14. How much do Meld slabs weigh?

- Approximately 340 lb/ea (~17 lb/sf at 1.5" thick.)

15. Are there any special support/bracing requirements when installing Meld slabs?

- Not usually. Similar to natural stone and quartz countertop surfaces Meld slabs can be installed directly on most casework and cabinet framework. Additional supports, bracing or subtops may be required for certain unsupported spans and cantilevers depending on the situation.

16. How do you clean and maintain Meld materials?

- In order to keep your Meld surfaces clean and looking new, simply use soap and water, neutral cleaner, or other (depending on the sealer used.). Potential food, liquid and chemical staining materials should be cleaned up immediately so to avoid permanent staining and etching. Please refer to Meld's Care & Maintenance Guidelines for up to date care and maintenance information.

17. Is it safe to use Meld surfaces outdoors?

- Yes, but all sides, including the underside of the material should be sealed to resist the elements from permeating the surface. Meld surfaces will expand and contract with fluctuating tempera tures and the potential of cracking is possible.

18. Are Meld surfaces and products sealed?

- Yes. Meld slabs are sealed prior to installation by the local countertop fabricator. Custom works are sealed at Meld's manufacturing facility using a number of recommend sealing systems in order to resist staining. Meld surfaces and products are stain resistant and not stain proof. Please refer to Meld's Fabrication Guidelines for sealer recommendations.

19. Are Meld materials heat resistant?

- Unsealed surfaces are very heat resistant. Once sealed though very hot objects placed on the surface might have a tendency to compromise the sealer. For this reason we do not recommend placing hot objects directly on any Meld surface.

20. Do Meld materials qualify for potential LEED points?

- Yes. extremeconcrete, ecoX, Xposed and Micro can contribute to potential LEED credits in at least two categories, MR4 and MR5.