

# Ceramic Care Guide

Ceramic surfaces will vary in colour range, tonal quality, density, and porosity. A fired earthenware clay body can be more porous than objects fired higher to stoneware temperature. Most of Anchor's products are made from high fired stoneware. The exception to this is fittings with a terracotta finish. As a porous material, terracotta will be more susceptible to marks and staining.

During the installation of porcelain, terracotta or stoneware lighting we recommend the licenced contractor or tradesperson wear disposable gloves to stop grease and dirt transfer onto the light fittings.

Post installation and for ongoing care, the ceramic can be gently wiped using a lint-free, soft glass cleaning cloth and warm, soapy water. Ensure light fittings are switched off, wring out the cloth completely, gently wipe and leave to dry. Do not scrub, use green scourers, abrasive soaps/cleaners, magic sponges or dripping wet cloths. Do not spray outdoor fittings with a hose or high-pressure cleaning unit.

If a mark does occur, use a lint-free, soft cloth dipped in warm water and wrung out before wiping. For stronger marks use mild soapy water. A white magic eraser can also be effective if used very lightly on hard to remove marks. Very stubborn marks can be carefully removed with a small amount of methylated spirits on a lint-free, soft cloth.

When dusting, lightly wipe with a lint-free, soft cloth or other dusting brush.

Avoid knocking or hitting with hard objects – ceramic material is robust but will crack or break if hit or knocked hard enough. If an object is broken, treat the broken ceramic as you would broken glass, wrap and dispose – the broken shards can be very sharp.

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