

# marble shower with soap scum

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We have a marble shower stall and the floor is getting extremely dirty where our feet usually stand. What would you recommend to clean it? There is also a lot of soap scum build-up by the drain. I believe it is honed marble. It is not a huge area, what should I expect to pay (ballpark) if I get it professionally cleaned and polished?

Dear Carl:

â€œWe have a marble shower stall and the floor is getting extremely dirty where our feet usually stand â€•

I must admit that I never heard that one before!â€

â€œThere is also a lot of soap scum build-up by the drain. â€•

I doubt it. It is probably efflorescence, which would indicate that you have water under your tiles (damaged and/or missing grout lines?), which, to a certain degree, by a stretch of imagination and depending on the stone, may even offer a sensible explanation for the unusual soiling.

My best advice is that you consult with a reputable stone restoration contractor in your area. In that way you will have a sure assessment of the problem and proper course of action.

As for routine care, should it turn out that's indeed soap scum accumulation, b y 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 â€“ a 7-page document considered by many as an industry benchmark â€“ 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,

Maurizio Bertoli

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