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### **Does Natural stone require sealing?**

All natural stone should be sealed. We recommend Dry Treat Stain Proof™ (applied in 2 coats) or the new environmentally friendly Meta Creme™ (only 1 coat required) Both sealers penetrate deep into the stone, allowing stains to be removed much more easily than with other sealers.

### **How often do you need to re-apply sealer?**

Unlike other sealers, with Dry Treat Stain Proof™, re-sealing is not normally required.

### **Samples of stones are not usually sealed, will they show stains immediately if tested?**

Natural stone should be sealed prior to using. Testing, if required, should be done by sealing sample first with Dry Treat Stain Proof™ with the correct procedure. Allow 21 days and then test sample. Samples handed out to customers are usually not sealed.

### **What different types of sealers are available for sealing natural stones?**

**Topical...**A physical coating placed on the surface of the stone. Not recommended as it changes colour, scratches and damages over time.

**Impregnating sealer...**Absorbed into the stone. This allows the stones to breathe, allowing moisture to evaporate.

### **How is it possible to tell if a stone has been sealed or requires re-sealing?**

When the water does not bead (sit) on the surface of the stone and also when it absorbs immediately and leaves a darker wet area.

### **Can sealing be done by anyone?**

Yes. You can apply sealer yourself, or you can use an approved Dry-Treat applicator. An accredited applicator is able to provide a 15 year written warranty from Dry-Treat.

### **Can Dry Treat be applied over other sealers?**

Dry-treat can be applied on most jobs that have been sealed with an impregnating sealer. It is recommended to check with Dry-Treat and if possible tell them the name of the sealer previously used. SNB Stone do not supply pre-sealed stone, so you may need to check which sealer was used with your stonemason or kitchen company.

### **Is there a need to seal the back of tiles?**

In most circumstances no. It is recommended when laying moisture sensitive tiles in a shower recess or shower wall to have them sealed on the back i.e. Carrara, Calacatta etc.

### **Are tiles sealed before grouting or after grouting?**

For moisture sensitive tiles it is recommended to seal the tiles prior to grouting once and then the second coat after grouting.

### **Does sealing affect the look and slipperiness of the tiles?**

With Dry-Treat Stain Proof™, it does not affect either.

### **Can the sealer wear away or be affected or removed by using chemicals? What is the maintenance that is required?**

Dry-Treat advises that there is no product that will remove Dry-Treat Stain Proof™ from the stone, which actually penetrates 6-10mm depending on the stone. Stone sealed with Dry Treat does not require special maintenance. Spills should be wiped up immediately and cleaning done with a clean damp cloth. For stubborn stains, a mild bleach solution may be used.

### **Do sealers protect the stones from acids in foods and liquids?**

Most Granites are unaffected by acids, but Marble, Travertine, Sandstone and some Quartzite have Calcium Carbonate in the stones. Calcium reacts with acid and causes a dull spot on the surface (etching), which is why we recommend these stones finished with a honed surface if required in a kitchen.

### How are stains removed from stones sealed with Dry Treat?

Clean excess solids from surface and wet affected area with water, then apply a mild bleach solution. Allow solution to soak in for up to 20 minutes, giving several light scrubs with a scrubbing brush, but keeping surface wet with water or bleach solution. Flush with clean water. \*See Dry-Treat website for more information.

### Who can attend the DRY-TREAT Applicators course?

We offer free courses throughout the year to Tilers, Tile companies, Builders and Stonemasons. Just call us to reserve a spot in the next course.

## Dry-Treat Stain Proof™



**Application:** All stone work indoors and out

**How many coats?** 2 coats

**Which stones and where?** All natural stones

**Warranty & Re-sealing:** 15 year warranty when applied by an accredited applicator. It does not require re-sealing or need to be maintained with any special cleaners or products

**Available Sizes:** .946ml / 3.79L / 18.9L

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