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Travertine and Marble Limestone Maintenance PROTECTION, NEW INSTALLATION, PRE-SEALING AS A GROUT RELEASE

These types of surfaces are porous and can absorb stains from many items, including, without limitation, the pigment in some grouts. To ensure the best possible installation, a very high quality penetrating sealer designed for travertine and marble limestone should be applied in accord with manufacturer's instructions.

Use as a grout release before and after grouting to provide stain resistance during and following process. To pre-seal as a grout release, apply sealer using a brush applicator or clean white cotton towel. Saturate the surface, being careful not to allow sealer into the open, ungrouted joints.

For the most porous surfaces, a second and, maybe, a third application should be applied after the first has dried sufficiently. Remember; follow your sealer manufacturer's instructions.

SEALING AND THE NATURAL LOOK: If you are trying to retain the natural look of the stone, consider stopping at this point and putting the area into service. This type of finish will require the least amount of maintenance and is recommended in high traffic and food areas for maximum stain and slip protection.

COLOR ENHANCEMENT: For color enhancement, we recommended a high quality color enhancer be applied in accord with manufacturer's instructions. Colorizers and enhancers are designed to enhance the natural color and texture of all textured stone material.

FLOOR COATING / WAX / WATER SPOTS – REMOVAL: To remove existing solvent based floor coatings and/or waxes use a heavy duty cleaner designed for this purpose. Follow manufacturer's instructions for use on travertine and marble limestone.

LIGHT CLEANING FOR THE NATURAL LOOK: Light cleaning can be done as needed by using a good quality pH neutral cleaner designed for travertine and marble limestone, and doing so in accord with manufacturer's instructions.

- 1) Start with the recommended dilution ratio for your neutral cleaner and clean water and progress to a stronger dilution ratio if needed. Allow solution to stand for 10 to 20 minutes, keeping it wet with the solution, agitating periodically with a medium aggressive floor brush.
- 2) Extract all dirty remains with an approved wet vacuum system.
- 3) Always rinse area with clean water to eliminate any streaks or residue buildup on the surface until the flooring rinses clean. Natural stone soap may also be used as an alternative to neutral cleaner in ongoing maintenance.

As always, be sure to select a high quality product designed for travertine and marble limestone. Stone soap will clean and protect in one step while adding a slight patina to the finish.

- 4) Add stone soap to your mop water and proceed in accord with the manufacturer's instructions. No rinsing may be required, and stone soap may be used as often as desired.
 - 5) If the finish starts to look dull or dirty, a deep cleaning periodically (weekly, monthly, quarterly) may be necessary.
- 3) Use either a neutral cleaner or a heavier duty cleaner as is directed by the manufacturer's instructions. Agitate with the appropriate hand brush or floor brush and an electric powered floor machine, extracting all the dirty remains with an approved wet-dry vacuum.