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The Look of Acid-Washed Steel Without the Metal

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Radium, Dekton by Cosentino

A new addition to the Dekton Industrial collection from Spanish solid surfaces company Cosentino, Radium was created in collaboration with Argentinian architect and designer Daniel Germani, and boasts a wide variety of applications, including interior and exterior cladding as well as countertops and indoor and outdoor flooring. This durable surface resembles acid-washed steel and is one of two colorways in the collection that is formed using 80 percent recycled materials—such as glass, porcelain, and natural quartz—harvested from the byproducts of Cosentino's production processes. Radium is made by using Dekton's proprietary Particle Sintering Technology (PST), which reduces the millennia-long compression process that natural stone endures to four hours. In order to achieve a resilient surface, PST exposes the slab to extreme heat and pressure to get rid of pores and micro-defects that may cause weak spots, making it resistant to UV rays and water. The outdoor-suitable product has a low thermal expansion coefficient, which allows it to withstand extremely low and high temperatures. Radium comes in 126" by 56" slabs that measure 0.3", 0.47", and 0.78" thick. cosentino.com

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