

# Uba Tuba granite countertop repair

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What is the best way to fix a chip in my Uba Tuba countertop. Also, is Uba Tuba really granite? Thanks.

Dear Robin:

A good repair can only be performed by a professional stone restoration contractor. Maybe the chip is not deep enough and must be made deeper for proper bonding of the filler. Once the filler is cured it will need to be ground down to the level of the surface of the stone and polished to blend in. Not an easy job, as I am sure you can understand.

As for your second question, Ubatuba is not true geological granite. It is charnockite, a stone that for the intents and purposes of a kitchen countertop can be considered even "better" than true geological granite. In fact, being as dense as it is, it does not require any sealing, for it is naturally stain-resistant. The only possible drawback is that certain batches of Ubatuba are sensitive of UV exposure and can change hue over time. Other than that (which if it happens can't be helped "but I don't consider it a big deal), all you need to do is learn the basics for good stone routine up-keeping. In fact, **The issue of what you'll be doing day in and day out to your stone is "as it should be intuitive" vastly more important than its sealing** (if and when possible and/or advisable "which in the case of Ubatuba is totally useless) and it's all too often neglected. As you can tell by reading many of this site's postings, you're not likely to get good information about routine care from your dealer or installer. Don't become another statistic! By logging into the Helpful Hints section of our website at: [http://www.mbstone.com/HH\\_promo/helpful\\_hints.htm](http://www.mbstone.com/HH_promo/helpful_hints.htm), you will be able to get the short version of our maintenance guidelines at no charge. The full version of it "a 7-page document considered by many as an industry benchmark" is available in pay-per-download format in our Educational Literature section at: <http://www.mbstone.com/literature/literature.htm>.

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Ciao and good luck,

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