

Absolute Black Granite

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I just had "absolute black" granite installed in a vanity area of our bathroom. Once it was installed I noticed it has a very "gray" look to it, as if it is dusty all the time. We have absolute black in our kitchen and it DOES NOT look like this. What do you think the problem is? Does it need more polishing? Thanks for any help you can give me. Jan

Dear Jan:

First of all, the only black "granite" that could be legally called, absolute black is the one that's mined out of a specific quarry in South Africa. There are quite a few black "granites" out there, but they are coming from different quarries and from different corners of the planet and none of them should be called absolute black.

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Needless to say, they are different from one another!

Now, the one in your bathroom is gray instead of black and, for what I can understand, in a not-uniform way.

Well, what can I tell you?... The only sure thing is that the stone that you have in your bathroom is not the same as the one that you have in your kitchen.

Can it be made black by further polishing it?

I have not the slightest idea. Typically the answer is no, but typically doesn't mean that there are no exceptions.

Your best course of action is to consult with a local bona fide stone restoration contractor to have a precise assessment of your specific situation.

All this, however, begs a question: Did you talk about your dissatisfaction with your fabricator? And if so, what did they tell you?

Just wondering!

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Ciao and good luck,

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