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Stone is and has always been one of the most revered building materials. Very few others challenge the beauty and it is this value we want to preserve for as long as possible.

MARBLE, GRANITE, LIMESTONE, SLATE, AND OTHERS ARE ALL DIFFERENT STONES WITH DIFFERENT NATURAL PROPERTIES.

This Brochure serves as a reference document that you can refer to when in need of important information on the maintenance and care of stone.

All stones are different. It is this fact that makes each and every piece unique.

Marbles – comprise a variety of compositional and textural types, ranging from pure carbonate to rocks containing very little carbonate and possess an interlocking texture.

Granite – a visibly granular, igneous rock generally ranging in color and consisting mostly of quartz and feldspars.

Limestone – a rock of sedimentary origin composed principally of calcium carbonate, or the double carbonate of calcium and magnesium.

Travertine – a variety of crystalline or microcrystalline limestone distinguished by layered structure. Pores and cavities commonly are concentrated in some of the layers, giving rise to an open texture.

Slate – microcrystalline metamorphic rock most commonly derived from shale and composed mostly of micas, chlorite, and quartz.

Onyx – translucent, generally layered, cryptocrystalline calcite with colors in pastel shades, particularly yellow, brown, and green.

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WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Today the biggest problem associated with stone is the fact that most people do not know how to take care of it.

In general, stone **should not** be cleaned with any type of acid based cleaners or abrasive cleaners. Unfortunately this is difficult as most products on the market do one or the other or both.

You might ask why? Here is the reason.

First, some stones like Marble and Limestone are calcium-based and when they come in contact with acids they react with the stone by dissolving a very small part of the surface of the stone. This is noticeable if the stone has a polished finish, as it will leave a dull appearance in that area. These are called **acid etch marks** and can be fixed by using marble rubbing compounds that bring back the shine (see our MB11 Repolishing Compound). On honed finished areas, the acid etch marks will appear less noticeable but still might need to be buffed out.

Abrasive cleaners should not be used for obvious reasons as they might scratch stone surfaces.

As granite is a quartz-based rock, it does not react with acid, but this does not mean that you should use those types of cleaners. Acid cleaners can also react with sealer removing it and any protection the granite had.

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TO RECAP

Stone should not be cleaned with any acid or abrasives cleaners.

SO WHAT NOW?

There are cleaners that can be used for stone and they must be PH neutral.

This will ensure that no damage will come to the face of the stone or remove any sealer that might be on the stone.

Marble Trend has supplied a complete line of cleaners and sealers that will not harm the stone, but will clean and keep it looking great for years to come. The complete line of cleaners will clean floors, shower walls, and counters. These sealers will protect your investment for years to come. Depending on where you have your stone installed we can recommend the best cleaning and sealing solution.

Please see our chart for the best products suited for your needs.

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OUR LINE OF CLEANERS

Each of our products have been developed to clean specific areas. Depending where your stone is installed the cleaning process can be different. For example, a floor usually does not have a soap film and a counter might have oily finger marks. The type of dirt on the stone will determine which one will work best.

MT-10: A strong intensive cleaner used for removing heavy grime and build up of dirt. Ideal for first time clean up after a new installation or for shower walls that have a build up of soap and grime.

MT-30: A neutral detergent cleaner used daily or when ever you wash your stone floors. This product will not leave any streaks and has a conditioner that helps keep the surface of the stone looking great.

MT-90: A spray and wipe cleaner used for counters to remove oily finger marks and general dirt. It can be used on many surfaces like mirrors, glass, chrome, porcelain, and is a great spray cleaner when you need to wipe an area clean.

Cleaners



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SEALERS WHICH ONE?

We recommend that all stone should be sealed due the fact that it is a natural material, and is porous and any liquid that falls on the stone will penetrate into it.

If the liquid is just water then there is no problem because the water will penetrate into the stone but will also evaporate out.

If the liquid is anything other than clear like coffee, then the coffee also absorbs into the stone but will not come back out. This is a stain. It can be removed with some work and knowledge, so to avoid this the stone needs to be sealed.

The type of sealer recommended for stone varies due to the type of stone used, the type of finish that is on the stone, and ultimately the final appearance one wants. So we have come up with 2 groups of sealers. One that is virtually invisible (Impregnators) and ones that will enhance the stone (Enhancers).

Due to the amount of information about each sealer we will just list each one and on what finish it can be used. Please review the chart to determine which one will give you the best result. Always remember that the sealers are temporary and work under normal conditions. If you leave a spill on a surface for long periods of time then there is a chance that the sealer may not stop a stain. Remember, all sealers do is give you time enough to clean up spills.

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CHART OF CLEANERS AND SEALERS

CLEANERS RECOMMENDED AREA

MT10: Shower Walls/New Floors

MT30: For daily use on Floors

MT90: Counters

SEALERS

ASK US AND WE WILL RECOMMEND THE RIGHT SEALER FOR THE RIGHT STONE.

MB11: Repolishing Compound to restore the shine on marble cased by acid etch marks

Italian Craftsman Marble Polish to enhance the shine on marble or granite.

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