TITLE: KITCHEN COUNTERTOP

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DEFINITION: Flat surface installations in kitchens or food preparation spaces.

PURPOSE: Generally used for food preparation and is made of nonporous surfaces designed to be cleaned.

COMMON COMPONENTS: Nonporous surface; Backsplash

LOCATION: ☒ Unit  ☒ Inside  ☑ Kitchen or food preparation space

☐ Outside  ☐ None

MORE INFORMATION: None

DEFICIENCY 1: Countertop is missing.

LOCATION: ☒ Unit  ☒ Inside

DEFICIENCY 2: Countertop is damaged or is not functionally adequate.

LOCATION: ☒ Unit  ☒ Inside
DEFICIENCY 1 — UNIT: COUNTERTOP IS MISSING.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Countertop is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but now not present or is incomplete) from the kitchen or food preparation space.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Moderate

The Moderate Health and Safety category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a moderate risk of an adverse medical event requiring a healthcare visit; cause temporary harm; or if left untreated, cause or worsen a chronic condition that may have long-lasting adverse health effects; or that the physical security or safety of a resident or their property could be compromised.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look in the kitchen and food preparation space for evidence of a countertop that was previously installed but is now not present or is incomplete.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - None
Deficiency I — Inside: Countertop is missing.

Deficiency Criteria: Countertop is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but now not present or is incomplete) from the kitchen or food preparation space.

Health and Safety Determination: Moderate

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HCV Correction Timeframe: 30 days

Inspection Process:

Observation: Look in the kitchen and food preparation space for evidence of a countertop that was previously installed but is now not present or is incomplete.

Request for Help: None

Action: None

More Information: None
**Deficiency 2 — Unit:** Countertop is damaged or is not functionally adequate.

**Deficiency Criteria:**
- Exposed substrate surface comprises at least 10% or more of the total kitchen countertop or food preparation space. 
  OR
- The kitchen countertop or food preparation space is not functionally adequate (i.e., it does not reasonably allow for adequate preparation of food).

**Health and Safety Determination:**
- Moderate

The Moderate Health and Safety category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a moderate risk of an adverse medical event requiring a healthcare visit; cause temporary harm; or if left untreated, cause or worsen a chronic condition that may have long-lasting adverse health effects; or that the physical security or safety of a resident or their property could be compromised.

**Correction Timeframe:** 30 days

**HCV Pass / Fail:** Fail

**HCV Correction Timeframe:** 30 days

**Inspection Process:**
- **Observation:**
  - Look at the kitchen countertop for damaged areas, delamination, or burns that would lead to exposed substrate.
  - If damage is visible, determine the cumulative percentage of the damage in which the countertop’s substrate is exposed.

- **Request for Help:** None

- **Action:**
  - Measure the exposed substrate area.
  - Determine if the countertop is functionally adequate to allow for food preparation purposes.

- **More Information:** Substrate is the material under the countertop’s nonporous surface.
**Deficiency 2 — Inside:** Countertop is damaged or is not functionally adequate.

**Deficiency Criteria:**
Exposed substrate surface comprises at least 10% or more of the total kitchen countertop or food preparation space.

**OR**

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**Request for Help:** None

**Action:**
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**More Information:** Substrate is the material under the countertop’s nonporous surface.
### SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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Health and Safety Determination: Added standardized description

HCV Pass / Fail: Field added; response input as “Fail”

Rationale: Revised rationale categories and explanations

Overall Formatting: Complete rework of document format and layout V1.3 2020-07-31

Definition: Revised definition V1.3 2020-07-31

Purpose: Field added V1.3 2020-07-31

Common Materials: Revised common materials V1.3 2020-07-31

More Information: Field added V1.3 2020-07-31

Deficiency 1: Previously deficiency 3
Separated by inspectable locations — Unit and Inside V1.3 2020-07-31

Title: Added inspectable locations

Deficiency Criteria: Revised deficiency criteria

Health and Safety Determination: Revised to “Standard” determination; added standardized description

Correction Timeframe: Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”

HCV — Correction Timeframe: Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”

Rationale: Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions

Inspection Process: Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information

Tools or Equipment: Field added to deficiency; response revised

Deficiency 2: Consolidated previous deficiency 1 and 2
Separated by inspectable locations — Unit and Inside V1.3 2020-07-31

Title: Revised title; added inspectable locations

Deficiency Criteria: Revised deficiency criteria

Health and Safety Determination: Added standardized description

Correction Timeframe: Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”

HCV — Correction Timeframe: Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”

Rationale: Revised rationale explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions

Inspection Process: Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information

Tools or Equipment: Field added to deficiency; response revised
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