

# Outdoor Travertine Pavers - Grout to use

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Hello, I live in NJ (freeze/thaw cycle area) and am in the middle of installing a limestone paver around my pool. The pavers are being set with mortar on top of concrete (not sure if you like the idea or not - but I prefer it to dry-lay). My question is with the joints - not sure what I should do. Should I use a grout or something else like the mortar we're gonna use on the wall stone? Please suggest. Thanks

Dear Michael :

œ I live in NJ (freeze/thaw cycle area) œ

So do I! J

œ The pavers are being set with mortar on top of concrete (not sure if you like the idea or not - but I prefer it to dry-lay) œ

Since you asked, no I don't like the idea one bit. We're in a œ freeze/thaw cycle area œ remember?!...

œ My question is with the joints - not sure what I should do œ

Neither am I. What I do know is that the best (actually the *only*, in my book) way to install stone pavers (the right stone, of course, and travertine is indeed among the top ones!) is to butt-joint on dry-pack, and a proportion of 8 sand and 2 Portland cement (or even 9 to 1) as œgroutingœ material. You push it in with a push-broom until it is completely filled and leveled, and then you gently sprinkle it with water. Done.

Anything else is a gamble (which I don't care to learn about) and if I have to gamble I do it in Atlantic City , not in my own property.

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Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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