

Maintenance and Care

For Textured Floors in Internal Areas.

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SEALING

Once installed natural stone floors should be sealed with the penetrating sealer, **Aqua Seal Gold +** by Sealers Plus, which does not change the appearance or slip rating of the material.

Note that it is critical that the floor is professionally cleaned prior to sealing allowing adequate time to dry prior to application.

Consider re sealing every 2 years. High traffic or commercial areas may require more frequent attention and generally any maintenance guide will have to be tailored to meet the demands of each individual project

WET AREAS

In some parts of Western Australia, the water supply is “hard” due to a high mineral content and if left on 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.

SPIILLS & ETCHES

If a serious spillage occurs in a particular area it should be cleaned promptly. As penetrating sealers provide no surface protection, that is, spillages of acidic substances; alcohol, citrus juice etc., will leave an etch mark on the surface.

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.

WASHING AND CLEANING

Washing of the floor 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 EzyClean + can be used for everyday cleaning & commercial grade disinfecting. If regularly used this rinse & streak free cleaner can help prevent soap scum & hard water deposit build up whilst not affecting the sealer's performance.

For periodic heavy duty clean then **Sealers Plus Stone Wash +** can be used to remove dirt, grease, grim & soap scum.

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.

Depending on the extent of traffic, it may be necessary from time to time to "scrub wash" either manually using a white nylon pad or a commercial cleaning machine.

For the ultimate finish we recommend that sealing, buffing and scrub washing be carried out by professional sealing contractor, please contact our office for a complete list.

PRODUCTS

All sealing and cleaning products are available to purchase directly from our Stone Tile Warehouse at 62 Westchester Road, Malaga (08) 6558 0511 or our Bernini showroom at 181 Hay Street, Subiaco (08) 9388 1178

- Sealers Plus **Aqua Seal Gold +**
- Sealers Plus **EzyClean +**

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