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TECHNICAL GUIDE

Valiant Porcelain 12mm

Process Valiant Porcelain 12mm slabs using water-based machinery for processing natural stones, marbles and bonded materials.

It is possible to use dry cutting benches for straight cuts, as with flat glass. Before cutting check the state of maintenance of the operating machine, in particular:

- The work top must be solid, resistant, clean and intact.
- The work top must be perfectly flat and level.
- The work top must be free of any previous processing waste and must have no irregularities in the surface.
- The utensil must be suited to working porcelain stoneware and must be in good condition.

The operating parameters, in the ranges indicated in this guide, are those recommended by the manufacturers of the machinery and utensils and by specialist technicians, following processing tests, but are in any case purely indicative and must be checked by the user according to the available equipment, his experience and the type of finish to be obtained.

It is therefore recommended that all operators perform preliminary practical tests on a sample before cutting and processing, to test and suitably programme the machine and utensils used.

If the cutting finish is unsatisfactory or the operation leads to breakage of the slab, the reasons for this must be sought in the incorrect feed speed, operating pressure or utensil rotational speed, the incorrect planarity of the support surface, movements or vibrations caused to the slab during the operations, the incorrect choice of disk or utensil.

IMPORTANT: It is recommended to work in compliance with local laws and provisions concerning safety at work. Consult the product safety data sheet.

END PROCESSING / IMPORTANT NOTE:

After finishing the processing with any type of machine, pay particular attention to the handling of the slab, in particular if openings or inner holes are present. Use suckers only if equipped with a sufficient number of outlets, to avoid any bending of the processed countertop.

Alternatively, manually move the vertical piece, taking care to avoid twisting.

POLISHED SLAB:

Clean the slab with compressed air to remove any dust residues.

Given the characteristics of this type of surface, avoid contact or dragging of metal objects

for example, do not use belts or chains for handling.



Disc cutting operations

For cutting, use good condition diamond discs suited for machining porcelain stoneware, on water operated machinery.

Both segmented and continuous rim discs can be used.

The slab must be fed in the same direction as the disc rotation.

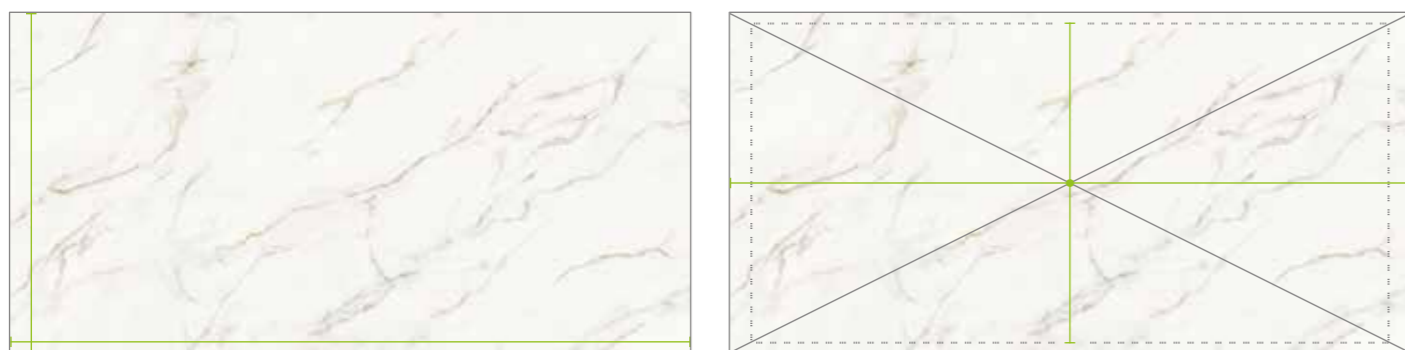
The cut is obtained by erosion of a width proportional to the width of the disc.

Before machining, check that the work top is flat, level, in good condition and free of any processing waste.

CUTTING DIAGRAM:

Valaint slab in size "Full Size" has non-squared external edges.

Start the machining by squaring off the two sides at least (suggested on all four sides, removing about 2,5 cm) To obtain size 1620x3240mm, set the disc path to obtain the size from the centre of the "Full Size" slab.

