

INSTALLATION ADDENDUM

Handling and Storage: Prior to installation, all Merge Design's eco-sensitive products must be kept completely dry and stored indoors to avoid staining, blushing, whitening, curling, cracking, spalling, etc. Never store Merge Design countertop and slab surfaces outdoors, in direct sunlight or in areas of high temperature fluctuations. Please contact your distributor with any questions regarding how to store the products.

Size Limitations and Tolerances: As in most handmade products, dimensional tolerances can vary. Merge Design's eco-sensitive concrete products are manufactured within a ($\pm 1/8"$) dimensional tolerance. Concrete countertop lengths are restricted to 8'-0" maximum (for standard 22-1/2" or 25-1/2" counter depths) or a maximum of 17 sq ft, unless otherwise noted. Weight of concrete is approximately 17lb/sf at 1-1/2" thickness.

Site Preparation: Merge Design assumes that all preinstalled cabinets and counter supports/structures are level, square, plumb and can safely support all Merge Design's eco-sensitive concrete surfacing materials. All necessary work to achieve a level, square or plumb support structure is excluded and is to be completed by others before any templating or installation commences.

Merge Design shall not be held liable for excessive wearing or breakage caused by others during or after installation. All counter top supports, cabinets, bracing, subtops, etc., installed by others are assumed to be installed plumb/square and structurally capable of supporting all concrete. Merge Design shall not be held liable for inadequate support structures or injuries caused as a result of such negligence. If Merge Design products are installed improperly, failure (cracking, chipping, etc.) of the product is inevitable. Merge Design shall not be held liable for such actions or conditions. When in doubt, a licensed engineer should be consulted with to provide the necessary support recommendations.

Seaming and Backsplashes: A seaming and/or backsplash diagram should be submitted to Merge Design prior to fabrication. If a seaming diagram is not provided by the client, then Merge Design will determine all seam locations as necessary.

Backsplashes and side splashes are excluded, unless otherwise noted in the Bid Proposal. Backsplashes will be fabricated 1" thick and at a maximum length of 40", unless otherwise noted on the bid proposal, shop drawings or unless the thickness of the backsplashes interferes with the plumbing. If there is interference, the backsplash thickness will be adjusted accordingly, unless otherwise directed by the client, designer, builder/contractor.

Sinks: All client sinks are assumed to be "Drop-in" thus requiring an "unfinished" sink opening, unless otherwise noted. For under-mount sinks, the finished concrete sink opening will be fabricated per the provided manufacturer's sink template. If a template is not supplied, Merge Design will fabricate the opening so that the concrete opening overlaps the opening of the actual sink by 1/8" ($\pm 1/8"$), unless otherwise specified.

A minimum of 4-1/2" of concrete must be maintained at the rear sink rail (dimension from back edge of counter to rough/finished sink opening) and a minimum of 3" of concrete at the front sink rail (dimension from finished front edge of counter to the rough/finished sink opening) and sides in order to maintain adequate structural integrity of the countertop as well as to accommodate the installation of the sink, faucet and accessories. If these criteria cannot be met, recommendations for seaming locations (if not provided by the client) will be made prior to commencement of fabrication of the independent sink countertop section.

Clarifications & Exclusions: The actual plumbing fixtures and accessories should be forwarded to Merge Design prior to the commencement of fabrication in order to avoid fabrication and plumbing installation interferences. A standard 8" spread (4" center to center between each fixture component) is assumed, unless otherwise specified by Owner, designer or contractor/builder.

Merge Design eco-sensitive concrete surfaces should not be installed directly under constant intense heat sources (i.e., heat lamps, flames, burners, radiators, heaters, etc.) as cracking, curling, sealer failure and discoloration may occur. All miscellaneous caulking is not included.

Templates, CAD files or actual fabrication dimensions are to be provided by others (if required), unless otherwise noted. For accurate installations, all hard templates should be made following the installation of all cabinets, braces, support structures, etc., unless otherwise noted or discussed with Owner. All plumbing fixtures including drop-in (rim mounted) sinks, faucets and accessories are to be installed by others, unless otherwise noted.

Miscellaneous finished hardware and accessories (grommets, escutcheons, pulls, etc.) are not included, unless otherwise noted. Miscellaneous wood/steel subtops & supports are excluded and to be provided by others, unless otherwise noted. Wood or metal subtops are recommended for all cantilevered sections with overhangs of 10" or greater and/or unsupported spans of 3'-0" or greater.