

travertine after construction cleaning

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I have just installed honed travertine showers, tub walls, bathroom floors and kitchen floors. What solution should I use to clean these areas before I apply an enhancer/sealer. Even if I don't choose to enhance or seal these areas I still need to clean them well to remove any grit or residue. Thanks, Carol

Dear Carol:

You're absolutely right about the need of doing a thorough after installation cleaning whether you eventually decide to use a color-enhancer. You could either use a heavy-duty alkaline cleaner rated "for stone" like MB-2; but if you have a residue of grout film, MB-3 may even be better for the purpose due to the chelates it has in its formula.

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) 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,

Maurizio Bertoli

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