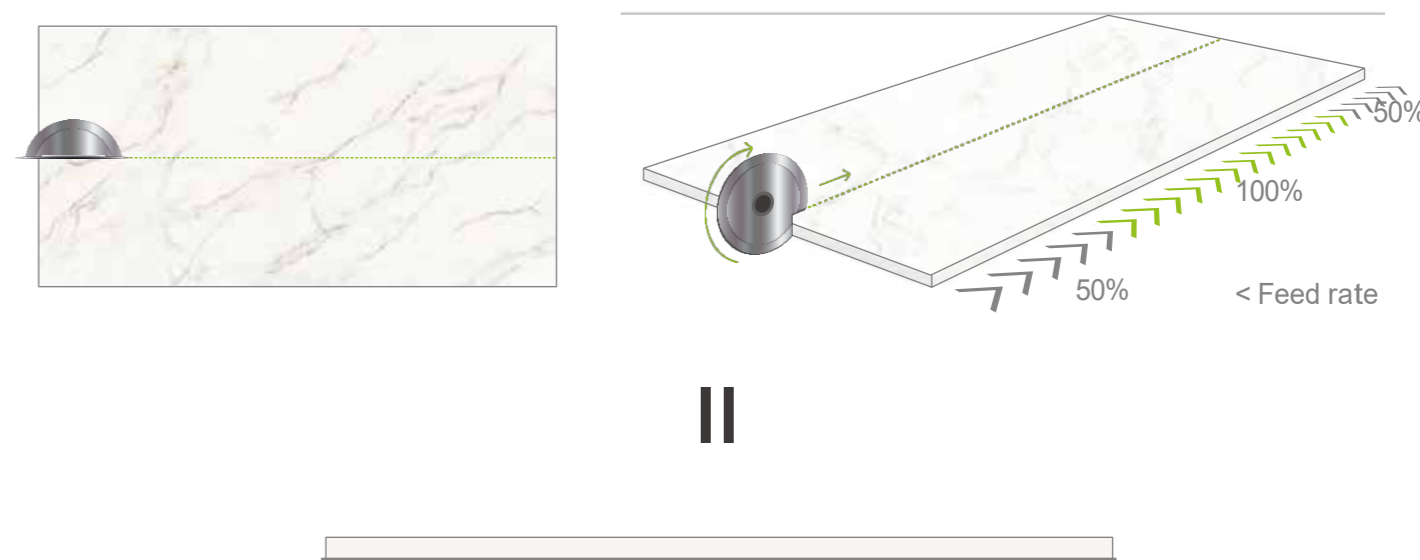


Disc cutting operations

PARAMETERS:

- The smaller the disc diameter, the greater the spindle rotation speed.
- The lower the feed speed, the greater the cutting quality.
- A lower feed speed ensures finishing with reduced chamfer on the edge.
- The infeed and outfeed speed must always be 50% less than nominal working speed.
- Correct positioning and amount of water.
- As little of the disc as possible must be exposed, considering at least 1 mm passing beyond the thickness of the slab.
- Successful machining will be ensured if the vibrations emitted by the cutting operations are reduced to a minimum. To limit the v

ossible wooden or rubber-based (e.g. vulcanised) panel beneath the slab.



Below are the recommended parameters for processing.

	DISCDIAMETER	RPM	FEED RATE MM/MIN	INFEED / OUTFEED SPEED
Straight cut	300	2'800	1'500-2'000	50%
	400	1'800-2'200	1'000-1'200	
	500	1'400-1'900	1'000-1'200	
45° cut	300	2'800	800-1'000	50%
	400	1'800-2'200	500-600	
	500	1'400-1'900	500 600	

* the parameters indicated are indicative. Always follow the manufacturers' recommendations, since in some exceptional cases these parameters may differ a little from what is indicated.

Disc cutting operations

By appropriately setting the machine it is possible to cut the slab on the bias. When cutting at 45° to join two slabs, the new edge must be chamfered. In 45° cuts it is possible to use extra-thick disks to limit the vibrations and reduce the possibility of breaking the slab during machining. For "L" cuts, first of all make a hole at the angle, and t cuts. The last part near the hole must be cut by hand using a grinder.

< "L" cut: processing

sequence



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At the end of each processing phase and before the piece has dried, clean the surface with clean water. To restore the disc after a number of cuts, use an alumina or quartz block.

