

# Non filled tumbled travertine in shower

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We're looking at using small 2"x2" tumbled travertine squares as the flooring in a shower stall remodel, but it is not honed nor filled. I am afraid that the natural holes in the stone will allow water to reside, and eventually mold and or mildew will form. Should the travertine used in our shower, whether flooring or walls, be honed and filled, or is it okay to use it without being that way?

Dear Tom:

You can use the tumble-finished type, but, very definitely, it must be filled inside a shower stall for the sanitary consideration that you already listed. You could fill the holes with clear latex-based caulking material. In that way you could still see the holes.

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Ciao and good luck,

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