

crema marfil floors

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My tile floors in the hallway are 1 yr old. We have 3 dogs. My wife tried to clean them with bleach and I think the sealer s gone now, and the stone is getting dirtier and dirtier. How do I get the floor to its original clean look?

Dear Scott:

â€œI think the sealer s gone now â€•

Sealer?... What sealer?... Did anybody ever put any sealer (a wax of sort or something) on top of your marble?

For all I know marble, like any other stone, is polished mechanically by abrasion and friction â€“ like gemstone â€“ not by slapping a sealer on top of it.

So, most likely, between the beating from the three dogs, the bleach thing and, (let me guess) a total specific ignorance on the maintenance requirements of polished marble floor, you have some heavy-duty so-called â€œwear and tearâ€• patterns: a combination of millions of little tiny scratches and the chemical etching created by the bleach and only the gods know whatever else was used to â€œcleanâ€• that floor.

Now, of course, the surface is â€œroughâ€• and gets dirty real fast, and stays stubbornly dirty, too!

What to do?

Your only option is to hire a bona fide stone restoration contractor who will lightly grind (hone) and re-polish your stone.

Now, you'd better watch out! I consider stone refinishing as the very pinnacle of all the activities related to stone from a professional point of view. Unfortunately, there are a lot of quacks on the loose out there! You get one of those, and you may even have to kiss your stone bye-bye!

How could you tell a champ from a chomp? Could you trust the recommendation of your local stone distributor, or contractor, or your interior decorator? Hardly!

We have available a very comprehensive article on how to select a *bona fide* stone restoration contractor, which will give you all the intelligence you need to make a competent choice. It does carry a small price tag, and you can order it by logging on the Educational Literature section Of our website at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/literature.htm>. It's available in pay-per-download format and I consider it a cheap â€œinsurance premiumâ€• to pay when there are thousands of \$ involved! Not to mention the little and much needed support you'd be giving to the cause â€“ YOUR cause, since every single penny of the cost of the article will be used to support it.

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Thank you.

Ciao and good luck,

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