

Durango travertine

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Q. We have honed Durango travertine as coping around our pool. When first installed it had a rich color which began overtime to fade (oxidized?) due to weathering (more white than pale yellow/gold color). I tried a sealer color product which did bring back the color but a year later that has worn off and again it's faded. I am wondering if brief HCl acid wash would help as well as roughen it a bit (its slippery when wet)? Tests on a scrap seem to work very well for both color and roughness. Any draw back to this approach (it may eventually fade after weathering too)? Thanks

Hello Randall,

I would stay away from the acid wash as travertine is acid sensitive. I would however consider having the stone honed

mechanically with either brushes, diamond pads or honing powders to roughen it up a bit and then use an exterior color enhancer that can be reapplied each season or once a year. If you need a pro go to

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