

# travertine installation

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I just wanted to confirm my understanding of the installation of honed and filled travertine. I will be having it installed in flooring (kitchen, bathrooms, hallways, entrance ways) as well as showers (including a steam shower). Do you see any problem with this product in any of these applications? Also, my understanding is that you recommend 1/16" unsanded grout. I was not sure if that is for all different areas (ie. same for floors and walls)? My final question is whether I should have a sealant applied on this stone in any of these applications. Thanks in advance for your response. Marilyn

Dear Marilyn:

I do not see any problem with honed and filled travertine, providing that's a decent grading and that, above all, is installed properly.

Yes the grout line should be 1/16" all over. As for the application of an impregnator I wouldn't go beyond the kitchen. for the rest of the floors the likelihood of spilling something without realizing is negligible. (Besides, it takes some doping to stain travertine.) In the shower is optional.

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