

Maintenance sheet for products made of natural stone

Stone veneers are materials that are particularly durable and resistant to damage. However, without regular care, their appearance may deteriorate – their surface will become dull, scratched, and more susceptible to contamination. Due to their natural structure, they also can accumulate dirt in cracks and absorb humidity, and this may lead to stone degradation. To prevent this, the use of appropriate impregnating agents is required. Regularly maintained stone is easy to clean and maintains its unique beauty for many years.

Cleaning of natural stone

In stone maintenance, regular treatments are fundamental, as they prevent development of deeper contaminations and minimise the risk of spots and scratches. It is recommended to clean the surface delicately, using a slightly wet, soft microfiber cloth, wetted with a solution of warm water and mild detergent, e.g. washing-up liquid. Preferably, use agents of neutral pH (ca. 7) for treatment.

Impregnation of natural stone

Impregnation frequency depends on several factors:

- intensity of the use of stone surface,
- natural stone type,
- quality of an impregnating agent used.

We recommend to perform impregnation every 2–3 years, with the first impregnation preferably performed directly after installation or before intense use.

Impregnate example: FILA W68 stone impregnator.

Intended use:

- For impregnating raw and antique-finished natural stone: marble, granite,
- travertine, limestone, slate, etc.
- For impregnating porous and highly absorbent substrates: brick, cotto, concrete.
- For indoor and outdoor use.

Properties:

- Reduces the absorbency of the impregnated surface without altering its appearance.
- Protects against water- and oil-based stains.
- Facilitates daily maintenance.

- Ready to use, do not dilute.
- Penetrates deep into the substrate structure ensuring long-lasting protection.
- Vapour permeable and resistant to weather conditions.

Application method:

1. Before impregnation, clean the surface thoroughly – contaminations covered with the impregnating agent will be difficult to remove.
2. Apply a small quantity of the impregnate with a sponge roller, slightly saturated with the formulation. Note: any streak may be visible, so avoid excessive wetting of the roller.

Observance of the above recommendations will maintain aesthetic and usable properties of the natural stone for many years.