



Definition of engineered stone

The ban only applies to engineered stone:

benchtops AND panels AND slabs.



For the purposes of the WHS Regulations, engineered stone is an artificial product that:

contains 1% or more crystalline silica, determined as a weight/weight (w/w) concentration



is created by combining natural stone materials with other chemical constituents such as water, resins or pigments



becomes hardened



Engineered stone does not include the following:

natural stone benchtops, panels or slabs (e.g. a granite benchtop is not prohibited)

concrete and cement products

bricks, pavers and other similar blocks

ceramic wall and floor tiles

porcelain, where it does not contain resin

sintered stone, where it does not contain resin

roof tiles

grout, mortar and render OR

plasterboard