

Arnold Laver

The Verve Collection

Silkwood™ Solid Wood Pre-Oiled Worktop Range



In partnership with



Why Silkwood™ ?

Silkwood worktops are more than just solid wood worktops, they are pre-oiled and finished with a unique Silkwood surface that is ultra smooth and highly resistant to moisture, creating the most beautiful appearance and representing the very best solid wood worktops on the market today.

- A carefully chosen range of worktops, breakfast bars and matching upstands
- A unique ultra smooth silky surface finish
- Supplied pre-oiled, meaning a significant reduction in installation time
- Made using only the very best raw materials available resulting in a virtually furniture grade product and matching performance
- The production and finishing processes used ensure that the grain and colour of each Silkwood worktop is consistent
- A range of Treatment, Care and Maintenance products providing you with everything needed for successful installation and on-going maintenance
- Prime Oak, Natural Oak, Prime Beech, Natural Beech and Prime Thermo Ash are all FSC® certified
- The packaging used is of the highest quality and ensures that handling damage is virtually eliminated, specifically the use of plastic corner protectors on the most vulnerable parts of the worktop
- Comprehensive installation instructions are sent with each worktop detailing correct installation as well as care and maintenance guidance to ensure the worktop lasts a lifetime
- 40mm staves as standard (18-24mm narrow staves on the 26mm Natural Oak)

Engineered PRIME quality Oak / American Walnut / Wenge pre oiled with Woca worktop oil with Silkwood finish in 40mm



Prime Oak



Prime Wenge



Prime American Black Walnut

The Engineered worktop is a solid wood overlay on chipboard. Solid wood overlay of 3mm is made of prime grade material with 50mm wide staves so it gives a premium finish and appearance. The surface is pre-oiled and finished using Silkwood system so it ensures a smooth and resistant finish as with the standard range of wood worktops.

Prime Oak, Prime Wenge, Prime American Walnut

Worktops: 3000mm x 600mm x 40mm

Breakfast bar: 2000mm x 900mm x 40mm

Silkwood Finished Solid Wood Worktop Range



Prime Oak FSC® certified. Oak is the most popular wood species and personifies everything that people look for when they choose a solid wood worktop. It is extremely strong and hard wearing which is ideal for worktops.



Prime European Walnut is one of the most sought after materials available and one of the most valuable timbers grown. A Walnut worktop is instantly recognisable with its beautiful deep, attractive dark colour and unique character. Walnut has some very interesting attributes; it's easy to work with but remains strong and has good impact resistance. Walnut worktops have a rich colour variation, which gives warmth to any kitchen.



Prime Thermo Ash FSC® certified. Ash is a light coloured timber but by using a process that smokes & steams the timber at high temperatures it darkens the wood dramatically and gives a much deeper attractive dark coloured wood. The process that is used ensures a harmonised appearance that has a consistent finish and is the perfect alternative to some exotic species kitchen worktops.

Worktops: 3000mm x 600mm x 40mm, **Breakfast bar:** 2000mm x 900mm x 40mm, **Upstand:** 3000 x 70 x 18 mm

Entry level Solid Oak pre oiled narrow staves in 26mm and 40mm



Herregards Oak FSC® certified. 26mm narrow stave, high quality, multi-application oak panel with a Silkwood finish. Ideal for entry level kitchen worktops, kitchen end panels, window ledges or furniture components.

Worktops:
3000mm x 600mm x 26mm worktop

Breakfast bar:
2000mm x 900mm x 26mm

Treatment, Care & Maintenance Oil Range

Arnold Laver range of Silkwood solid wood pre-oiled worktops are treated in the factory using the Woca FDA Approved (American Food & Drug Agency) worktop oxidising oil. This is a penetrating system which cures and hardens up to 1mm into the surface of the wood.

This provides a dirt and water resistant surface which will keep your solid wood worktop protected and nourished between applications. In addition to the FDA approval the Woca worktop oil is tested and certified by the German IBR (Institute for Biologically Building Products). Woca worktop oils are VOC free.

The use of a penetrating oil is integral within the production process of the Silkwood surface system and means it still retains the character of wood rather than surface building systems which create a more artificial looking appearance which is susceptible to marking and dulling in high wear areas. By using a penetrating system it also means that it is possible to apply oil locally - around sinks for example where moisture is an issue - this is problematic with surface building systems.



The Worktop Installation and ongoing care kit contains everything required for initial treatment of both sanded & pre-treated real wood worktops.

Within the kit you receive:

- 750ml WOCA Worktop Oil
- 250ml WOCA Wood Cleaner
- 2 Polishing Pads
- 1 Pair of Latex Gloves
- 1 Lint Free Cloth
- 12 slotted brackets



WOCA Worktop Oil. For the on-going treatment & maintenance the 750ml WOCA natural worktop oil is available to buy as an individual item. This ensures the customer can continue to treat the worktop with the same oil as applied at the factory ensuring the unique Silkwood finish remains intact which differentiates Arnold Laver real wood worktop range from the competition.

Oil is predominately used during installations.



WOCA Worktop Gel. For the on-going maintenance the 200 ml WOCA natural worktop Gel is available to buy as an individual item. This is a far easier product to use for the maintenance of a real wood worktop.

It comes in an easy to use tube and is easier to apply with it being in gel format and is the very best solution for ongoing maintenance of pre oiled real wood worktops.

Do's & Don't's - Tips and Tricks

There are two main areas to consider when dealing with a real wood worktop:

Wood is a natural product and will move constantly with its changing environment. Correct fixing to the carcass must allow for movement and for the worktop to "float" over the base units. This is achieved by using slotted brackets and expansion gaps. Wood will absorb moisture and this changes the physical properties - bowing / splitting / expansion / discolouration / failure of joints. By protecting the wood with WOCA oils, moisture is not able to penetrate into the surface thus avoiding any of the above issues. Oil needs to be re-applied as its effectiveness reduces over time.

Once you understand the 2 main principals of wood you can ensure the installation and subsequent treatment ensures the worktop will remain in perfect condition.

- Ensure the instructions are read prior to installation by the fitter and passed to the client for on-going maintenance advice.
- Treat all surfaces of the worktop prior to installation with the WOCA worktop oil.

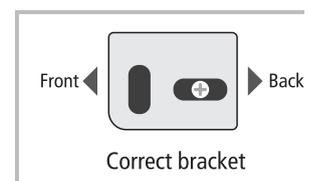
All cut edges require 3-5 coats of oil to ensure they are correctly sealed and protected.

• Ensure the correct SLOTTED brackets are used which allow for expansion & contraction (elongated slot orientated from front to back at all times). Never fix the worktop directly through the carcass which will restrict natural movement and lead to joint failure.

• An expansion gap of 3-5mm between the worktop and wall is essential to allow the worktop to move naturally with changes in temperature and moisture / humidity.

• On-going oil maintenance is required to protect and rejuvenate the real wood worktops and ensure they remain in top condition and resistant to moisture ingress and staining and Woca Worktop gel is the very best and easy to apply solution for regular ongoing maintenance of both engineered and real wood worktops.

• When installing Belfast sinks special care is required. We supply a specific set of instructions within the packaging just for this type of installation. The wood needs to be correctly protected from moisture which is particularly relevant.



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