



# CROWLEY'S

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## WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE SELECTING MATERIAL

### BASIC FACTS:

**Granite** is natural stone cut in huge blocks from the earth and later "sliced" into slabs.

**Quartz** is a manufactured product containing various combinations of crushed stone, polymers, pigments, and resin.

Granite and quartz counters have many similarities but are also different in many ways, and those differences are important to understand before you select a material you will live with for years.

### Differences you should consider

<b><u>Scratch/Impact Resistance</u></b>	Most <b>Granite</b> is considered scratch "PROOF" and most inadvertent impact damage can be repaired.	<b>Quartz</b> may be considered scratch "RESISTANT" and most surface issues that develop cannot be easily repaired. There are companies that specialize in quartz restoration, but this is beyond the scope of most fabricators.
<b><u>Temperature Extremes</u></b>	<b>Granite</b> will withstand the HOTTEST and COLDEST temperature extremes.	<b>Quartz</b> , due to its resin and polymer content, is different in that the sustained heat of an un-insulated crock-pot, instapot, or griddle can cause it to warp, crack, or discolor (and void factory warranties.) Leaving a bag of ice on your quartz counter can cause it to crack beyond repair.
<b><u>Maintenance</u></b>	<b>Granite</b> requires slightly more maintenance because it should be sealed periodically to resist stains. This sealing process is easily accomplished by the homeowner and is no more difficult than applying liquid wax to your car. Today's premium sealers offer written limited warranties from the sealer manufacturer.	<b>Quartz</b> doesn't need to be sealed.



### **CAUTION: NOT ALL QUARTZ IS THE SAME**

Quartz products are produced all over the world to a variety of quality standards that are often misunderstood by consumers who assume "quartz is quartz." As fabricators, we have no control over the quality of quartz selected by customers. As a result, we require customers selecting quartz products to sign a waiver absolving Crowley's of all responsibility associated with the ultimate product performance.