

# Tumbled Limestone Mosaic Shower Floor

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Q. I just had a new bathroom & shower installed. The floor of the shower is a one inch limestone mosaic tile - looks tumbled. (I also have it high on the shower wall as a border.) The folks that sold the tile (Mosaic Tile) said the floor use was fine - that the limestone should be sealed. My major concern, obviously, is water seeping through a) the limestone, b) the concrete pan, and c) the "rubber" pan liner. Additionally, I do not want water build up promoting algae growth. I would like maximize water flow down the drain. It is not a polished stone. Nor is the porcelain tile on the shower walls. I am not looking for polish. Will sealing help me meet my objectives? How should the limestone floor be maintained? FYI, I purchased the maintenance off MB's site, but it doesn't seem to answer my sealing question. Thanks. Mike

Hi Mike. While it won't be a good stone safe cleaner and mildew stain remover for maintenance of the shower stall and use a squeegee every day.

As far as sealing goes, test the limestone by puddling a palm size puddle of water on the surface for 5-10 min. Wipe away the water with some paper towels and see if a darker mark remains (absorbant). If so use a water based sealer to seal. If it's a small stall you can spray or pour on the sealer and spread it out over the surface with a roller or lambs wool. Let it sit for 5 minutes and then use paper towels or rags to remove all the sealer from the surface of the stone.

You can test the surface again in 4-5 hours and if it still absorbs water repeat the sealing process again.

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