

# Travertine sealer

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My new travertine pool deck was sealed today and is still shiny or should I say shellacky (my word). I had wrote the name of the sealer down earlier today when it was being applied in case I needed to purchase in the future. After observing the intense wet shellac look was still there after about 8 hours of the deck drying I checked online exactly what the product that was used. The product used was Super Diamond Clear from The Euclid Chemical Company and from my reading it looks like it purpose is for sealing concrete and I could not find any mention of Travertine or Natural Stone. I left a message with the pool company who had layed the travertine and sealed it . My concern is that they usually lay brick pavers and that they just used the same sealer on my travertine. I would like your expert opinion on what to do now. Can I get the sealer off? Will it be damaging to the deck The MSDS on the product used is pretty toxic sounding. You can find that on the website- euclidchemical.com. Product name- Super Diamond Clear. I observed there were other super diamond clears with low VOC's but this one apparently is high. The smell on the deck is very toxic smelling. I have two small children and a dog and cat. At this point I don't even feel I would want anyone sitting on the deck besides the horrible shiny cheap look of it. Please help I am just sick about it. Thanks, Teresa Romanoff

Dear Teresa:

Natural stone should never - I mean **never** - be sealed with anything outdoors or near a wet invironment. Stone has been outdoors for a few thousands years and never felt the need of some useless sealer - thank you very much. That said, I have not the slightest idea of what must be done to strip it. My field of (alleged) expertise does not cover stuff like that.

Get in touch with the pool installer and demand, in non-uncertain terms, that they remove that garbage immediately, or else.

Contacting the manufacturer of the product and asking them for directions will be helpful, too.

May I ask you now to please read and e-sign our Statement of Purpose at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/purpose.htm>  
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Ciao and good luck,

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