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SUPPLIERS OF FINE STONE

Maintenance and Care

Internal Cladding; Polished Finish

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MAINTENANCE AND CARE
FOR POLISHED INTERNAL FINISHES

Polished natural stone offers a luxurious aesthetic, that reflects the light and creates a high end feel to any fit-out. Unlike honed or textured finishes in marble, limestone and travertine a polished finish is prone to scratching and marks are more noticeable due to its reflective properties

However in many cases polished natural stone is installed on internal walls as a decorative finish that is subject to limited contact or soiling, for example bathroom or foyer walls.

Typically a polished finish is not recommended in external areas due to impact of ultraviolet light and exposure to weathering.

SEALING

For enhanced performance it is recommend that all-natural stone cladding be sealed with **Aqua Seal Gold +** by Sealer Plus

A premium penetrating sealer designed specifically for natural stone resulting in a surface that is more practical to clean and maintain.

Re-application of **Aqua Seal Gold +** approximately every 1-2 years will ensure the longevity and performance of your stone. process will wear away within time.

PRE-SEAL WET AREAS

For cladding exposed to a waterline, shower and/or regularly exposed to water, optimum performance is achieved by a 6 sided dip sealing in **Aqua Seal Ultra Block** prior to install.

Tiles that were dip sealed prior to installation will still be required to be sealed on completion with **Sealers Plus Aqua Seal Gold +**

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Washing of the polished cladding for general maintenance purposes should be carried out using warm to hot potable water. A dash of methylated spirits can help to eliminate wash marks or alternatively the use of specialty cleaning fabrics, such as Enjo, allows washing or wiping with less risk of streaks or wash marks

Sealers Plus Boost is a concentrated cleaner & resealer that offers a rinse & streak free solution to everyday cleaning.

Sealers Plus Stone Gel + is a heavier duty cleaner that can be used for everyday cleaning & commercial grade disinfecting. Specifically formulated for vertical surfaces.

For a spray and wipe cleaner then **Sealers Plus Aquaguard** can be used as cleaner & re sealer.

Always test first in an inconspicuous area to determine ease of application, dilution rate, colour stability & desired results. End user to determine the suitability of the product for their own use.

WET AREAS

In some parts of Western Australia, the water supply is “hard” due to a high mineral content and if left of the stone surface may result in etching of the surface.

In this case, surfaces should be wiped down after use to ensure no water left on the surface. This will also help minimize any build-up of calcite or minerals on the stone surface. If calcite or mineral build up can accumulate over a period it may become necessary for the stone to be re surfaced by an experienced stonemason or sealing contractor.

ETCHES

An etch is not a stain; like a scratch it effectively changes the surface of the stone. It generally appears as a light, dull mark. The more acidic the liquid the faster and deeper the etching occurs. Note: Penetrating Sealers cannot stop etching as they are beneath the stones surface and not a physical barrier between the acidic liquid and the stone.

Some materials are more forgiving of such marks due to colour, movement and pattern. If you are uncertain what material will be suitable for your specification please discuss with one of our showroom consultants.

Etches and scratches can ultimately be removed by re-surfacing the stone, this will need to be done by an experienced stonemason or sealing contractor.

PRODUCTS

All sealing and cleaning products are available to purchase directly from our showroom at 29 Harris Rd Malaga (08) 9294 1929

- Sealers Plus **Aqua Seal Gold +**
- Sealers Plus **EzyClean +**
- Sealers Plus **Re Fresh +**
- Sealers Plus **Ultra Block**

For further assistance with cleaning, sealing and maintenance please do not hesitate to contact our showroom representatives.