

Fillers for holes and cracks of marble

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Hi Maurizio, My wife and I just moved into a new home. The master bathroom has the emperador dark marble slabs for the counter - it's beautiful. However, on close inspection, there are holes, if you will, along some of the marble's veins -- some 2-3mm small, while some are much larger 4-8 mm. I checked your product line for fillers of these "holes" but didn't see any. What would you recommend? Thanks, Trieu

Dear Trieu:

You could use almond-color latex-based silicone caulk as filler. The almond color matches the color of the veining. Fill the holes, let the filler dry for 30 second or so, shave it flush with the surface of the stone using a razor blade, and then immediately clean the residue off from around the filled holes with a finger frapped around a damp piece of terry-cloth. Let it cure for a day or so -- done! It may shrink a bit, but it's no biggie. If you want the "perfect" job, you have to get a professional stone restoration contractor that will use polyester glue to do the filling.

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,

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