



London Stone

Important Information about Sealant (Dry Treat 'Premium Impregnating Sealer')

The following information relates to Dry Treat 'Premium Impregnating Sealer' sealant. If you are using another sealant product supplied by London Stone please ask a member of our team for further information. If you are using a sealant purchased elsewhere, please refer back to the supplier for advice.

- Sealing your stone will make general maintenance much easier and will help to prevent staining in most instances, however it will not make the stone 'self-cleaning'. Marks will still appear on the surface of the stone, the sealant will simply mean that they are easier to clean off in comparison to unsealed stone. The use of a sealant will not completely eradicate the possibility of staining and it definitely won't eradicate the need for a proper cleaning regime.
- Sealing stone prior to installation will help to protect against efflorescence (a white 'bloom' which appears on the surface of the stone after installation as a result of salts from the bedding layer travelling through the stone to the surface). Sealing prior to installation will not completely eradicate the possibility of efflorescence occurring, however it will reduce the risk significantly in comparison to unsealed stone.
- Dry Treat 'Premium Impregnating Sealer' coats the particles of the stone, helping to prevent spillages and dirt from causing a permanent stain. The pores of the stone and small cavities on the surface are still open and so dirt will still collect here, remaining in place until it is cleaned off. This means that, even if your stone is sealed, you may still require the use of a jet-wash and possibly cleaning agents to remove general dirt and grime from the stone as opposed to brushing alone.
- To remove marks from sealed stone will require a mechanical action (for example, a brush, jet-wash, emulsifying pad etc.) and/or a chemical action (cleaning agents). Which method you use will depend on the type of stone you have and the mark in question. Please refer to your Cleaning & Maintenance Guide for further information or feel free to contact our sales team.
- The paving should not be jet washed within 4 weeks of sealing as it could compromise the sealant or damage the stone.
- The paving should not be covered at all and should be allowed to dry naturally as condensation could form under cover which could compromise the sealant or damage the stone.