



## Installation Instructions

**Getalit** HPL worktops – THE laminate worktop



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# Getalit® HPL Laminate worktops

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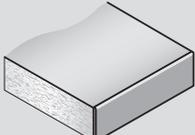
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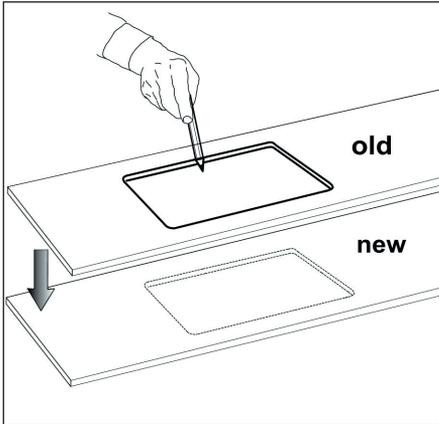
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## 1 Measuring and planning



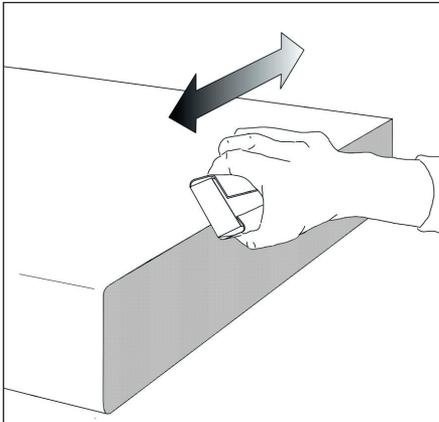
If the new worktop is to replace an old one, the old one could be used as a template (if it is a good fit). Generally please double check and **measure twice thoroughly** before ordering and fitting a worktop – rooms are seldom perfectly square ... Please allow for any edging to be added.

### **Important:**

Please make sure you have inspected the worktop for any faults, damages or marks **prior** cutting/fitting.

Claims for evident faults/damage will **not** be accepted **after** the worktop has been cut/fitted.

## 2 Cutting



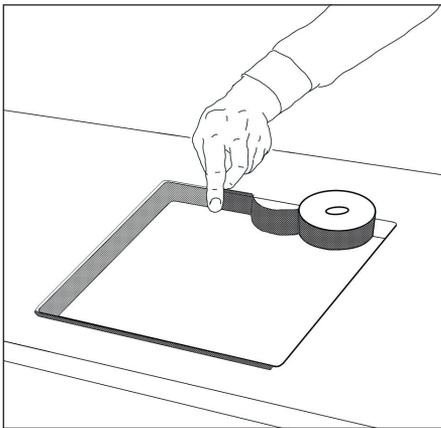
Worktops can be cut using a **fine-toothed saw blade** (suitable for laminate faced chipboard). Cutting by hand should be made with the decorative face side upwards starting at the postformed edge, applying pressure only on the **downward stroke** to avoid lifting the face side.

Cut edges should then be **cleaned off with abrasive paper** to soften the edge finish. Cutting using power saws should be made with the reverse side upwards, with the fine-toothed blade. Again, cut edges should then be cleaned off with abrasive paper to soften the edge finish.

### 3 Drilling

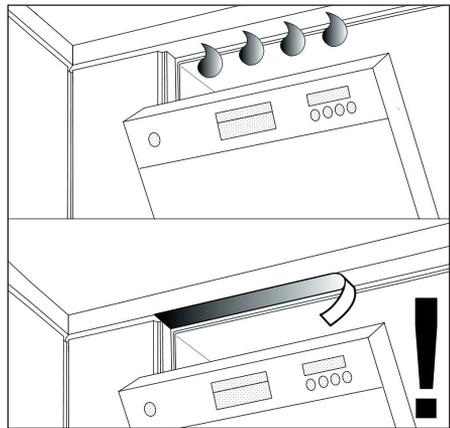
Worktops can be drilled using HSS twist drills, **drill at high speed** from the decorative face side.

