



Supporting Food Safety





#### AT CHURCHILL, WE KNOW THAT FOOD SAFETY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A TOP PRIORITY FOR THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY. OUR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING FOOD SAFETY REMAINS OF HIGH IMPORTANCE TO US.

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We blend centuries of experience with cutting edge technology and design innovation to produce one of the strongest ceramic bodies in the world.

Choosing our vitrified ceramic products, each with a hardwearing superior glaze and edge chip resistance, helps to support food safety.

The perfect blend of science, expertise and engineering. Churchill products are engineered to perform, to protect and to last.



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## VITRIFICATION & FIRING



100% of Churchill's ceramics are vitrified which is essential to the hospitality industry. Vitrification is a process where we physically change the clay, melting it to make our ceramics impervious to water. Supporting food safety, bacteria has less opportunity to penetrate into the ceramic and grow.

#### VITRIFICATION

Through the process of vitrification, the particle structure of our ceramic body becomes strong, dense and watertight, limiting bacteria from penetrating into the ceramic.Vitrification also aids durability, as breakages in ceramics are generally related to porosity, or how much water a piece can absorb. Water absorption weakens the physical structure affecting its durability over time.







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#### VITRIFICATION TESTING

We test the vitrification of our product everyday, both in the kilns during firing and in our laboratory when the manufacturing process is complete.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

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### WATER ABSORBENCY TEST



0.4% WATER ABSORBENCY



The water absorption of a Churchill vitrified product is as low as 0.4% compared to a domestic product which has the potential to absorb up to 15% dirty water.



UP TO 15% WATER ABSORBENCY

# ENGINEERED SHAPE & FORM

Every piece of Churchill's ceramic is designed with performance in mind. Through expert shape engineering, we reinforce strength and durability while continual investment in technology guarantees functionality and consistent quality.



#### FULLY GLAZED BASE

Whilst our fully glazed base adds complexity to our manufacturing process, it has been engineered to provide additional benefits to our customers. Distributing the weight more evenly when the product is stacked can reduce the possibility of scratching the glaze surface and becoming a potential entry-point for bacteria.

#### EDGE CHIP RESISTANCE

We understand the importance of edge chip resistance and engineer our products to perform in the busiest environments. Strengthening impact areas and adding a rolled edge improves edge chip resistance.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Our fully glazed base can reduce surface scratching when the product is stacked, limiting the potential to become an entry-point for bacteria.



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ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

## FULLY GLAZED BASE



A more even distribution of pressure when products are stacked helps to reduce the possibility of scratching the glaze surface and becoming a potential entry-point for bacteria.

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The exposed biscuit foot applies a more concentrated pressure when products are stacked, which may result in scratching. The glaze surface then has the potential to become an entry-point for bacteria.



CHURCHILL CHURCHILL DINNER PLATE WITH A GLAZED BASE

DINNER PLATE WITH AN UNGLAZED FOOT

# GLAZING

Our glaze is hard wearing and designed specifically for the hospitality environment. The durability is a combination of the glaze recipe, the firing temperature and substrate.



#### DID YOU KNOW?

Our glaze surface is suitable for use with alkaline substances and tested to withstand 5000 industrial dishwasher cycles.

#### HIGH PERFORMANCE GLAZE

Our products have been designed to support cleaning and sanitising processes, a crucial element to ensure food safety. A two step process, the cleaning process is carried out to physically remove bacteria and dirt from surfaces, followed by a sanitising process which is designed to kill bacteria to a safe level.

#### CLEANING

- Churchill products have a hard wearing glaze, designed to withstand 5000 dishwasher cycles.
- The hardness of our glaze allows the product to be vigorously cleaned or scrubbed using tough non-metallic utensils.

#### SANITISING

- The glaze surface is suitable for use with alkaline substances.
- The glaze can be exposed to UV light.
- Churchill products can be washed/sterilised using boiling or steaming processes\*

\*providing they are not subject to extreme cold temperatures immediately after.



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#### DID YOU KNOW?

Churchill glazes are uniquely formulated and applied to reduce the surface roughness of our ceramics, which lowers the available sites that bacteria are able to adhere to, and this in turn reduces the amount of bacteria that is able to grow on the surface.

# QUALITY & CONFORMANCE

Churchill ceramics are continuously tested and quality checked, from the stage of raw materials, throughout the manufacturing process to the final fired piece.





# Churchill vitrified ceramics conform to the following standards:

#### VITRIFICATION AND FIRING:

- BS EN 4034 British Standard European Approved Vitrified Hotelware
- BS EN 1217:1998 British Standard European Approved Water Absorption

#### **ENGINEERED SHAPE AND FORM:**

- BS EN 12980 British Standard European Approved Determination
  Of Impact Resistance
- ASTM C368 International Standard Impact Resistance Of Ceramic Tableware

#### GLAZING:

- EN 13258 European Standard Crazing Resistance Of Ceramic Articles
- BS 12875 British Standard European Approved Mechanical Dishwasher Resistance
- **BS EN 1183:1997** British Standard European Approved Thermal Shock and Thermal Shock Endurance

#### QUALITY AND CONFORMANCE

- **BS EN 15284** British Standard European Approved Resistance To Microwave Heating
- ASTM C927-80 International Standard Lip And Rim Metal Release
- **BS EN 12980** British Standard European Approved Limits Metal Release From Ceramic



**VITRIFICATION & FIRING** 



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GLAZING

CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE BY VIEWING OUR PERFORMANCE DELIVERED BROCHURE.







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