

Angola Black - Fissures

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I am having a dispute with my installer. I have heard that this granite has very few and very small natural fissures. They are telling me that what I believe to be an installation stress crack is a natural fissure. How can I prove I am right? Thank you for your help.

Dear Steve:

You're right. That stone has very little fissures â€” if any at all.

How can you prove that you're right?

First off, real fissure have kinda rounded edges, not sharp. Not to mention that if that slabs there are fissures, they should be scattered a bit all over, not just one or two single ones.

More importantly, considering the particular kind of stone, if the â€œnatural fissureâ€• is more than 1/2â€• long and/or goes all the way to the edge and/or under the slab, it ain't no fissure: it is a crack â€” period.

But it could be professionally repaired permanently and made totally invisible, after addressing the reason for the crack (stress point). Unfortunately, in my sentence there's a â€œdisturbingâ€• word: professionallyâ€

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 â€” as it should be intuitive â€” 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 â€” a 7-page document considered by many as an industry benchmark â€” is available in pay-per-download format in our Educational Literature section at: <http://www.mbstone.com/literature/literature.htm>.

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