tumbled marble in shower stall

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After seeing spa/shower display at Home Depot which used tumbled marble I thought I would do the same in my tub/shower. Now after the tiling is all done(it looks awesome) I see many postings on the net warning against this product in showers! And also a number of sites where tumbled marble is used in showers(Bob Vila too!) and steam rooms. Will a sealer protect this shower or should cut my losses and convert it into a tub only unit.

Dear Robert:

Cutting your losses?? If the installation was done properly, tumbled marble is among the most rugged and as close to maintenance-free materials that money can buy for a shower stall. I really don't know who gave you those silly ideas, but just forget about them. Being that marble is a dense stone (I bet that you've heard differently!) it won't even require to be sealed. Not to mention tat's never a good idea to seal stone installed in a wet environment. At beast, and mostly for aesthetic reasons, if you like that deeper color that your stone takes when wet, the application of a good quality stone color enhancer like MB-6 will give you that wet-look (without any sheen) permanently. Just enjoy your stall, and learn how to take care of your stone on a routine basis, which, no matter how easy it is, it "s vastly more important that the sealing.

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