Cutting bench machining

Straight cuts on slabs can also be done on cutting benches used for solid glass slabs, on a solid top with a diamond wheel. The cut is then opened using glass grippers. The special type of machining requires that a strip of at least 40mm be cut to guarantee the opening of the cut. This type of straight cut cannot be used to obtain internal openings.

The obtained cut is straight, but not smooth or with a uniform thickness, and must therefore be finished. The operation can be done on a CNC work station with diamond utensils, to remove the burrs and for the following smoothing and polishing of the irregularities caused by the dry cut.

It is advisable to consider any subsequent abrasion of the material in the cutting sizes.

12 MM TYPE	FEED SPEED	FEED SPEED MM / MIN	WHEEL ANGLE
Pale color	4 bar	15.000	135-140°
Dark color	5 bar	10.000	135-140°

Numeric control machining

Slab can be machined with numeric control machinery (CNC). The most complex CNC stations offer the possibility to angle the head to create many different types of shapes and outlines. This machine is used mainly to obtain recesses for hobs and sinks, edge finishing for flush-mounted tops, holes, edges and curved cuts.

Numeric control machining

TOOLS:

The tool must be diamond finished and suitable for processing porcelain stoneware.
The choice of utensil is linked to the specific processing in question.
Do not make any cuts or holes with utensil oscillation.
During machining, use plenty of well-aimed water, both inside and outside the utensil.

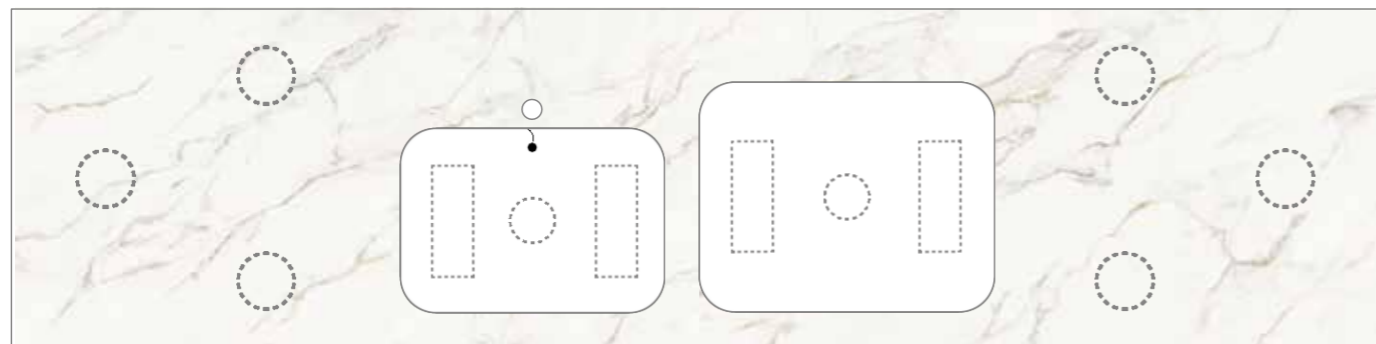
POSITIONING THE SUCTION CUPS:

Before starting machining, check the correct grip of the suction cups on the back of the slab. If

unsatisfactory, use softer seals of a more suitable thickness. If the slab is not perfectly fixed it may move, consequently making the piece unusable.

The correct positioning of the suction cups supporting the slab is a fundamental aspect for successful cutting. For this reason, distribute the suction cups evenly to support the slab particularly near the cut and below the part to be removed after cutting. With the cutting feed, it is important to avoid any bending between the part to be removed and the part machined as this may cause cracks and/or breakages.

As an alternative to the suction cups, special clamps can be used: in this case, bear in mind that the part the clamp is positioned on cannot be machined.



Top- flush machining

It is recommended to proceed by machining the top-flush before making the hole.
Make the cut to the size and depth required, following the instructions in the technical data sheet provided with the sink or appliance to be installed.
Consider the appropriate size of the appliance or sink in order to assess the width of the top-flush recess.



