

travertine

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Hi there, I am considering installing a light sand colored travertine tile in our new steam shower. Will it need a lot of upkeep and sealing, or can we just grout it and be done! Aldo, I am getting them at home depot (made in turkey). Any prob. with the quality? Thanks so much! Laurene

Dear Laurene:

Will it need a lot of upkeep and sealing, or can we just grout it and be done!

Neither. It will not need any sealing and it will not need a lot of upkeep, but just the *grout and be done* thing is too simple. Everything needs routine care and travertine is no exception. Since is natural stone, it will require specialty cleaning products. (<http://www.mbstonecare.com>)

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Aldo??... Who's Aldo?... Never mind!... J

Yeah, you may have some serious problem with the quality. Based upon my personal experience with Turkish travertine sold by the Home Depot, its grading leaves a lot to be desired. It is not the Turkish travertine itself, mind you: there are excellent grades of that stone, but it is highly unlikely that you can find them at the Home Depot. It appears to me that to maximize their profits they buy the bottom of the barrel. Nobody has to disclose the grading of stone, anyway, and right out of the box those tiles don't look too bad!

I mean, you don't really think that at the Big Box stores they sell those tiles cheaper than specialized tile and stone retailers because they love you, do you?...

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Ciao and good luck,

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