

# Travertine and Limestone

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Hello Maurizio! We are in the process of building a home and I have selected a crosscut travertine for the master bath (floor, tub surround and shower stall) wich will have a steam shower it is daltile's T711. I have selected Daltile's L711 a jurastone Beige limestone for the kitchen (is this completely stupid?). And wondering what advice you might offer on the selection of these materials and protection and maintenance? Daltile said that a few layers of a sealer in the kitchen should protect it, but reading info on your sight, I would like to know your expert opinion. Thanks!!!! Best regards, Amy

Dear Amy:

Typically retailers of stone, including large companies like Daltile, don;t know stone from wip-cream and try to solve every problem with a sealer!!... LOL

As if a sealer for stone could do the first thing to protect stones like the ones you mentioned! Ah, the magic of the word sealer!!... :-)

As for the travertine in the bathroom, I usually don't have a problem - on the contrary!... But it is my understanding that Daltile carries mostly Turkish travertine. Nothing wrong with the country of origin of a stone, mind you, but unfortunately, large companies like Daltile have the tendency to buy "across the board" to keep costs down and maximize profits; and many low-grade selections of Turkish travertine are definitely below par.

So, I really don't know what to tell you.

As for the Jurastone beige limestone, I would not consider installing in my own kitchen if they'd give it to me and then write me a check, too!

Oh, yeah, I almost forgot: if you put a few coats of sealer... (BTW, sealers for stone do not coat anything: they are all below-the-surface of the stone products.)

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,

Mauri z io Bertoli

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