### 4 Sealing



The reverse side and rear edge of your worktop is factory sealed against moisture ingress. **All cut edges must be sealed** in order to avoid moisture ingress. Tried and Tested sealing material should be used (silicone adhesive, PU-glue or similar, and/or: use an **aluminium tape** which protects against moisture and radiant heat (**we offer rolls of 1 or 5 linear metres**).

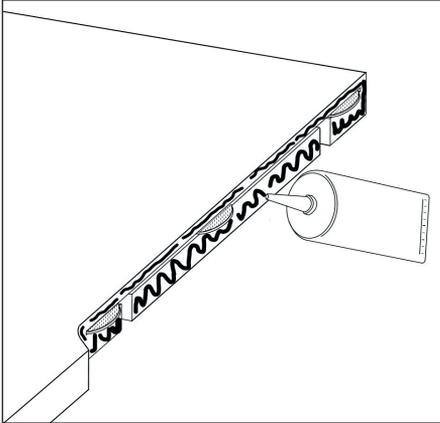
Pay special attention to joints and cut - outs near to sinks and hobs, where water ingress may be likely. The underside of the front edge is protected by a resin seal, and this is sufficient for normal areas of usage.



In the area of the oven, sink, dishwasher, washing machine or similar appliance special attention should be given to **seal the underside** of the worktop in order to protect these vulnerable areas.

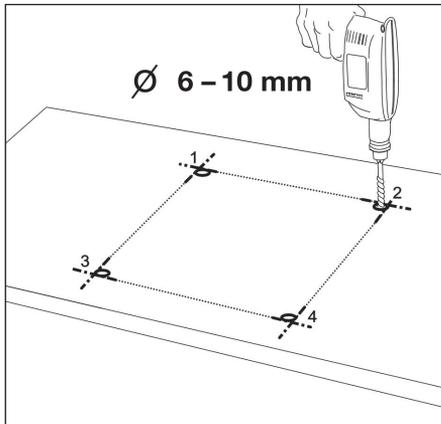
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## 5 Jointing

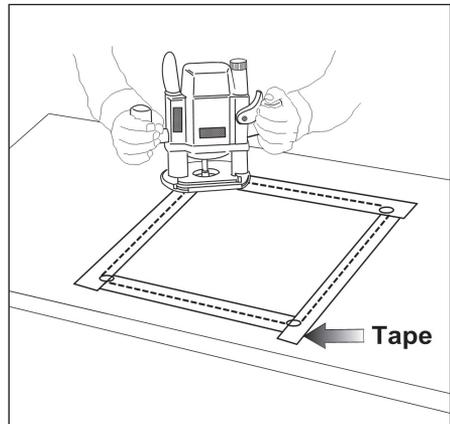


Joints can be made using jointing strips or by machining the worktop to form a straight or angled joint. Again, the cut edges must be sealed to prevent moisture ingress and we recommend the use of coloured sealant in the joint to help conceal the joint line after installation. Some slight variation in finish may occur where worktops are joined at an angle. Kettles, toasters and portable kitchen appliances should not be placed over the joint.

## 6 Hob- and sink-cut-outs

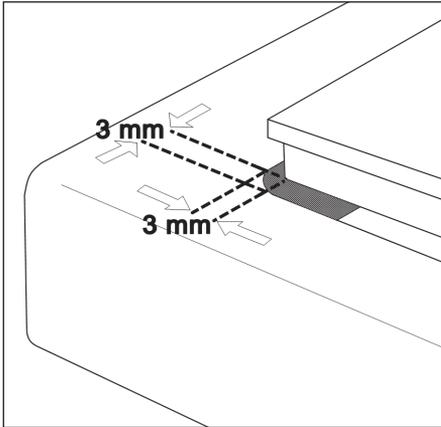


All cut-outs must have a **minimum of 6 mm** radius rounded corner to prevent any stress cracking. Depending on the manufacturers recommendation, in addition to sealing, a reflective **aluminium-tape** may need to be applied to prevent heat affecting



the worktops – see also above – and/or – always use the gasket supplied with the appliance. Please observe a **minimum distance of 45 mm** to the front edge.

