

Travertine Floor

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I jsut bought a home that was damaged by Katrina, the floors are travertine and look in fairly good shape however there is rust marks on the floor and no shine. How do I get the rust marks off of the floors and shine the floors?

Dear Rebecca:

Removing rust stains is always a chancy proposition. You could try to do it yourself by getting the article on stain removal at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/literature.htm>, but I consider that a waste.

What I mean is that you will need the services of a reputable stone restoration company to refinish your floor (honing and polishing), so you might as well let them attempt the removal of the rust stains as part of the restoration contract.

However, 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 "insurance premium" to pay when there are thousands of \$ involved! Not to mention the little and much needed support you'd be giving to the cause " YOUR cause, since every single penny of the cost of the article will be used to support it.

Also, will you please read and sign our **Statement of Purpose** at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/purpose.htm>? By spreading the word about this valuable site among your friend & family and the stone trades' people you've been dealing with you will be rendering everybody a valuable service!

Moreover, do take advantage of the plethora of FREE Helpful Hints available at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/helpful-hints.htm>. They're on the house!

Thank you.

Ciao and good luck,

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