

Sealing marble and travertine

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Hello, I am using Honed Travertine and Polished Calcatta Gold in the bathroom, shower and kitchen areas. Do you recommend sealing these stones and if so, with what product? When you use marble and travertine in wet areas, do you recommend honed or polished? Gregory

Dear Gregory:

You ask about sealing polished marble and hone-finished travertine.

You ask nothing about the far more important matter (as it should be intuitive), which is the daily care for your stone.

May I ask you what kind of "protection" do you expect from a sealer?

Because, whatever it is that you picture in your mind, I promise you, it ain't gonna happen!

What it is going to happen "and you can take this to the bank" is that if the installer doesn't do a good job, you will be in a world of hurt "maintenance" wise; and you don't get the right intelligence about the **real care** that you need to use on your stone, you're going to be again in a world of hurt, no matter how much "sealer" you apply to your stones.

That said, none of those two stone need any sealing (maybe the hone-finished travertine in the kitchen). Furthermore, the last thing that you want to do is applying an impregnator to a stone installed in a wet environment, unless under extreme circumstances.

Answering your second question, I would prefer hone-finished stone in wet areas.

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Ciao and good luck,

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