## 7 Hob installation



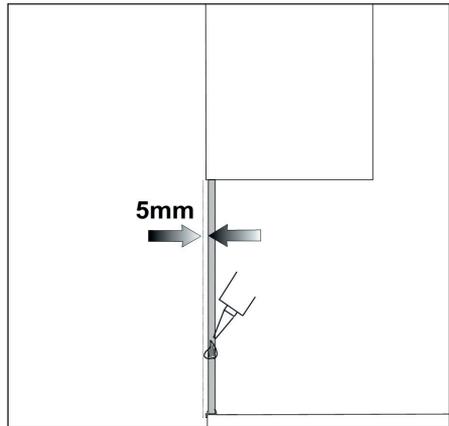
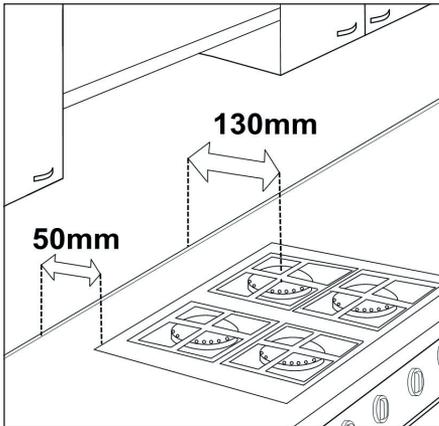
It is recommendable to leave a **clearance** of at least 3 mm all round between the edge of the appliance (see manufacturer's instruction) to function as a heat-barrier (again to prevent stress cracking). Please observe the hob-manufacturer's installation instruction carefully, also with regards to heat reflections – minimum distances to any sidewalls.

## 8 Free standing cookers

If a free standing cooker is to be used, the worktop should be level with the appliance to avoid heat damage.

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## 9 Wallback panels – upstands – (gas-)hobs



Advisable worktop depth: 650 – 670 mm.

A distance of **min. 50 mm** should be allowed from the back edge of the hob to the wallback panel to allow for a **distance of 130 mm** from any heat source to the panel. Care should be taken where large burners exist, i.e. wokburners – to maintain 130mm between the heat source and the panel. Wall back panels could also be protected by a toughened glass panel where appropriate. Please also refer to the installation recommendation of the hob suppliers.

We recommend to leave a **gap** between the **wallback panel (or tiles)** and the worktop which then should be sealed with silicone. This will allow for any movement between the worktop and the wallback panel if required. The seal should be checked on a regular basis. The use of the back panel trim is highly recommended.

## GetaLit® worktops ...

... offer a great concept for individual kitchen designs!

Please refer to our actual brochure, sample chain, A5-sample-binder or **sample-hotline no. 01704 872 227** to make a selection from one of Europe's finest worktop brands.

### You have the choice amongst a comprehensive selection of:

- fine stone reproductions
- natural woodgrain reproductions
- cool looking metal-effect reproductions
- in standard surfaces as well as HighGloss finishes

## Product specification

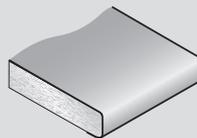
Worktop with a 38 mm quality chipboard substrate E1/V20, one side and front edge faced with GetaLit HPL laminate one long edge postformed (if not square edge lipped with PP- or HPL-edge); adhesive quality on all surfaces D3 to EN 204. Reverse side and rear edge protected by moisture resistant kraftpaper. Water-resistant seal at joint along front edge.

