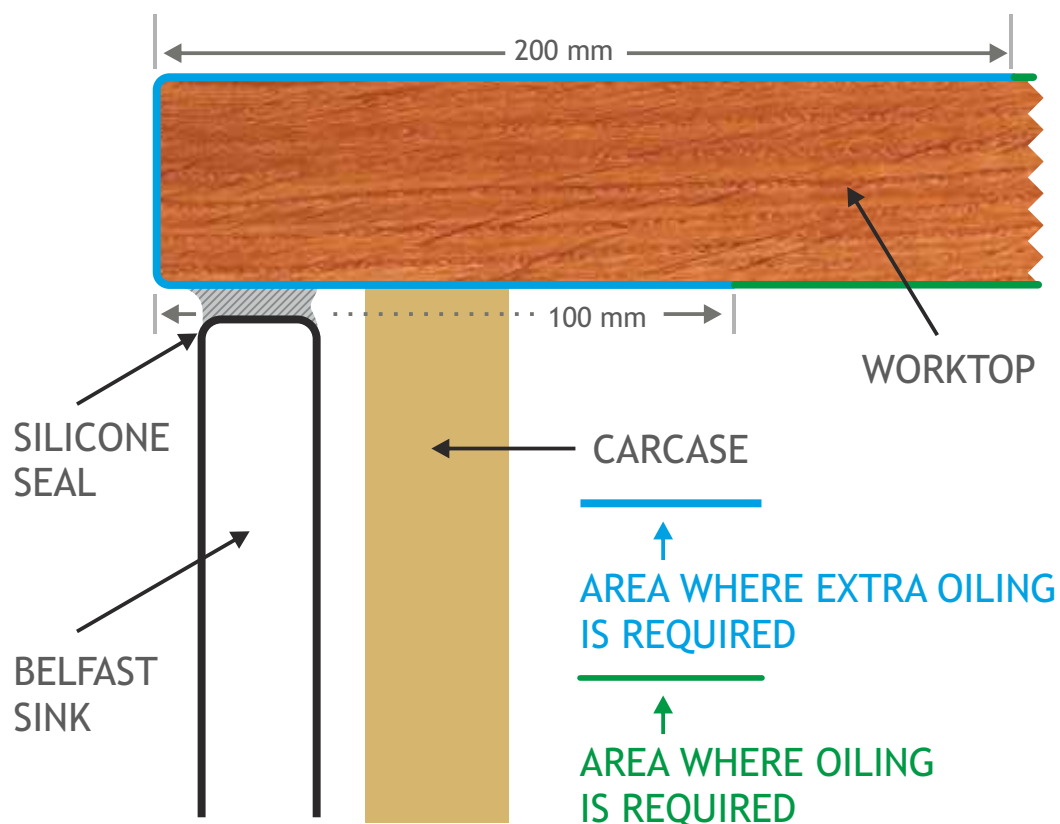


Real Wood Worktops INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS BELFAST SINKS

Belfast Sinks create a WET AREA around the sink area and „special care” is required when installing a real wood worktop and a Belfast sink to ensure correct oiling - sealing of the sink and cut edges plus the surrounding areas. The real wood worktop around the worktop cut out allows the water to cascade down the cut edge and if not sealed correctly water will collect and penetrate the wood and split the joints.

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- 1 Plan all cut outs to ensure:
 - a The cut out back edge is in the middle of a stave to ensure the strength of the stave / worktop.
 - b That any drilled holes for the Water pipes are positioned through the centre of the stave and not through a joint - ALWAYS liberally apply worktop penetrating oil to the internal walls of the drilled holes for full protection.
- 2 Dry cut out the worktop to suite the position on the carcass.
- 3 Before fixing - Liberally oil the "cut to size" underside of the complete worktop with 2 coats of oil - in particular 100 mm from the bottom newly exposed cut edges - with at least 5 applications of penetrating worktop oil to ensure protection.
- 4 Always ensure that the raw newly cut open 40 mm/27 mm vertical cut edges around the sink are smooth and not rough - if necessary smooth the surface with 120 grit sandpaper and apply at least 5 coats of worktop penetrating oil - finishing of the last coat while wet with oil with a 400 grit sandpaper which will buff the oil into the surface to achieve full saturation for adequate protection.
- 5 Install the cut to size worktop to the carcass using the correct fixing clips as per the standard instruction leaflet supplied with the top.
- 6 It is essential that once installed the underside of the worktop and the Belfast sink is fully sealed with clear silicon to ensure that any cascading water passes over the oiled vertical face and is directed back into the sink and not able to collect on the underside of the top and cause water damage.
- 7 Routed drainage grooves - always ensure that any routed grooves are always positioned in the middle of the staves and under no circumstances allow a groove over a joint as it would compromise the integrity of the joint - and it is VERY IMPORTANT for the grooves to have a correct „fall” for drainage of water and to apply at least 5 coats of penetrating oil within the grooves and always finish off while wet with 400 grit sand paper to ensure 100% saturation and a very smooth finish within the groove.
- 8 Once installed apply 2 further coats of worktop oil to the top surface and the vertical cut out edges around the Belfast sink - finishing off the working surface and the cut edges while wet, with oil using a 400 grit sandpaper to ensure full saturation of the wood and to deburr any standing fibres and ensure a smooth very high quality fully protected surface.
- 9 Always continue to maintain the real wood worktop as per the standard installation instructions.