

MICROBAN[®] GUIDELINES

Microban

Microban is regulated by the EPA.

The EPA regulates the use of antimicrobials in all products with the exception of medical devices, which fall under FDA jurisdiction. The Microban technology used in Silestone[®] countertops is registered by the EPA for use in many food contact applications including countertops, ice machines and cutting boards. The EPA enforces strict adherence to guidelines and imposes fines for violators. Therefore, we must carefully choose our words pertaining to Silestone with Microban to ensure that they are compliant with EPA regulations and our partnership with Microban International.

Silestone with Microban Antimicrobial Product Protection DOs and DON'Ts—as put in place by the EPA

Don't – Mention the word “GERMS”

Do – Use the word “MICROBES”

Don't – Mention that Microban protects objects or persons in contact with the Silestone surface.

Do – Say that Silestone with Microban provides a proven deterrent to the growth of bacteria, mold and mildew.

Don't – Use the words “KILLS” bacteria

Do – Use the words “Inhibits” the growth of bacteria

Don't – Say that Microban provides protection from food-borne illnesses

Do – Use the phrase, Microban protection is not designed to protect users against food borne illness or replace the need for good hygiene practices.