## Factory sizes

4100/5200 x 600 x 39 mm single-postformed  
4100/5200 x 650 x 39 mm single-postformed  
4100/5200 x 670 x 39 mm **double**-postformed  
4100/5200 x 900 x 39 mm single-postformed  
4100/5200 x 900 x 39 mm **double**-postformed  
4100/5200 x 1200 x 39 mm single-postformed  
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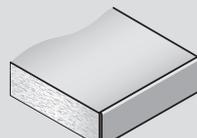
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## Selection

May we draw your attention to a few things to be observed during selection. Your local dealer will surely assist you with the selection showing you the latest GetaLit Point Of Sale Materials and by giving you special assistance on a few things which should be noted:

## Samples - POS

Colours and patterns have been reproduced as accurately as possible. Please ask for an original hand sample before final selection via our **sample hotline number:**

**01704 872 227.**

## Stone reproductions

Stone is a material with features like durability, resistance and great stability – just like the GetaLit HPL laminate Stone-reproduction. The cool stone appearance combined with warm wood tones is particularly attractive!

Please note that due to the nature of the product, HPL laminate worktops with dark colours may show minor scratches. Please handle with care!

Please observe our "Care & Maintenance recommendations" on page 11!

## Woodgrain reproductions

Precious woods with various grains and colour nuances are the model for the varied wood decors. In order to get you a rather good impression on the grain reproduction please make sure you have had a close look at a larger sample piece.

## Metallica

The fine line surface finish emphasizes the brushed appearance of this metal-reproduction on HPL laminate basis. With this decor a fashionable worktop can be fitted into your kitchen, creating a modern cool Metallica look with a standard – and – a HighGloss surface finish ...

Due to the nature of the product, this decor can be influenced by light impact in such a way that covered parts may look lighter when things removed; but, this effect returns to normal after some time.

## HighGloss finishes

There is a variety of decors available not only in standard surface finishes, but as well in the HighGloss finish. Whereas GetaLit HighGloss laminated worktops are produced with a 1,2 mm thick laminate surface, it lies in the inherent nature of the product, that HighGloss finishes may show scratches – especially dark colours – which are unavoidable, even with normal wear and tear. Please handle with special care! Worktop savers should always be used! Again, please observe our "Care & Maintenance recommendations" on page 11!

**GetaLit® HPL laminate worktops are extremely easy to look after:**

**1. Light stains/dirt:**

Use a dry or damp cloth, towel.

**2. Normal kitchen/cooking stains:**

Use a commercial cleaning agent, e.g. washing-up liquid, warm soapsuds with a cloth.

If necessary, leave for a while and then rinse thoroughly with clean water.

**3. Heavy stains/stubborn marks like paint and glue residues, ink, etc.**

First remove any paraffin or wax mechanically (avoid scratches!) iron off any residues with blotting paper (iron not too hot!). Then use an organic solvent (e.g. spirit, acetone (nail varnish remover), petrol).

☐ ***Do not repeat too often!***

☐ ***Read cleaning solvent-manufacturer's instructions carefully!***

**4. Moisture:**

Whereas boiling water and cooking splashes should do no harm we highly recommend removing any excess water immediately away from the worktop's surface/-joint in order to avoid any moisture ingress.

**5. Front edge/PVC aprons:**

Please note that contact between the worktop's front edge and PVC aprons, jeans-belts etc. over a long period of time may result in damages of the front edge, especially in the oven- and sink-area.

Please take special care and try to avoid such over-use.

**6 Scratches on GetaLit® HPL laminated worktops cannot be removed, they should be avoided in the first place, therefore please observe:**

**Do not** use any abrasive, acid-containing or scouring agents. Also wax polishes should never be used.

☐ ***Especially not on dark colours – nor on HighGloss surface finishes – since they may show scratches.***

While the GetaLit® HPL surface is highly resistant to abrasion, moisture and common household chemicals, every care should be taken to ensure that your GetaLit worktop is **not abused**, therefore:

☐ ***Please always use mild cleaning agents and soft cloths for cleaning and***

☐ ***Please always use a protective mat (do not place hot pots directly on the surface!)***

*and*

☐ ***Please always use a cutting board – a worktop saver – to avoid any marks, damages and stains right away.***



> Full text of warranty available on request from your distributor. Westag & Getalit warrants the quality of our worktops, provided they are installed and used in accordance with the Westag & Getalit's instructions and the products are not mis-used.

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