

Crack or Fissure

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When these carrera marble tops got to my house yesterday (I sent pics to your mailbox) the guys said “oh we have a problem” and then showed me the piece of marble I have attached pictures of with what looks like a long crack in the part behind the sink. They took the slabs back to the fabrication facility and then I got a call from the owner saying this was just a fissure and was natural. I thought it did not look natural though as it is almost 2 feet long and does not look like a vein at all. Can you tell from the pics if this looks more like a crack or a fissure? I did not see anything like this when I chose the slabs at the stone importers. Thank you!

Dear Brittany:

I didn't even need to see the picture: It's a crack.

I never saw and/or even heard of any possible fissure on White Carrara marble. (And I've seen a few gazillions of that stuff!) It just does not exist.

Jus tell the guy that, unfortunately for him, you are not as stupid as he was hoping you would be! (You can also forward this correspondence to him and let him know about marblecleaning.org. He will hate my guts, that's for sure, but hey, nobody can sell them all! J)

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 “as it should be intuitive” vastly more important than its sealing** (if and when possible and/or advisable “which in the case of White Carrara marble is not possible and advisable) 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, 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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Thank you

Ciao and good luck,

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