

FIRST CLEAN	PERIODIC CLEANING	PROTECTION	DAILY MAINTENANCE
GRANITE			
Lithofin MN Builders' Clean	Lithofin MN Power Clean	Lithofin Stainstop 'W'	Lithofin MN Wash&Clean
BASALT *			
Lithofin MN Power Clean	Lithofin MN Power Clean	Lithofin Stainstop 'W'	Lithofin MN Wash&Clean
Lithofin MN Builders' Clean			
MARBLE **			
Lithofin MN Power Clean	Lithofin MN Power Clean	Lithofin MN Stainstop	Lithofin MN Wash&Clean
			Lithofin MN Care-Sheen
DARK LIMESTONE ** (such as bluestone)			
Lithofin MN Power Clean	Lithofin MN Power Clean	Lithofin Stainstop 'W'	Lithofin MN Wash&Clean
			Lithofin MN Care-Sheen
PALE LIMESTONE **			
Lithofin MN Power Clean	Lithofin MN Power Clean	Lithofin MN Stainstop ECO	Lithofin MN Wash&Clean
			Lithofin MN Care-Sheen
SLATE *			
Lithofin MN Power Clean	Lithofin MN Power Clean	Lithofin Stainstop 'W'	Lithofin MN Wash&Clean
Lithofin MN Builders' Clean			Lithofin MN Care-Sheen
TRAVERTINE			
Lithofin MN Power Clean	Lithofin MN Power Clean	Lithofin MN Stainstop	Lithofin MN Wash&Clean
			Lithofin MN Care-Sheen

* Most of these stones are not sensitive to acids

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INDOOR NATURAL STONE FLOORS
HOW TO KEEP YOURS LOOKING GREAT

HOW CAN I MAINTAIN MY INDOOR NATURAL STONE FLOORS?

Granite, basalt, marble, limestone, slate, travertine, ... They all belong to the large family of natural stones. Because of their versatility, they can be used in many applications, including indoor flooring. Besides their versatility, all those types of natural stone are unique. That is why each one of them requires specific maintenance.

THE FIRST (THOROUGH) CLEAN

If a new floor has been installed in your home recently, some installation traces may still be visible on the tiles and near the joints. It is a good idea to give your floor a first thorough clean about one week after the grouting.



- For acid-sensitive natural stones such as marble and limestone, **Lithofin MN Power Clean** is the appropriate product for a first clean.
- For other natural stones such as granite, slate and basalt, you can use **Lithofin MN Builders' Clean**.

PROTECTION

Impregnating your natural stone floor adds a protective layer to the surface without completely closing off the stone's pores. Impregnation stops dirt from penetrating your floor, but still allows it to 'breathe'. This also allows the stone itself to acquire a protective layer, which is referred to as the 'patina'.

- **Where?**
Protecting your natural stone floor is highly recommended, particularly in stain and moisture sensitive areas such as kitchens or bathrooms. In case of porous stone such as pale limestone, impregnation is recommended in all rooms.
- **When?**
Protection should be added after the floor has completely dried out. If the floor was glued down onto dry screed, this is after 6 to 8 weeks. If the floor was installed onto a layer of stabilised sand and mortar, wait 6 months.
- **Which product?**
Check the overview in this brochure.

MAINTENANCE

Regular cleaning of your natural stone floor will remove dust and make your tiles look nice and clean. However, regular maintenance also pays off in the longer term. A well-maintained natural stone acquires its patina more quickly, and will therefore be better protected against stains.

- For your floor's daily maintenance, it is best to use a product that does not close the tiles' pores such as **Lithofin MN Wash&Clean**. You can also use this product in the first weeks after installation and before impregnation.
- If you want to do even more justice to your floor's surface finish, you can condition it once a month with **Lithofin MN Care-Sheen**.

TIPS

- Never use abrasive materials to clean dirt that is hard to remove.
- Always follow the instructions on the packaging of the maintenance products.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

There are dull and rough stains on my limestone/marble floor. How can I get rid of them?

These stains are often the result of an acidic product, such as vinegar, wine or lemon. If you continue to maintain your natural stone floor properly, they will disappear by themselves. If necessary, you can temporarily condition the floor with **Lithofin MN Care-Sheen**.

My natural stone floor looks dull and gets dirty quickly. How can I resolve this?

Your floor may benefit from some conditioning. Use **Lithofin MN Care-Sheen** a little more frequently and your floor will soon get its shine back.

Footsteps remain visible on my floor. How can I get rid of them?

You may have used too much product during maintenance. Temporarily cleaning your floor only with water will make the footsteps less visible and eventually they will disappear.

My natural stone floor looks matte and rough. How can I resolve this?

If the floor is still in good condition and just needs its shine restored, you can treat the tiles with a product like **Lithofin MN Care-Sheen**. Too much 'oily' soap may have been used during maintenance. Clean the surface thoroughly with **Lithofin MN Power Clean**. If your natural stone floor looks a little weathered, you can bring it back to life with our Propads.

The joints between my tiles have become darker or paler. How can I resolve this?

If the joints have gone dark because of dirt or grease, you can clean them with **Lithofin MN Power Clean**.

I am not sure that my maintenance product is suitable for my natural stone floor.

You are right to question this. Not all products are suitable for every type of natural stone. That is why you always need to read and respect the guidelines. If you are still not sure after that, test the product in a spot that is hidden from view.