

INSTALLATION

Wood is a natural material that is subject to changes in moisture and temperature. It moves and changes slightly when exposed to humidity, heat, and cold. It must be installed to allow for this ongoing movement. Preventing it from moving will cause the top to crack.

- <u>Do not attach directly on top of solid underlayment / cabinet dustcovers</u>. Either remove, or have large holes cut into them to assist with even and adequate ventilation.
- The countertop should be attached to the cabinetry by screwing it to corner braces and blocking provided by the cabinetry. Another option for securing the countertop is to use "L" brackets. <u>DO NOT glue the top to the cabinet base.</u>
- Place the top on the cabinetry and confirm the desired location. Drill pilot holes using a 5/32" drill bit. Be careful to only go approximately halfway into the countertop. Then drill a 3/8" expansion hole in the blocking in the same location as the pilot hole. This expansion hole allows for the natural movement of wood.
- Use a #10 diameter wood screw that is long enough to go through the blocking (or other attachment device) and penetrate the wood countertop to no more than one half of the thickness of the top. Do NOT overtighten screws. See diagram (pg. 2) for screw quantity / placement.
- Layouts that include overhangs of 8" and greater will require additional support corbels or brackets every 24".

SINKS AND FAUCETS

 All sink cut-outs and faucet holes should be carefully sealed with the type of finish that is used on your countertop. Any cut-outs or modifications to the wood top must be sealed. Failure to properly seal any cut-out or modification to the wood top will void the warranty. A thick coating of silicone should be used to seal faucet holes and sinks. Sinks and faucets should be tightly secured to prevent water from penetrating the top.

MULTI-PIECE TOPS

 If your custom top includes a "seam" where two pieces are joined together, those pieces should be assembled first. The bottom surfaces of the two pieces will be joined together with T-bolt connectors and flat wooden dowels that were included.

