



## D.A.S. Concrete Countertops: What you need to know

D.A.S. concrete countertops are pre-cast and polished in a controlled environment, using sustainable materials and processes, to ensure a high-quality product that our customers can love and feel good about for years to come.

Benefits of D.A.S. concrete countertops include:

- Eco-friendly alternative to mainstream countertop materials
- Natural, organic appearance that gets better with age
- Timeless design can be easily adapted to different styles
- Superior heat and scratch resistance
- Extremely durable – will last the lifetime of a home if well maintained
- Easier to repair than laminate or natural stone countertops
- Accessibly priced (custom projects are competitive with mid-range natural stone)
- Made in New Brunswick (Canada)

### Things you should know:

- D.A.S. concrete countertops are polished to provide a beautiful, functional and durable surface.
- **Colours:** We offer a limited range of standard colours at no extra cost, as shown on our website: <https://www.dasconcrete.com/website/colours>. We can also produce custom colours for an additional fee. Please note that a premium charge applies to our White and Beach colours.
- In addition to choosing colours, you have the option of specifying the degree of aggregate exposure for your custom project, ranging from a fine salt & pepper finish, with minimal aggregate showing, to an organic or consistently heavy exposure. See our [website gallery](#) for examples of each variation.
- **Reinforcement:** D.A.S. concrete countertops are reinforced with fibreglass mesh and rebar to reduce the risk of cracking. The quality and consistency of our mix and production process are also important in this regard. We pride ourselves in producing high quality, durable slabs that will last for decades if well maintained.
- **Thickness:** Our standard thickness is 1 1/2", slightly thicker than the standard 1 1/4" for granite and quartz. We can offer 2" or 1 1/4" thicknesses where conditions permit.
- **Weight:** At approximately 20lb/sq ft, the weight of concrete is comparable to that of granite. To support concrete, your cabinets should be well built, well supported and level. As a rule, if your cabinets can hold stone, they can hold concrete.

- **Seams:** We use butt joint seams filled with colour-matched grout. The seams are visible, and closely resemble a tile grout line. This style of seam is standard within the concrete countertop industry, and helps reduce the risk of the countertops themselves cracking if put under stress from a shifting foundation, changing humidity levels etc. We will take your preferences into account when determining the best seam placement. We can produce seamless pieces (e.g. L-shaped counters with a small return) for additional cost where weight and other handling considerations permit.
- **Sealer:** Concrete is porous and must be sealed to protect against stains and etching. Our slabs are sealed with a professional grade penetrating sealer that provides a limited buffer against stains, and ensures that any stains or etches remain on the surface for easy repair. The penetrating sealer preserves concrete's natural heat and scratch resistance, meaning that you can place hot pots and pans directly on the counter without risk of damaging the surface. You will need to reseal your counters every 5-10 years, depending on how well you care for them.
- **Care and maintenance:** The rule of thumb with concrete (and all stone surfaces) is to wipe up messes as they occur, using a pH-neutral cleaner and a soft cloth. We recommend the daily use of Stonetech Revitalizer (available through D.A.S.) to clean your counters and prolong the life of your penetrating sealer. Acidic substances, such as lemon juice and vinegar-based sauces, should be wiped up immediately to avoid etching.
- If your countertop does get stained or damaged, there's no need to panic. Concrete countertops are relatively easy to repair, either as a spot repair or by refinishing the entire surface for a brand-new countertop. With our guidance, you will be able to do many spot repairs yourself.
- We provide all of our customers with a countertop care kit to ensure that you are equipped to deal with stains if and when they happen.
- **Timelines:** It will take approximately four weeks, from templating to installation, to complete your custom project. We require a 50% down payment prior to templating or starting the project.
- **Additional resources:** For more information about us and our products, check out our Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbzyQE16lch4DI8ZRKRZv0g> (searchable under 'D.A.S. Concrete Countertops').
- You can also find care and maintenance instructions and other information on the Resources section of our website: <http://www.dasconcrete.com/website/faq>
- Unsure if we can do something? Please ask! We enjoy creative challenges (but please be aware that highly custom pieces come at a higher cost).