

honed travertine absorbing water

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I just installed a honed travertine in my master bath on the floor and shower walls. I notice that when wet they get dark like they are absorbing the water. I have read your Q&A for two nights and plan will be buying your educational literature on maintenance and it appears? Please confirm that travertine does not need a sealer, especially in the shower. Regards

Dear Joycee:

There are a few selections of travertine that are more absorbent than others. I consider those selections of an inferior quality, but who am I to say?...

Going by your description, it appears to me that you've got a travertine much more absorbent than usual. Under such circumstances I would consider applying a good-quality stone impregnating sealer like MB-4. Or, if you like the deeper color of the stone when is wet, a good-quality impregnating-sealer/color-enhancer, like MB-6 that would give you the "wet look" (just the depth of color "not any sheen") permanently.

However, the most important issue is that your tiles have been installed correctly in your shower stall. In our maintenance guidelines you will also find a few tips on how to properly install natural stone shower stalls.

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,

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