

vomit on bathroom floor (marble)

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I had a party a few weeks ago and unfortunately someone had a bit too much to drink. He had vomited on the bathroom floor and the mess wasn't cleaned up until the morning. The marble now appears quite dull in that 12 inch circular area and won't restore with any product i've purchased (magic granite and marble cleaner, etc) What are your thoughts and will your product work?

Dear Adam:

Wow, it didn't clean not even with the "œmagic" cleaner??... Maybe you should have tried the "œmiracle" cleaner instead!... J

Sorry, but I could not resist.

Vomit is acidic and acid corrodes marble and any other calcite-based rock. Which means that you have a severe etching (corrosion) on your stone surface that, of course, can't be cleaned off. It is like a shallow chemical scratch, and you could not certainly clean a scratch off, could you? In other words, it is a serious surface damaged that can only be repaired.

How?

At the end of the day it is not a big deal, but your only option is to hire a bona fide stone restoration contractor who will lightly grind (hone) and then re-polish your stone.

Now, you'd better watch out! I consider stone refinishing as the very pinnacle of all the activities related to stone from a professional point of view. Unfortunately, there are a lot of quacks on the loose out there! You get one of those, and you may even have to kiss your stone bye-bye!

How could you tell a champ from a chomp? Could you trust the recommendation of your local stone distributor, or contractor, or your interior decorator? Hardly!

We have available a very comprehensive article on how to select a *bona fide* stone restoration contractor, which will give you all the intelligence you need to make a competent choice. It does carry a small price tag, and you can order it by logging on the Educational Literature section Of our website at: <http://www.mbstone.com/literature/literature.htm>. It's available in pay-per-download format and I consider it a cheap "œinsurance premium" to pay when there are thousands of \$ involved! Not to mention the little and much needed support you'd be giving to the cause "œ YOUR cause, since every single penny of the cost of the article will be used to support it.

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Thank you.

Ciao and good luck,

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