

TRAVERTINE IN BATHROOM

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HI MAURICIO, WE NEEDED YOUR ADVICE!!!WE ARE RENOVATING THE ENSUITE BATH, AND WOULD LOVE TO USE TRAVERTINE ON THE FLOOR, WALLS AND ENCLOSED SHOWER, IN DIFFERENT SIZES/SHAPES.OUR CONTRACTOR AGREED IT WOULD BE A WONDERFUL CHOICE....BUT WE WERE TOLD BY A "CENTURA TILES" SALES REP, THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE USED AT ALL!THAT MAGAZINES AND SHOW ROOM USED IT BECAUSE IT LOOKS NICE. MAYBE ON THE ENTRANCE HALL OR SOME FLOOR OF THE HOUSE WILL BE OK....BUT NOT ON A BATHROOM...SHAMPOO...SOAP...EVEN MAKE UP DUST WILL DISCOLOR IT IMMEDIATELY!!!ALSO IN THE SHOWER WE'LL HAVE WATER DAMAGE THROUGH THE WALLS IN NO TIME...THAT SEALING WON'T HELP AT ALL.AND THAT "ONLY CERAMIC OR PORCELAIN TILES ARE MADE FOR BATHROOMS". I'M CONFUSED. THANK YOU,NADIA

Dear Nadia:

You' a consumer, you have the right to be.

However, I noticed that someone else is mighty confused! That salesman that told you not to use travertine in a wet environment!

Travertine is one of the most suitable stones for wet environments

Of course, to minimize the maintenance issues, you will want to have it either hone-finished or tumble-finished. Highly polished is not the best choice.

But if you choose the stone wisely and - more importantly - have it installed right, you will enjoy your travertine for many years to come!

The key is the installation. I' even ceramic tiles are not free of the same problems if the installation is faulty!

To find out how to install a shower stall properly, you can get the Maintenance Guidelines about Residential Stone Installations that's available in pay-per-download format in the Literature section of our website at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/literature.htm>.

And remember, every single penny of the cost of the literature will be used to support this nonprofit site and its mission.

It may seem odd that you can find important installation tips in guidelines about maintenance, but the fact is that maintenance never starts after the cutting of the ribbon. Whatever is done before that: the selection of the stone and its installation have a huge bearing on the future maintenance. Hence, in the chapter of the guidelines about shower enclosures you will find important tips on installation, as well as maintenance.

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

Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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