

True Black Galaxy

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In your knowledge Base, you answered a question pertaining to true black galaxy granite(which is actually Norite). How can we be sure we are getting true Norite and not a black polished version?

Dear Paul:

All Black Galaxy, good or bad (doctored), is norite. It is just that some of the quarries in that same Indian region don't get a good material that becomes black naturally by polishing. So they maliciously doctor it by applying some sort of black "shoe shine" on it to make it appear back, while in reality is only dark grey.

How can you recognize it the good one from the fake one?

We have available a very comprehensive article on "How to Shop for a Granite Kitchen Countertop" that will give you all the intelligence you need to venture yourself with confidence in the stone industry jungle, and it includes the world renowned "Lemon juice (and oil) test", which will enable you to determine on your own the suitability of any stone you will consider! It does carry a small price tag, and you can order it by logging on the Educational Literature section at: <http://www.mbstone.com/literature/literature.htm>. It's available in pay-per-download format and I consider it a cheap "insurance premium" to pay when there are thousands of \$ involved! Not to mention the little and much needed support you'd be giving to the cause, **your** cause, since every single penny of the cost of the article will be used to support it.

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Thank you.

Ciao and good luck,

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