

MB-11 for etch marks?

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Hello and thank you for the great site. A bath gel leaked onto my cream colored tumbled marble and I have learned from your site that they are etch marks. There are 3 long narrow streaks. Will MB-11 help that? What do you recommend? Many thanks. Karen

Dear Karen:

Etch marks?... Are you sure?... What do they look like? Are they darker or lighter than the stone?

The reason why I am so hesitant to accept your explanation is that etch marks don't show on tumble-finished stone.

Excluding MB-11 from the picture (it is only for polished stone surfaces), if the streaks are lighter they're probably etch mark on the color enhancer that may have been applied to the stone â€” typical and recommended application to tumbled marble. In such case, all you have to do is to slightly sand (yes, with good ol' sand paper!) the surface of the damaged tiles with 240 grit, and then apply a good-quality stone color enhancer like MB-6. Finished!

If instead the streaks are darker, than you're facing a stain. In this case, first you try with the sand paper starting at 60 grit and up to 240, followed by the color enhancer. If that's still not enough, you will have to poultice the stain out.

How?...

When it comes to stain removal, either you buy one of those expensive â€œProfessional kitsâ€• (that no true professional ever uses!) at a stone retailer near you, or you can spend less money and get our comprehensive guidelines on how to remove stains by using inexpensive and far more effective means that you may already have in your household! Such impressive piece of literature will also tell you how to tell stains apart from â€œstainsâ€•, and what to do about the latter! It does carry a small price tag, and you can order it by logging on at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/literature.htm>. It's available in pay-per-download format and it's much cheaper than any kit on the market! Not to mention the little and much needed support you'd be giving to the cause â€” **your cause** - since every single penny of the cost of the article will be used to support it.

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Ciao and good luck,

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