

Lemon Juice test on a

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Thanks for the opportunity to learn a lot about granite countertop. I question if the lemon juice test can be affected by a factory applied sealer? It seems logical that a stone impregnated with sealer would resist the absorption of the lemon juice, leading me to believe the stone needs no sealer. A later test, when the sealer wears off, may indicate the stone indeed should be sealed, but it may be too late. What do you suggest when buying slabs already sealed? My supplier says all the slabs are sealed at the factory. I am installing Verde Butterfly, which I understand has no need for and should not be sealed, but since there are no absolutes with natural materials and I subscribe to the adage "Buyer Beware", I would like to test my slabs. Will it do any good on a stone with sealer on it already?

Jim:

The sealing process performed by the factory is called resining and it is permanent for the entire life of the installation. All in all the process is to be considered as a good thing.

I don't think that your countertop will ever need to be sealed.

However, it will still need to be taken good care of! Sealing is only a small part of the total maintenance picture, not to mention that nobody should get paranoid about an occasional stain. After all, removing stains from stone is child-play.

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Ciao and good luck,

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