

## Fireclay Background and Care

The fireclay sink takes on a new life as it moves into the 21st Century. No longer confined to the farmhouse, it has become a distinctive design statement in any kitchen, bathroom or laundry because they are attractive, durable, stain resistant and spacious enough to accommodate those large platters and baking dishes that still require hand washing.

Fireclay sinks continue to be handmade in a process that takes several days to produce a single sink. The core is made by pouring liquefied fireclay into a mould. Once set, the sink is removed, hand finished and slowly dried to prevent cracking. It is then sprayed with a glaze made from ground glass and fired in a kiln at 1250° C. to fuse the glaze onto the sink.

There has been a world-wide resurgence in the use of fireclay sinks. With so many new companies having recently moved into this market, there is a significant difference in the quality of the sinks they produce. We are committed to importing the best product that is available. We are selective in where we obtain sinks from and carefully check every sink before it leaves our warehouse.

As fireclay sinks can vary in size, all dimensions quoted are approximate. We strongly recommend that the sink to be used is supplied to the cabinetmaker prior to the fabrication of the kitchen cabinets and benchtops. Cut-outs are not to be made until they are checked against the sink.

## The difference between fireclay sinks and vitreous china sinks.

Fireclay is a variation of vitreous china that has greater amounts of quartz and feldspar (minerals) in the clay material. It is denser thicker and approximately 30% heavier than regular clay. These characteristics allow for a durable, smooth, flat surface on large fixtures not attainable with standard vitreous china.

## Care and cleaning

Cleaning using a mild cleanser or mild soap and warm water.

Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents. To avoid potential damage to the finish, avoid soaking dishes for a very long time and refrain from leaving coffee grounds and tea bags in the sink.



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