

Sealing Granite and Natural Stone with Penetrating Sealers

Granite is Hard. **Sealing it is Not!**

Sealing granite and natural stone with penetrating sealers, (also called *impregnators*), protects the structure of a natural stone from within. When sealing natural stone or granite with this type of sealer, it is applied directly to the face of the stone with a micro-fiber paint pad. It's simple to do and does not require a stone specialist. This type of sealer is recommended for sealing granite.

The sealer will penetrate below the stone's surface without leaving a coating or film on top if applied correctly. The **stone below the surface** will be protected, however, there is no surface protection. This means calcareous natural stones such as marble, onyx, limestone, and travertine can still etch or dull if acidic products such as orange juice or coke are left on your stone.

Advantages:

- The sealer penetrates into the stone and attaches its protection to the stone walls within the pore structure. This allows the stone to breathe.
- Does not alter the color or sheen of the stone.
- Does not need to be reapplied after each cleaning.
- The sealer is not on the surface so the coating won't scratch or scuff.
- A penetrating sealer does not need to be reapplied as often as a topical sealer because there is no surface coating to wear off.

Elegant Creations seals your granite with **StoneTech® Heavy Duty Sealer**, a penetrating sealer, either before or after installation. We recommend it be sealed again within 12 months. Then every 3-5 years depending on usage and what you clean your countertops with.

Steps to Sealing

1. Avoid getting sealer on any surfaces not intended to be treated. Such as Wood Cabinets and Trim. Masking tape can be used.
2. Apply sealer evenly and liberally using a micro-fiber paint pad. **DO NOT APPLY PRODUCT WITH A SPRAYER or COTTON CLOTH.**
3. Keep surface wet allowing sealer to penetrate surface for 15–30 minutes. Then remove excess sealer by wiping surface thoroughly with clean, dry towels. To remove any dried residue, reapply a thin coat of sealer, wait 2–3 minutes, then rub lightly with a white nylon pad. Wipe again thoroughly with clean, dry towels.

Expected wear: 3-5 years on interior surfaces and 1-3 years on exterior surfaces.

Tips

- It's best to work in an area small enough to keep wet not allowing it to dry.
- Most granites have natural pores in the surface, so be sure to clean the area with a natural stone cleaner and allow it to dry completely before sealing. Depending on the thickness of your granite, it may need to dry overnight.
- Make sure when you apply the sealant when the surface is completely dry.
- To find out if your stone is sufficiently sealed, spill water on your counter top, wait for about 1/2 hour, then wipe it up. If your stone does not darken, your counter top is sufficiently sealed. Allow newly sealed granite 48 hours to dry before testing.
- **StoneTech® Revitalizer** is a natural stone cleaner and has sealer in it to help maintain your seal to keep your stone looking beautiful.

If you have any questions on sealing your granite please call Elegant Creations.