FIRE ISLANDS

Care & Use Guide

Outdoor kitchen cabinets, countertops, fire tables, and Blaze appliances. Everything you need to keep your build looking and performing its best.

WARNING - VENTILATION - DO NOT BLOCK VENTS

Fire Islands outdoor kitchen cabinets and fire tables are designed with necessary ventilation. These vents must never be blocked, covered, or obstructed in any way. Blocking ventilation creates a risk of heat buildup, fire, or gas accumulation that could result in serious injury, death, or property damage. Do not store items inside cabinets in a manner that obstructs internal airflow. If a vent is damaged or obstructed, discontinue use until it is cleared or repaired.

IMPORTANT - OUTDOOR USE

Water Intrusion & Weather Exposure

Fire Islands cabinets are designed for outdoor use and built from materials unaffected by moisture. Overall height is 36" including the countertop, measured before the leveling feet, and depth is 28". Fire tables are 23 7/8" tall. Like all outdoor cabinetry, they are not watertight: some water intrusion may occur during heavy rain or direct water exposure. This is normal and expected.

Every cabinet includes an aluminum floor. Aluminum and poly board do not rot, warp, or absorb moisture, so minor water intrusion will not damage your cabinet structure.

RECOMMENDED

Avoid storing moisture-sensitive items inside your cabinet.

CABINET SURFACES

King StarBoard ST - Solid Color Doors & Drawers

Solid color doors and drawers are built from King StarBoard ST, the marine-grade polymer sheet proven on boats worldwide. It will not rust, delaminate, or rot when exposed to UV, humidity, or water, and it maintains its shape, color, and finish for the life of your cabinet. It is one of the most scratch-resistant outdoor polymers made, and chemically resistant to most household products.

Routine Cleaning

- For everyday dirt and stains, use a cleaner such as Soft Scrub with a nylon scrubby or stiff nylon brush.
- Scrub lightly. Excess force can mar the finish.

Stubborn Stains

- Persistent stains will usually go away if you soak the area with household bleach. Never use 100% pool chlorine, and never use a pressure washer.
- Stains and marks have also been successfully removed with Goof Off, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser, and GOJO Orange Pumice Hand Cleaner.
- For grease or oil, use a citrus cleaner, alcohol, or mineral spirits. In severe cases, spray with WD-40, then use toluene or acetone with a white nylon scrub pad only: colored pads release dye when combined with acetone.
- As a last resort, a stubborn mark can be lightly sanded. Work only on the stained area, because sanding removes the matte gloss finish.

What to Avoid

- MEK, turpentine, and naphtha solvents. Never use these on StarBoard ST.
- Teak oil, wood preservatives, and wood stains. They may permanently stain the surface.
- Uncoated metals left on the surface. Rust stains are very difficult to remove, especially on lighter colors.
- Tree sap and berries may permanently discolor the surface. Wash frequently if your kitchen sits under or near trees or shrubs.
- Sustained heat above 150°F. Hot plates and lit cigarettes can mar the finish. Never rest hot cookware directly on doors or drawer faces.
- Paint. StarBoard ST cannot be painted; even polyurethanes will not hold.

PROTECT THE FINISH

A furniture polish or automotive silicone spray such as Armor-All can add an attractive luster and hide small surface blemishes. StarBoard ST is highly scratch-resistant, but not scratch-proof: treat it like fine cabinetry.

CABINET SURFACES

SIMONA Polygrain - Woodgrain Doors & Drawers

Woodgrain cabinet doors and drawers are built from SIMONA Polygrain, an embossed woodgrain HDPE that looks and feels like real wood with none of the maintenance.

One of the many benefits of HDPE is that it is water resistant and very easy to clean. HDPE can be cleaned regularly using a standard soap and water solution.

