



ADVANCE TABCO®

# Wood Top Care Guide

Cleaning and care tips to extend the life and performance  
of your butcher block surface



# Maintenance

Advance Tabco® Wood Tops are manufactured with a UV light-cured, food-safe protective finish that is resistant to stains and safe for most cleaning products and solvents.

## *Cleaning*

For best results, clean finished butcher block surfaces with soapy water or commonly available kitchen counter top cleaners. Do not use abrasives or powder cleansers. Do not allow moisture stand on the surface for prolonged periods of time.

Should a stubborn spill like red wine stain the surface, it can be easily removed with a bleach solution or finger nail polish remover with no damage to the finish.

## *Cutouts & Cutoffs*

If the butcher block top is modified by cutting, machining or sanding, the finish must be reapplied to prevent cracking, delamination and/or warping. These modifications must be sealed immediately to prevent moisture change within the top.

We recommend using Wood Welded® Emmet's Good Stuff® Urethane Gel, an easy-to-use, clear satin protective finish. Note: modification will void the warranty.

## *Refinishing*

Butcher block is suited for cutting and food preparation directly on the surface, however, this may degrade the finish, requiring the block to be refinished more quickly. The decision to refinish should be based on personal preference.

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# Unfinished Butcher Block

*To maintain unfinished butcher block, follow these handy tips:*

1. Before use, oil the cutting surface with food grade mineral oil or Emmet's Elixir®, an all-natural, anti-microbial wood conditioner.
2. Be sure to coat the top, bottom, ends and edges of the block every time you oil it. Apply oil often, especially when the block appears to be dry.
3. DO NOT submerge the board in water. Instead, clean it with a wet cloth or sponge using a mild liquid detergent. You can use a disinfecting cleanser or a mixture of 1 tsp. chlorine bleach to 1 quart of water. Rinse well. Do not use powder cleanser.
4. Allow to dry with sufficient air flow.
5. When determining how often to oil a block, the general rule of thumb is once a day for a week upon purchase; once a week for a month; and once a month forever. The block should be oiled whenever the wood starts to look dry and chalky.



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