

Sealing Natural Stone

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Penetrating sealers

Also referred to as penetrants or impregnators, penetrating sealers are composed of a liquid resin solution that is absorbed into the stone residing below the surface, sealing off the pores preventing the stone from absorbing anything else.

These sealers effectively repel liquids and are longer lasting than topical sealers. They typically do not alter the look of the stone, but can affect the slip resistance (review manufacturer information).

Premium quality penetrating sealers do not require frequent reapplication and do not call for stripping the old sealer before reapplication. Special cleaners may be suggested to enhance and maintain the effectiveness of the sealer.

There are different types of penetrating sealers. An oil repelling penetrating sealer will repel both oil and water based liquids, it is recommended for use in kitchens and bathrooms. A hydrophobic penetrating sealer will only repel water based liquids. Sealers labeled as oil-resistant, will slow down the absorption of the liquid into the stone, whereas an oil-repellent sealer is designed to prevent oil from penetrating into the stone.

Stone enhancing sealers are also available on the market, they are a no-sheen, penetrating sealer formulated to rejuvenate worn and weathered stone by darkening, enriching and highlighting the natural colour and beauty of tumbled, antique or slate products. Enhancing sealers will also darken the color of grout joints. Test the enhancer sealer on a loose piece of stone or in a small inconspicuous area to ensure desired effect before full application.

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Penetrating sealers are generally not effective protection against weather damage or spalling (review manufacturer information).

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