

Dull finished Emerald Pearl edges

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The fabricator insists that he cannot finish grind/polish the bullnose that he fabricated to achieve the same level of gloss of the factory-finished piece. He insists that he used a 3000 grit finish compound. Isn't there anything that can be done to matched the pieces? Granite is less than 2 months old. Thanks.

Dear Kelvin:

“Isn't there anything that can be done to matched the pieces?”

Of course there is. It's called “fabricator who knows what is doing” and unfortunately, there are a few out there that don't meet that requirement! L

“He insists that he used a 3000 grit finish compound.”

I'm sure he did. But 3000 is only a number. That doesn't mean that he's using the right type of abrasives for that particular stone.

Emerald Pearl, which is a rare form of Alkaline Feldspar Syenite, can be tricky to polish at times, depending on the batches. But that doesn't mean that it can be polished. If the factory polished the face of the slab, that means that a good fabricator with more than one trick up his sleeves can polish the edges, too. After all, polishing edges is much easier than polishing the face of a stone “especially mercantile granite.

Other than that, there's not much else I can suggest you, alas.

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