



Care & Maintenance Instructions: Grey Basalt

For all cleaners and sealers, **ALWAYS** test a small area first and follow manufacturer's instructions and limitations.

Grey Basalt products, though porous, exhibit remarkable durability when installed, cared for, and maintained properly. Elon recommends using a quality penetrating sealer to seal all Grey Basalt products before and after grouting. Periodic re-application of the sealer is advised over time. Use only pH-neutral cleaners designed for stone surfaces, avoiding abrasive or acidic alternatives. Promptly wipe up spills to prevent staining. Follow manufacture instructions diligently to preserve the timeless beauty of your Grey Basalt tiles.

Cleaning Grey Basalt

Use a pH-Neutral cleaner. When used regularly, it will prevent soap scum buildup and hard water deposits.

Example:

- *Aqua Mix® Concentrated Stone & Tile Cleaner*

Natural Sealing of Grey Basalt

Presealing Grey Basalt prior to grouting is recommended. Grey Basalt is a durable volcanic stone, featuring a subtle honed texture. Grey Basalt is extremely porous. Elon recommends applying multiple coats (5 minimum) of a product like *Aqua Mix® Sealer's Choice® Gold* to leave the material looking sealed with its natural color. Conduct a water test on Grey Basalt to determine if additional coats of penetrating sealer are required. Place a teaspoon of water on the Grey Basalt and let it sit for 5 minutes. If any dark discoloration shows where the water had sat, additional coats of sealer should be applied. Apply each coat of sealer in a different direction to ensure that it fully gets into the pours of the Grey Basalt (e.g. First coat Left to Right, Second coat Front to Back).

Example:

- *Aqua Mix® Sealers Choice® Gold*

Enhanced Sealing of Grey Basalt

Presealing Grey Basalt prior to grouting is recommended. Elon recommends applying multiple coats (5 minimum) of a product like *Aqua Mix® Enrich 'N' Seal™* to protect, enhance and darken the color of Grey Basalt. Stone Enhancers will enhance the natural color of stone while providing maximum protection against common stains. Conduct a water test on Grey Basalt to determine if additional coats of enhancing sealer are required. Place a teaspoon of water on the Grey Basalt and let it sit for 5 minutes. If any dark discoloration shows where the water had sat, additional coats of sealer should be applied. Apply each coat of enhancer in a different direction to ensure that it fully gets into the pours of the Grey Basalt (e.g. First coat Left to Right, Second coat Front to Back). Stone Enhancers will also rejuvenate the appearance of worn honed finishes.

Example:

- *Aqua Mix® Enrich 'N' Seal™*

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