

# **Care & Maintenance Instructions: Travertine and Limestone**

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

Travertine and Limestone products, though porous, exhibit remarkable durability when installed, cared for, and maintained properly. Elon recommends using a quality penetrating sealer to seal all Travertine and Limestone 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 Travertine and Limestone tiles.

## **Cleaning Travertine and Limestone**

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

### Example:

• Aqua Mix<sup>®</sup> Concentrated Stone & Tile Cleaner

## **Sealing Travertine and Limestone**

Presealing of Natural Stone prior to grouting is recommended. Seal all types of Travertine and Limestone regardless of their finish along with grout joints with a high-quality vapor transmissive, penetrating sealer. Be sure to remove all sealer residue from the surface of stone to prevent product hazing. Apply each coat of sealer in a different direction to ensure that it fully gets into the pours of the Travertine and Limestone (e.g. First coat Left to Right, Second coat Front to Back).

### Example:

• Aqua Mix<sup>®</sup> Sealers Choice<sup>®</sup> Gold

## **Enhancing Travertine and Limestone**

Stone Enhancers will enhance the natural colors of stones while providing maximum protection against common stains. Apply each coat of enhancer in a different direction to ensure that it fully gets into the pours of the Travertine and Limestone (e.g. First coat Left to Right, Second coat Front to Back). Stone Enhancers will also rejuvenate the appearance of honed, tumbled, and polished finishes.

### Example:

• Aqua Mix<sup>®</sup> Enrich 'N' Seal™

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