

Sealing of travertine

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Dear Maurizio, I have travertine marble as a bench to sit down in my jacuzzi outside. This material, travertine was chosen instead of the usual mosaic to give a more prestigious look but unfortunately water is penetrating the bench with a result of losing some 10cm every week from my jacuzzi water level. Pool engineer carried a pressure evaluation of the pipes and confirmed no loss, hinting that the travertine bench is the culprit. Any assistance in what product will really seal and make the travertine non porous? Of course the travertine bench is always immersed in water.

Dear Kevin:

Of course the travertine bench is always immersed in water. •

And so it was for only the gods know for how many millennia during its formation.

Is somebody perhaps suggesting you that the water goes through the core of the stone and let the level drop???!

Sealed or unsealed, there are only two chances to that: No way and now how!

Unless the holes of the slab were not properly filled, of course. But even in that extreme case it would be highly doubtful that it could cause a situation like the one you're experiencing.

Check every inch of the grout and caulk lines and you will eventually discover where the water disappears through.

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

Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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