

Round Rings On Marble Table

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When I bought the marble, the guy who cut the marble for me indicated that it had been sealed. Well, within less than a year, these weird rings started to appear and the marble has lost a lot of it's sheen. I've now had the table for 5 years. Questions: 1) What products on the market MB Stonecare or Stonetech can I use to try and restore the marble. It's Bella Rosa (I think...definitely something with Rosa), 2) Should I just leave it up to a professional because I bought this pumice stuff at Lowe's and it did not work, 3) I like a high shine to my marble/granite, but don't like the idea of having to tape stuff off and use a paint brush 4) I would like to access a product line that I can use on the table, my granite kitchen countertops and my limestone bathroom counter and shower tiles. Do I need a million products? There has been dulling in the shower because I've used Ivory soap. The shower is all natural stone, but I'm not sure what type. 5) Also, our city's water is considered "hard" and things turn orange. I know that I'm supposed to be delicate with the stone, but the "hard" water makes it kind of difficult. Thanks for any help that you can provide. If there are better products on the market, please let me know. I've heard great things about the MB products and was thinking about buying that starter kit. Thanks, Jenny

Dear Jenny:

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And may I ask what you think that the impregnator that was used to "seal" your marble could have ever began to do to prevents the marks of corrossions (surface damages: etchings - not stains) that you have on your table top?...

1) What products on the market MB Stonecare or Stonetech can I use to try and restore the marble.

To the best of my knowledge StoneTech has nothing for that. MB Stone Care has a Marble Repair Kit that **might** solve the problem. However, considering the extensiveness of the damage and, possibly, the severity of a certain number of those etch-marks, I doubt that it will produce a completely satisfying result. Most likely, at this point, your best bet is to hire a proficient stone restoration contractor. Maybe you may want to try with the Marble Repair Kit first and then, if it won't work to your satisfaction, hire a stone restoration contractor. No matter, what, the kit will not be a waste of money: it always come in handy when you have polished marble surface in your home. Remember: nothing can prevent etching!

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Of course it didn't work. It just could not work. The poultice stuff from Lowe's, like any other poultice stuff, is meant to remove stains, not surface damages.

â€œI like a high shine to my marble/granite, but don't like the idea of having to tape stuff off and use a paint brush â€•

Sorry, but no matter how hard I try interpreting your sentence, I have not the foggiest idea of what you're talking about...
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â€œI would like to access a product line that I can use on the table, my granite kitchen countertops and my limestone bathroom counter and shower tiles. Do I need a million products? â€•

No, you don't need a million products. Only a few and specialized in relation to the different kinds of soil you're dealing with. I.e.: you can't expect to clean, say, soap scum or mildew with the same product, or with a product designed to clean finger marks, or to clean grease, etc.

The type of stone has nothing to do with its cleaning: All products rated for stone are supposed to be safe on any type of stone. The type of stone only has to do with the possibility and/or convenience of sealing it. But, as you had the opportunity to experience, sealing polished marble is - in the vast majority of instances - a total waste of time and money.

â€œAlso, our city's water is considered "hard" and things turn orange. I know that I'm supposed to be delicate with the stone, but the "hard" water makes it kind of difficult. â€•

It sounds like you a problem in the form of iron in your city water (a very rare occurrence). No product can help you with that. Your only solution is to further filter your water where it accesses the house.

â€œIf there are better products on the market, please let me know.â€•

Nothing in a bottle could ever solve problems. Only the right intelligence before and after the product in a bottle is what really counts!

May I ask you now to please read and e-sign our Statement of Purpose at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/purpose.htm>
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