the backsplash to the wall, not to the countertop.
- **Sealing:** Apply flexible silicone caulk into the seam between the countertop and the backsplash/wall, as well as around sink edges.
- **Cure:** Wipe off excess silicone immediately and allow the silicone sealant to cure completely before placing heavy items on top.



Limited 1-Year Warranty Summary

Select Surfaces® certifies to the original purchaser that Acacia Countertops are covered by a **limited 1-year warranty for residential use.**

Coverage: Covers manufacturing defects only (glue line integrity, joints, and structural lamination) for 1 year from the date the original purchaser takes possession of the product.

Exclusions: Does not cover natural wood color/patina variations, surface scratches, or cracking, cupping, splitting, and warping resulting from inadequate acclimatization, improper sanding, failure to seal all sides/edges prior to mounting, rigid non-expansion installation, or exposure to excessive moisture or heating sources.

Wood is a natural material and will expand and contract in response to changes in temperature and humidity. Minor movement, surface checking, and dimensional changes that do not affect the structural integrity or intended function of the countertop are considered normal characteristics of the product and are not covered under this warranty.

- **Site Modifications:** Cutting defects or improper installation environment void warranty coverage.
- **Claim Requirements:** Materials only (labor excluded). Retain original receipt and proof of purchase.

For questions regarding installation, please contact our **Technical Support** by email at techsupport@selectsurfaces.ca or by telephone at 1-855-250-8167. For customer service inquiries, please contact info@selectsurfaces.ca or warranty@selectsurfaces.ca if you have any questions about our warranty. Visit our website at www.selectsurfaces.ca

