

Treating Bluestone

Due to its appearance and its properties, bluestone is popular for a variety of different uses. This dense limestone is used for floors and stairs as well as in kitchens and bathrooms. You should observe a few points concerning treatment and maintenance of this material in order to maintain the stone's original appearance for many years.

General Information



Please note that bluestone is sensitive to acidic substances, such as vinegar, wine, lemon juice, ketchup, etc. These substances will etch the surface and leave matt and dull spots.

Do not use abrasive substances on polished and honed bluestone, as these may scratch the surface.

Initial Cleaning



Use Lithofin MN Power-Clean diluted 1:5 with water in order to achieve a clear and clean surface. Work on small, easily manageable areas of approx. 4 m² at a time. Brush the diluted cleaner into the surface (do not allow to dry – add more water if necessary). After a few minutes, add water, brush again and remove the solution with a wet-and-dry vacuum cleaner. Rinse with plenty of clear water.



△ Please note: cement residue removers contain acids and are therefore not suitable for polished and honed surfaces. Carefully wash the surface with plenty of water when grouting.

Protective Treatment

The high density of bluestone makes using common impregnators very difficult. Surfaces subject to heavy use such as kitchen counters should still be protected.



Apply a very thin coat of Lithofin MN Stain-Stop "W" and use a clean cloth to rub it into the surface. Keep polishing with the cloth until the surface is dry. Repeat this treatment every 1 to 2 months.

△ **Important:** protective treatments can only be applied to completely dry and clean surfaces. Try the product in an inconspicuous area prior to use in order to evaluate the effect.

Maintenance



Regularly wipe the floor with a moist mop in order to achieve a well maintained surface appearance. Add one squirt of Lithofin MN Easy-Care to the water. This way you will remove any surface dirt and maintain the surface's sheen.

Avoid using strong degreasing and leaching agents, as they will negatively affect the surface appearance if used too often. For the same reason, layer forming product should not be frequently used.

On small surfaces such as kitchen counters use Lithofin MN Easy-Clean.

Additional Care

Lithofin MN Care-Sheen will enhance the surface sheen and invigorate the colour structure. Apply undiluted or diluted up to 1:1 to the clean surface with a lambswool applicator. You can further enhance the sheen by polishing after the product has dried. Occasionally substituted Lithofin MN Care-Sheen for Lithofin MN Easy-Care in order to maintain the surface sheen.



△ This information should be considered to be informal and non-binding. The products must be used according to local conditions and materials. Instructions must be read carefully and followed closely. Where no previous experience is available, or in cases of doubt, test the product in an inconspicuous area. (AU3.08gps)

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