

# polished travertine

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I have this in my bathroom, tiles in shower and around tub area and walls, and solid slab on counter. It was never cleaned properly after they grouted it and there still remains a rough surface here and there all over travertine tile. Is there anything I can use to clean this so it is all shiny and clean like when I bought it?

Dear Lindy:

If you're sure that the roughness you still have on many of your polished travertine tiles is caused by a possible residue of grout, then what you can do is remove the worst carefully with a razor-blade and then finish the job with a heavy-duty alkaline cleaner with chelates in its formula, like MB-3.

But if it is something else (maybe the installer used an acid cleaner to clean the excess of grout from the stone surface, which would produce a damage to the stone in the form of a rough surface), then only a professional stone restoration contractor could solve the problem for you by slightly grinding (honing) the surface of your tiles and then polish them up with a polishing powder formulated for calcareous rocks.

But let's hope that's the first case and try my proposed solution first.

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Ciao and good luck,

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