

# SAFE HANDLING AND STORAGE

## INTRODUCTION

This fabrication bulletin addresses the handling and storage of DuPont™ Corian® solid surface and accessories.

## OVERVIEW

Proper handling and storage of DuPont™ Corian® solid surface products and accessories will help avoid injuries and ensure that these products are in good condition when time comes to start fabrication.

### A. HANDLING DUPONT™ CORIAN® SOLID SURFACE SHEET

Sheets of Corian® are best unloaded from the delivery vehicle on the pallet with a forklift or lifting device. Pallets of 1/2" x 30" x 144" (12 mm x 762 mm x 3,656 mm) sheet can weigh up to 1,700 lbs. (770 kg). The forklift or lifting device should be capable of lifting this weight under the use conditions.

If no suitable equipment is available, the pallet should be opened on the vehicle bed, and sheet manually handled on edge, one sheet at a time. Because of the weight (each 1/2" [12 mm] sheet is approximately 130 lbs. [59 kg]) and sharpness of sheet edges, proper safety shoes and appropriate gloves should be worn.

All individual sheets must be handled by two people and carried on edge with one hand under to support, and one hand over to control the sheet. It is important to carry 1/4" (6 mm) sheet vertically as it may flex excessively when carried horizontally.

Special carrying devices are also a good alternative when carrying large sheets of Corian® solid surface. There are many manufacturers of vacuum lifts and heavy duty carts which can be used to handle heavy sheets and tops.

### HELPFUL HINTS

*Do not attempt to unload or carry sheets of Corian® solid surface unaided.*

*Do not carry sheets horizontally or unsupported, and do not handle sheets with bare hands when unloading.*

*The product is fragile, heavy and must be handled with care to avoid damage.*

### B. HANDLING DUPONT™ CORIAN® SINKS AND LAVATORIES

Sinks and lavatories should be carried right side up as indicated by the arrow on the packaging. Although the cartons are designed to afford the maximum transport protection, it is very important that the products are treated as fragile at all times.

### HELPFUL HINTS

*Do not drop, drag or risk impact to cartons.*

*Do not place heavy loads on top of cartons.*

*Do not store outdoors or allow cartons to get wet, this will weaken the cartons.*

### C. HANDLING ACCESSORIES

General accessories require no specific handling instructions; however, DuPont™ Joint Adhesive and DuPont™ Surfaces Sealant have specific storage, protective equipment, and use guidelines to ensure quality and safety. Please refer to *DuPont™ Corian® Solid Surface Fabrication/ Installation Fundamentals – Adhesives* (K-25290) and appropriate Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for additional details.

### HELPFUL HINTS

*Don't leave accessories such as adhesives exposed to extremes of temperature.*

*Protect eyes and skin from contact with adhesives.*

### D. STORING DUPONT™ CORIAN® SOLID SURFACE SHEET

Sheet must be stored so that the product is kept in a perfectly flat condition to prevent warp. Sheets of Corian® solid surface should not be allowed to get wet in storage.

Access to sheets for easy handling is essential, as is a storage system which allows for easy sheet color and batch identification.

Sheets of Corian® solid surface are most effectively stored between 60-75°F (16-24°C) and must be kept in a dry and well-ventilated area. This can be achieved by storing the sheet horizontally or vertically.

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### Horizontal Storage

Support must be such that the sheet is kept in a perfectly flat condition to prevent sagging or warping. This requires either full underlayment support or rack support every 24" (610 mm).

The pallets on which DuPont™ Corian® solid surface is shipped will be sufficient if they are in good condition and are not missing any blocks. If pallets are stacked it is essential that the blocks are aligned. If sheet is stored on pallets where blocks are missing, damaged, or misaligned warp is likely.

### Vertical storage

The base of the sheet should be fully supported by the floor or similar stable platform. Sheets should lean on supports affixed to a wall or strong vertical support. These supports must be capable of supporting the number of 1/2" (12 mm) sheets you intend to lean against it.

### HELPFUL HINTS

*The key element is to store sheets of Corian® solid surface in a manner that prevents any warping.*

*Sheets of Corian® solid surface should not be allowed to get wet in storage.*

*Access to sheets for easy handling is essential, as is a storage system which allows for easy sheet batch identification.*

### E. STORING DUPONT™ CORIAN® SOLID SURFACE SINKS AND LAVATORIES

Sinks and lavatories should be stored to allow easy access and identification of the contents of the carton. Do not store heavy products on top of cartons. For safety, these should not be stacked more than six cartons high. Products in cartons should not be stored outdoors or allowed to get wet.

### F. STORING ACCESSORIES

No specific care and attention is required for accessories for Corian® solid surface, with the exception of DuPont™ Joint Adhesive and DuPont™ Surfaces Sealant. The storage requirements for adhesives and sealants are discussed in *DuPont™ Corian® Solid Surface Fabrication/Installation Fundamentals – Adhesives* (K-25290).

### G. REFERENCED DOCUMENT

*DuPont™ Corian® Solid Surface Fabrication/Installation Fundamentals – Adhesives* (K-25290).

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