

## The application of an impregnating sealer on natural stone

1. Surface must be completely clean, dry and free from stains.
2. Avoid applying in direct sunlight and turn off floor heating.
3. Apply a generous amount of sealer to your applicator and then apply a generous, even, uniform coat to a reachable area. Surface will have a wet shiny appearance after this application.
4. After 10 minutes, repeat Step 3. on the same area and allow the sealer to penetrate for another 10 minutes. This is called a wet-on-wet application.  
**Note: For light granites or very porous materials reapply the Lithofin sealer to the same area 4 times during a 40 minute period. Very porous or honed surfaces may require continuous applications for 20 minutes. Do not remove the sealer from the surface during these applications.**
5. After your last application of the sealer, allow this to penetrate into surface for another 10 minutes. Application is now complete, total time is approx. 20 minutes.
6. Then remove all excess sealer from the surface with a squeegee and/or clean dry cloth. Do not allow the sealer to dry on the surface.
7. Surfaces are safe to use after 5 hours, do not get the sealed surface wet for 48 hours. The curing time of the sealer takes 24-48 hours.
8. Using the incorrect maintenance products will shorten the life of your sealer and may damage the composition of the stone surface. With correct maintenance reapplication should be applied as shown below:
  - Indoor floors and tops –10 years plus\*
  - Wet areas (shower recess) – 2 years\*
  - Outdoor areas – approximately 7 – 10 years\*

\* denotes with correct maintenance and care.

Reapplications of the sealer maybe made before the advised time periods if required. For reapplication use Lithofin MN Stain-Stop. All natural stone should be sealed. Some new tops may not have been sealed correctly by the manufacturer or sealed with an impregnator that does not offer optimum protection. As a precaution, reseal your new top with Lithofin MN Stain-Stop. The use of Lithofin MN Polish-Cream and Lithofin MN Easy-Clean will enhance the surface appearance and protect the impregnating sealer. Impregnating sealers do not prevent acid etching on marble and limestone surfaces.

It is recommended that spills and other products that may cause staining are removed from the surface as soon as possible.

**Important:** Avoid using, resting or placing products on your natural or engineered stone surface that may contain methylated spirits, bleaches, chlorine, acid, citric acid and corrosives. These types of products may cause permanent damage to the stones composition. Limit the use of wax or acrylate-based products as they promote a build up of layers.