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Natural Stone Care & Maintenance



- All natural stone should be sealed prior to installation but no stone is supplied sealed by Artedomus. Working together with your installer to create the desired look and feel of the finished project is a key part of the installation process.
- Any sealer suggested by Artedomus is one of many on the market that could be suitable for use. Selecting the correct sealer is an installation discussion not a supply discussion.
- Use of a damp, warm is the best option for general cleaning of stone. If necessary, dilute non-fragranced pH neutral dishwashing detergent for use with the microfibre cloth.
- Daily cleaning of tiled areas may be achieved by using a pH neutral cleaner diluted with clean water. Mop or scrub over any floor area vigorously to remove dirt and grease build up. Mop floor with clean water on completion to achieve the best results. Use a microfibre cloth on walls.
- Avoid the use of acidic or caustic cleaning products (such as Spray 'n' Wipe and Jif) on any stone. All products of this type will degrade the sealer more quickly, and may harm the surface finish of the stone.

- All natural stone, even once sealed, will exhibit some natural porosity. Sealer can assist with protecting the stone from staining but it can not protect the stone forever from a staining agent. Wiping up spills as soon as possible is recommended. Wiping up strongly coloured spills (red wine, beetroot, hair dye) immediately is strongly recommended.
- Acidic or caustic liquids and solids can alter or harm the finish of the stone. Sealers typically do not counter the effects of acid attack on the bench top surface. These acids include but are not limited to alcohols (such as wine), descaling agents for coffee machines, citric acids (such as lemon juice) and vinegar. We recommend the use of chopping boards in any food preparation areas.
- Testing the beading of water on the stone surface is a good indicator of the integrity of the sealer. Sealer performance can be reviewed periodically in this way as often as the usage demands.
- Any installed surface can be resealed or refinished if necessary. Resealing is possible to be done informally by the client but refinishing is best left to professional assistance. Contractors can be suggested by Artedomus if necessary, but all clients should make their own enquiries to ensure the suitability of any contractor they engage to complete works.
- All comments around protection of the sealed surface applies to benchtops as well as tiled areas. This is not considered an exhaustive list of potential ways to damage the stone surface and so common sense should be used at all times when dealing with natural stone.

Flooring

- Floors should be vacuumed regularly to remove any build up of abrasive dirt and grit. This will minimize the possibility of scratching to the finished surface. Microfibre pad mops and cloths are best to use on stone surfaces. Avoid excessive use of water or cleaning products at all times.
- For periodic thorough cleaning of flooring use a pH neutral cleaner in a stronger solution of 20:1. Apply the solution evenly but not excessively. Allow the solution to stand for 3 to 5 minutes. Agitate with a scrubbing brush or machine. Remove with a wet vacuum and allow it to dry without streaking. If desired, buff floor on completion with a suitable non-abrasive pad to achieve a uniform finish.