Top- lush machining

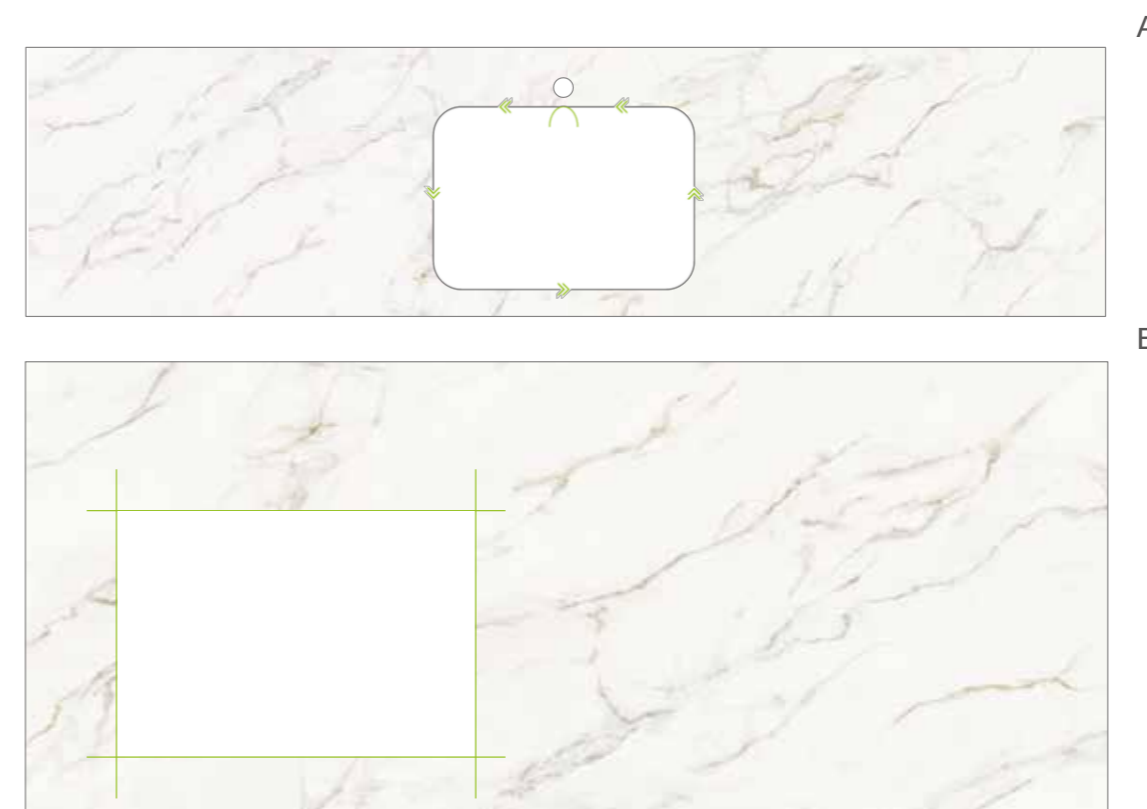
	RPM	FEED SPEED MM / MIN	NOTES
Hole	1.800-2.200	20-30 mm/min	Slow the feed to 10 mm/min at 1-2mm from the bottom, without water
Cutter	3.000-4.000	100-200	135-140°
Top-flush	5.000-7.000	150-250	135-140°
Chamfering	5.000-5.500	1.000-2.000	135-140°
Edge polishing (Matt finishing with metal grinder sequence)	3.000-5.500	1.000-3.000	135-140°
Edge polishing (Polished finishing with resin grinder sequence, after metal grinder sequence)	3.000-5.500	1.500-3.000	135-140°

At the end of each processing phase and before the piece has dried, rinse the surface with clean water. To restore the utensil after a number of cuts, use an alumina or quartz block.

Water jet machining

12mm slabs can easily be cut with water-jet machines: this method is used for all cutting, shaping and drilling operations with a high degree of precision. Check that the metal support grid is in a good condition and flat, and that the piece is appropriately fixed to prevent it from moving, which could compromise the quality of the cut.

If the machine allows, it is also possible to cut at 45°. By adjusting the machining parameters, it is possible to obtain a sharper or rounder edge. For openings in the slab, start cutting inside the hole and then proceed towards the perimeter of the cut. Keep a minimum radius of 5mm for internal angles.



12MM TYPE	FEED SPEED (BAR)	FEED SPEED MM / MIN	CUTTING ABRASIVE	INITIAL DRILLING PRESSURE 4S	DRILLING ABRASIVE
Pale colour	3500-3800	500-600	80 mesh; 350 g/min	800 bar	80 mesh; 150 g/min
Dark colour	3500-3800	400-500	80 mesh; 350 g/min	50%	80 mesh; 150 g/min

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