Cleaning Polygrain

- Using soap and fresh water, wipe down the material with a soft clean towel.
- If there is debris on the surface, spray off the affected area first with a hose.
- If necessary, remove excess dirt and debris by scrubbing with a soft brush or sponge.
- Allow the material to air dry or use a soft towel.
- For tougher soiled areas, use 1/2 cup of household detergent and 1 gallon of water to break down the stains.
- A pressure washer with no greater than 2000 psi may be used to remove dirt, dust, or other types of airborne particulates. Do not direct the spray close to the furniture, closer than 8 inches.
- Avoid using chemical cleaners, sprays and hard scrubbers which can be abrasive to the material.

What to Avoid

- Abrasive pads or steel wool. These will scratch the embossed grain texture.
- Harsh solvent-based cleaners.
- Pressure washing at close range on door and drawer faces.

CABINET SURFACES

Every Panel Is A Replaceable Part

Every poly panel, door and drawer on your cabinet attaches to the rigid welded aluminum frame. Nothing is glued. That is what lets each panel expand and contract freely with the weather, and it is also why damage to a panel is not a repair.

Put a deep scratch across an end panel four years from now and you do not have to live with it. Call us with your order details, we ship the panel and the instructions, and the change takes about twenty minutes with a screwdriver.

BEFORE YOU SAND A VISIBLE FACE

Both StarBoard ST and Polygrain are colored all the way through, so most marks clean up or sand out as described above. Sanding does remove the finish texture in that spot. On a door or drawer face where it will show, call us about a replacement panel before you sand a large area.

COUNTERTOP

16-Gauge 304 Stainless Steel Countertop

Your countertop is built from 16-gauge 304 stainless steel, powder coated in your choice of two colors. Both are included in the price of every cabinet.

Routine Cleaning

- Wipe down with mild soap and warm water after each use.
- Dry with a soft cloth to prevent water spots and mineral deposits.
- Apply a light coat of car wax or powder coat protectant 1-2 times per year.

The Silicone Bed Underneath It

Your countertop is bedded on silicone rather than bolted down, and that bead is doing two jobs. It holds the top to the frame, and it keeps the stainless steel and the aluminum frame from ever touching, which is what stops two dissimilar metals from corroding each other in salt air. Do not lift, shim, or reseat the countertop. If the bead is ever cut or pulls away along an edge, call us before water gets into the joint.

NOTE - COLOR & HEAT

Lighter powder-coated colors stay cooler in direct sunlight, making them more comfortable during use. However, any countertop can get hot in direct sunlight. Use caution when placing items on a surface that has been in direct sun.

BLAZE APPLIANCES

Grills, Side Burners & Outdoor Refrigerator

All cooking appliances in your Fire Islands kitchen are Blaze products. We only use and recommend Blaze. For complete appliance-specific care, visit blazegrills.com.

Stainless Steel - Routine Cleaning

- Wipe down with a damp cloth and mild dish soap after each use, once cooled.
- Always wipe in the direction of the stainless steel grain.
- Apply a stainless steel polish periodically to protect and restore shine.

Grill Grates

- Clean grates with a grill brush while still warm after each use.
- Periodically season with a light coat of cooking oil.
- For heavy buildup, soak in warm soapy water and scrub with a non-metallic brush.

NO INSULATING JACKET REQUIRED. DO NOT ADD ONE.

Your appliance sits in a welded aluminum bay. The polymer on your cabinet is out on the door and drawer faces rather than around the appliance, so there is no combustible material next to it and no insulating jacket or liner is needed. Do not add one, and do not line the bay with foil, board, or any other material: anything added inside the bay can block the ventilation the cabinet is designed around. Always follow the clearances and installation instructions supplied with your Blaze appliance.

FIRE TABLE BURNER

Crystal Fire® Plus Burner by Outdoor GreatRoom

Your fire table is powered by the Crystal Fire® Plus Burner from The Outdoor GreatRoom Company. It is built from commercial-grade #304 stainless steel and includes a safety ignition and shutdown system that automatically shuts off the gas supply if the flame is extinguished for any reason. Fully adjustable flame height. Ships set up for liquid propane with a natural-gas conversion kit included.

FIRE TABLE

LP Tank Storage & Operation

Your fire table includes a built-in access panel to house a standard LP tank.

