

# Honed Limestone Countertops Restoration

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I am wondering I am able to use the marble polishing powder on honed limestone countertops for light scratches and etching (or what I think is etching- appears dull in areas. The product lists polished limestone but I want to make sure I won't cause any damage by using it on honed limestone.

Dear Rhonda:

A polishing powder for marble and limestone is designed to do one thing and one thing only: polish. Therefore it is certainly not the right product to use to restore a hone-finished stone surface.

What to do?

Quite simply, instead of trying to find sophisticated solutions on a bottle, all you have to do is use some good old metal-grade sandpaper. You can use it by hand, but you'd be better off if you had a small buffer to use it with. Hit the etch-mark with a 120 grit to start with, and then follow up with 240 and 400 grit. (Or maybe the 240 will do.) This will usually get a result pretty close to factory finish. If it doesn't, don't worry too much: a few weeks of foot traffic will take care of producing a perfect blending. Don't be happy with a few strokes: work each grit intensively and make sure to widen the area you're working on of at least 1" all around each grit. Pretty easy, wouldn't you say?... J

If the stone had been sealed with an impregnator, it may need to be sealed again in the areas you worked on.

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](http://www.mbstone.com/HH_promo/helpful_hints.htm)

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