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Honed finish is generally considered more appropriate than polish for any work surface as a polished surface is extremely vulnerable to abrasive action or spillages of acidic substances.

While a honed finished is also equally vulnerable, it is also more “forgiving” and on this basis many choose honed marble as a kitchen, vanity and table tops finish.

SEALING

On completion of the benchtop installation we recommend sealing with **Aqua Seal Gold +**

This is a penetrating sealer and does not change the appearance of the material or leave a film on the surface. While the product is extremely effective it does not provided resistance to acidic substances (e.g. alcohol or citrus juice).

Tops should be resealed every **12 months**, depending on the intensity of use.

GENERAL PROTECTION

Please note that the sealing referred to deals specifically with the porosity of the material and minimizes any risk of staining but does not protect honed or polished surfaces from scratching, abrasion or attack from acidic substances. To protect the honed & polished surface we recommend regular application of **Delta Pulsar** a wax based polish that will enhance and protect the surface.

During application the “Pulsar” tends to dry quickly leaving application marks. These are best removed and the surface polished with a fine grade steel wool. Some marbles e.g. black or high quality white will scratch with steel wool and a coarse fabric or polishing pad should be used instead (if in doubt contact one of our staff to discuss).

In the event that the “Delta Pulsar” wax is used on a regular basis, resealing with a penetrating sealer is no longer required as the wax effectively seals the surface.

Note: Natural stone has its limitation, acidic attack will cause the surface of the stone to appear etched, products that can cause the etching are, Juices, Alcohol, incorrect cleaning products, where possible any spillage must be cleaned as soon as possible to avoid any damage to the surface.

MAINTENANCE & CLEANING

Regular maintenance is recommended in the form of periodic washing with warm, clean potable water.

Everyday cleaning can be done with the **Sealers Plus Range** of spray & wipe type cleaner for a rinse & streak free solution to killing odours, bacteria and germs, plus disinfecting and sanitising.

- **Sealers Plus Refresh +** is a ready to use one-step spray, clean & shine bench top cleaner designed for regular maintenance.
- **Sealers Plus Clean N Gleam** is a daily ready to use one-step spray, clean & shine bench top cleaner that will prolong the existing polished finish. Ideal for domestic & commercial use.
- **Sealers Plus Aquaguard** is a new generation ready to use one step cleaner & re-sealer. Use on all sealed Stone, Tile, Grout and other water safe surfaces to clean surface and prolong the performance of the existing sealer. Helps to remove surface dirt, grease & grime plus inhibit growth of mould, mildew and odours. Boosts the performance and longevity of existing natural look penetrating sealers.

Note: Due to the nature of different surfaces, you should do several test areas in inconspicuous areas according to the label instructions to determine surface colour stability and desired

PRODUCTS

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

- Sealer Plus **Aqua Seal Gold +**
- Sealer Plus **ReFresh +**
- Sealer Plus **Clean N Gleam**
- Sealer Plus **Aquaguard**
- Delta **Pulsar Wax**

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