## CARING FOR YOUR POLISHED CONCRETE

Your guide to protecting your polished concrete



Just because it is concrete does not mean it is indestructable



Thank you for purchasing a Set in Steel product. We really appreciate your trust in us to build your polished concrete item. To keep it looking at its best, care must be taken to keep it clean and the surface undamaged.

It is important to know that concrete is porous so keeping the sealer in good condition is strongly recommended.

The best way to ensure you don't have an issue is to clean up any spills immediately. ACIDIC substances will affect the performance of the sealer. Acids will remove the sealer resulting in damage to the surface.









- 1. We have tested our sealers against most items that may stain, etch and penetrate the sealer coating and surface. As a result we advise the following:
- Dragging plates, cutting boards, serving trays or rough objects on the surface may cause scratches penetrating the sealer
- · Cutting on the surface may damage the sealer
- · Acidic substances left on the surface will etch into the sealer and stain
- · Hot plates and saucepans expand the surface and may cause damage
- · Harsh chemicals or bleach could damage the sealer and surfaces
- · Heat (around BBQ's & cooktops) causes the concrete to expand and allows dirt and oils to penetrate deeper into the surface if not cleaned up quickly
- 2. The sealer we use is the best on the market and it:
- · Is food safe
- · Is a hybrid polyurethane
- · Penetrates the surface & leaves a thin coat on top
- · It is breathable

We recommend that you use placemats, coasters & trivets when placing items on the surface to prevent accidental marking

## 3. To clean the concrete:

- · Use only mild PH Neutral detergent and warm water
- · Do not use harsh chemicals or bleach
- · Use a clean paper towel or soft cloth
- · Do not use oily cloths that leave a film on the surface
- · Do not use steel wool or abrasive scrubbers and cleansers
- Extra care should be taken around areas that heat up such as cook tops or BBQ's. Please ensure that you clean up any spills immediately. When the concrete surfaces heat up the pores of the concrete expand and allow dirt to penetrate causing staining

