

# travertine restoration

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Hello. We just purchased a home with travertine flooring that was not properly cared for by the previous owners. It has to be restored. One company uses diamond tools to hone and another uses an acid wash. Is there an advantage to one over the other? Is one better than the other? Thanks so much for your response!

Dear Danielle:

and another uses an acid wash.

If by another you mean another company, you're wrong: they're not a company they are quacks.

Don't entertain the possibility of hiring them, not even if they offer you to do the work for free!

I regard stone refinishing as the very pinnacle of all the activities related to stone from a professional point of view. Unfortunately, there are a lot of quacks on the loose out there! You get one of those, and, in extreme cases, you may even have to kiss your stone bye-bye!

How could you tell a champ from a chomp? Could you trust the recommendation of your local stone distributor, or contractor, or your interior decorator? Hardly!

We have available a very comprehensive article on how to select a *bona fide* stone restoration contractor, which will give you all the intelligence you need to make a competent choice. It does carry a small price tag, and you can order it by logging on the Educational Literature section Of our website at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/literature.htm>. It's available in pay-per-download format and I consider it a cheap insurance premium to pay when there are thousands of \$ involved! Not to mention the little and much needed support you'd be giving to the cause YOUR cause, since every single penny of the cost of the article will be used to support it.

Also, will you please read and sign our **Statement of Purpose** at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/purpose.htm>? By spreading the word about this valuable site among your friend & family and the stone trades' people you've been dealing with you will be rendering everybody a valuable service!

Moreover, do take advantage of the plethora of FREE Helpful Hints available at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/helpful-hints.htm>. They're on the house!

Thank you.

Ciao and good luck,

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