

# Travertine installation in a shower

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Hello,

I am in the process of installing Travertine in my bedroom but after reading people's questions about correcting water damage, I was wondering why my installer said my travertine will be fine even when used on the shower floor. I want to continue the tile throughout the bedroom, into the dressing area and into the shower and up the bathing area walls. Is Travertine ok for this use? It's not the porous type and he is going to seal it. Do I need a special sealer? Or should I use a tumble stone in the shower? I hope to use the travertine, but it's not too late to change the plan yet.

Thanks for your help.

Robert

Dear Robert:

Travertine is an excellent stone indeed for a shower enclosure. However, your "probing" is kinda just at skin level... :-)

A stone is just as good as the installer. If the installer will not install it right on a floor or a wall, it may not be a big deal, but inside a shower stall a poor installation will only spell: F-A-I-L-U-R-E, no matter how good the stone is. The importance of sealing travertine in a shower stall is very marginal. The technique of the installation is paramount.

I would urge you to not cut any corners on hiring your installer. A great resource for locating quality installers is [www.stoneandtilepros.com](http://www.stoneandtilepros.com). Click on the Find a Pro tab. All of the installers listed have been checked out. Of course, you always want to make sure to do your own due diligence.

May I ask you now to please read and sign our Statement of Purpose? (<http://www.marblecleaning.org/purpose.htm>) :-)

Ciao and good luck,  
Maurizio Bertoli

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