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SEAL NATURAL STONE ONCE ONLY!

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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™ and Meta Creme™, 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™ or Meta Creme with the correct procedure. Samples handed out to customers are usually not sealed. Meta Creme should be tested after 3-4 days of sealing as it takes up to 28 days to cure to its full strength,

**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 wall to have them sealed on the back i.e. Carrara, Lefkos White etc.

**Does sealing the back of tiles or dip sealing Dry-Treat 40SK for pool coping affect the ability of the adhesive to stick?**

Possibly. It is best to have the glue tested prior to using it on the back of sealed stones.

**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™ or Meta Creme, it does not affect either. Enhance Plus™ darkens the stone to its original polished look without adding a shine. It can also hide some defects.

**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™ or Meta Creme™ from the stone, which actually penetrates 6-12mm 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 as well as porcelain and concrete

**Time allowance for testing a sealed sample?** Next day

**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

## Dry-Treat Meta Creme™



**Application:** Kitchens, vanities and bathrooms

**How many coats?** 1 coat

**Green Credentials:** Environmentally friendly, low VOC

**Which stones and where?** All natural stones as well as porcelain and concrete

**Time allowance for testing a sealed sample?** 3-4 days. Fully cures in 28 days

**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

## Dry-Treat Enhance Plus™



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

**How many coats?** 2-3 coats depending how dark you want the colour to show. Also apply Stain Proof for maximum protection against oil based stains

**Which stones and where?** Dull or worn surfaces. Most honed stones

**Time allowance for testing a sealed sample?** 24 hours

**Warranty & Re-sealing:** 5 year warranty when applied by an accredited applicator. Does not usually require re-sealing

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

## Dry-Treat 40SK™



**Application:** Pool coping & recommended for tiles within pool fenced areas

**How many coats?** Dip seal coping and tiles 1.5m away from the pool. Apply Stain Proof for maximum protection (wait for 2 weeks after applying 40SK)

**Which stones and where?** Sandstones and very porous stones around a salt water pool

**Warranty & Re-sealing:** 15 year warranty when applied by an accredited applicator. Does not require re-sealing

**Available Sizes:** 3.79L / 18.9L

## Dry-Treat Skavenja™



**Skavenja™** is a cleaner for natural stone. Removes grime, grease and soiling and some efflorescence from salts. It is suitable for driveways as well as outdoor yards. It requires scrubbing and possibly multiple applications. It is available in a 3.79 litre container.

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