- Ensure the LP tank valve is fully closed when the table is not in use.
- The access panel provides ventilation. Do not seal it fully.
- Inspect LP tanks periodically for leaks, rust, or damage. Replace damaged tanks immediately.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Hardware, Leveling Feet & Gas Connections

Hinges & Drawer Slides. The One Part That Needs You.

Almost everything on this cabinet looks after itself. The hinges and the drawer slides do not. They are metal, they live outdoors, and they have moving faces, which is the combination that gets any hardware in the end. Left dry, they will corrode, then stiffen, and eventually seize.

The whole job is a silicone spray two or three times a year. Five minutes. Put it on the calendar with the clock change and you will not have to think about it again.

> **REQUIRED - LUBRICATE 2 TO 3 TIMES PER YEAR**
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> Apply a silicone-based spray lubricant to every hinge and drawer slide 2 to 3 times per year, and more often if you are within a few miles of salt water. Work each door and drawer through its full travel afterward so the lubricant spreads. Hinges and slides are screwed-in parts, so a worn one is easy to replace.

The Frame Inside

The frame is bare aluminum and is meant to stay that way. Aluminum grows its own protective oxide skin, and it grows back every time it is scratched, which no paint or powder coat can do. Light dulling or a chalky gray film on the frame or the floor pans over the years is normal, not a defect. Do not paint or coat it.

Routine

- Wipe down all surfaces after cooking to prevent grease and residue buildup.
- Inspect door and drawer hinges periodically and tighten any loose hardware.
- Rinse hardware with fresh water if your kitchen gets salt spray.

Leveling Feet

- Every cabinet ships with adjustable leveling feet providing up to 1.5" of adjustment for sloped patios.
- Slopes beyond 1.5" may affect level installation. Consult a professional for significant slope conditions.

Gas Connections

- All gas appliance installations must be completed by a qualified installer.
- The LP regulator connects to the grill on site. Tighten the fitting with a wrench, then leak test every joint with soapy water before lighting.
- LP connections should be inspected by a qualified technician annually.
- Natural gas lines should be installed and inspected by a licensed plumber only.
- If you detect a gas odor, turn off the supply valve immediately and ventilate the area.

WARRANTY

Where to Find Warranty Information

Warranty terms are not part of this guide. The Fire Islands Limited Lifetime Warranty, and links to the Blaze and Crystal Fire® Plus warranties, are at fireislands.com/pages/warranty. Blaze asks that you register each appliance at blazegrills.com within 30 days of purchase. Questions about anything in this guide: call 352-450-8881 or email info@fireislands.com. When in doubt, start with us.

LEGAL NOTICE

Safety, Installation & Limitation of Liability

Fire Islands outdoor kitchen cabinets and fire tables are designed for residential outdoor use only. By purchasing, installing, or using a Fire Islands product, you agree to the following:

- Fire Islands products must be installed and used in strict accordance with this Care & Use Guide and all applicable local, state, and federal building codes and regulations.
- All gas connections, LP or natural gas, must be made by a licensed plumber or qualified gas technician. Fire Islands is not responsible for injury, death, property damage, or product failure resulting from improper gas installation.
- Ventilation openings on all Fire Islands cabinets and fire tables must remain clear and unobstructed at all times. Blocking ventilation may create a risk of fire, explosion, or serious injury.
- Fire Islands is not liable for any injury, death, or property damage resulting from misuse, modification, improper installation, failure to follow safety instructions, or obstruction of designed ventilation.
- Products must not be modified, altered, or used in any manner inconsistent with their intended design. Any modification releases Fire Islands from all liability related to the modification.

Care guidance for King StarBoard ST is adapted from King Plastic Corporation's Care & Maintenance manual, and for SIMONA Polygrain from SIMONA's published cleaning guidance. This document does not constitute legal advice. Fire Islands recommends consulting a licensed contractor, plumber, or attorney for installation, code compliance, or liability questions specific to your jurisdiction.