

Discoloration Caused By Steam

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Maurizio. I am an idiot. I was cooking last night and set a pan lid on some napkins on the surface of my Maron Castor granite counter top. It appears the steam from the lid discolored the counter top and left a darkened ring. It was "sealed" which I understand is nothing more than a shoe shine finish. Please tell me it is not ruined. If it is repairable, what can usually be done to correct the problem?

Dear Ray:

â€œ I am an idiot â€•

Welcome to the club!! J

Your stain should be gone by the time you read this. If not, let me know.

As for your perception of a sealer, I believe that you've got it totally wrong. Sealers for stone are below-the-surface (of the stone) impregnating type of sealers. I'm not really familiar with your particular stone (I don't even know what it is exactly), but if memory serves me right, it can't be technically sealed: just too darn dense to let any impregnator in. But I might be wrong on this one.

â€œ Please tell me it is not ruined â€•

Okay, I will tell you that it is not ruined, if you want me to tell you that !... J Joking aside, it is not ruined.

â€œ If it is repairable, what can usually be done to correct the problem? â€•

Let's see if the stain goes away by itself. Only if it will not, will we think what to do next. Fair enough? And don't worry: we will find a solution!

Now remember, it's never too early to think about the proper maintenance of your stone.
The issue of what you'll be doing day in and day out to your stone is â€" as it should be intuitive â€" vastly more important than its sealing (if and when possible and/or advisable) and it's all too often neglected. As you can tell by reading many of this

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Thank you

Ciao and good luck,

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