

Treating Bluestone -honed-

Due to its appearance and its properties, bluestone is popular for a variety of different uses. This dense hard stone is used for internal floors and stairs as well as in kitchens and bathrooms. You should observe a few points concerning treatment and maintenance of this material in order to maintain the stone's original appearance for many years.

General Information



Please note that honed and polished bluestone is sensitive to acidic and corrosive substances, such as vinegar, wine, lemon juice, sauces, some cleaners, etc. These substances will etch the surface and leave matt and dull spots altering the stone finish. Do not use abrasive substances on polished and honed bluestone, as these may scratch the surface.

Some bluestones are not sensitive to acidic products like Lithofin MN Builders' Clean and therefore this product can be used to remove grout residues after installation. Testing is highly recommended.

Initial Cleaning

Important: Prior to grouting pre-seal the face of the tile with Lithofin STAINSTOP >W<. This will reduce the tile porosity preventing grout absorption and assisting with the grout clean up. Sponge off the grout residues whilst grouting leaving a clean surface. 24 hours after pre-sealing grouting can commence.

If required to remove general dirt residues prior to sealing use Lithofin MN Power-Clean as per the labels instructions.

⚠ Please note: grout residue removers contain acids and are therefore may not be suitable for polished and honed bluestone. Carefully wash the surface with plenty of water when grouting.

Protective Treatment

The high density of bluestone makes using common impregnators very difficult. Apply an even uniformed coat of Lithofin STAINSTOP "W" and reapply after 10 min. After another 5-10 minutes take up sealer residues with a squeegee and then buff with a clean dry towel or floor machine. Reapplication in common areas will be required after 10 years and high use areas every 3-5 years with correct maintenance.

Instead of using Lithofin STAINSTOP >W<, Lithofin Stainstop PLUS enhances the bluestones colour while protecting from the penetration of oil and water. This product must be tested before application to ensure the correct colour is achieved.

⚠ **Important:** protective treatments can only be applied to completely dry and clean surfaces. Try the product in an inconspicuous area prior to use in order to evaluate the effect.

Maintenance

All surfaces should be swept and mopped regularly. Simply add Lithofin MN Easy-Care to the warm water and wipe with a micro-fibre mop. This way you will clean and maintain the surface in one application. The surface becomes even less sensitive and more vibrant in colour with regular use.

For periodic intensive cleaning to remove stubborn dirt residues, care product residues, light oil and grease films, use Lithofin MN Power-Clean.

Avoid using strong degreasing and leaching agents, as they will negatively affect the surface appearance and impregnating sealer.

Other, stubborn types of dirt

oil and grease residue, stubborn dirt	Lithofin MN Power-Clean
wax, varnish, sealant, silicone, glue	Lithofin WAX-OFF
deeply engrained oil	Lithofin OIL-EX
limescale and water residues, shower floors	Lithofin MN Bathroom Cleaner
efflorescence on pavers	Lithofin MN Builders' Clean

Bluestone pavers – external-

External bluestone pavers usually have a sawn, flamed or sand blasted finish and are therefore easier to clean, seal and maintain. Pre-sealing prior to grouting is not required but can assist with grout clean up. After grouting wash the surface with Lithofin MN Builder-Clean to remove grout residues and builders dirt. Seal with Lithofin MN Stain-Stop and when require remove stubborn dirt's with Lithofin MN Power-Clean. To remove stubborn dirt, tree mater and mould use Lithofin MN Outdoor Cleaner.



If you require advice or are in any way unsure about these instructions, please call our **Technical Support Line at**
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⚠ This information should be considered to be informal and non-binding. The products must be used according to local conditions and materials. Instructions must be read carefully and followed closely. Where no previous experience is available, or in cases of doubt, test the product in an inconspicuous area. (AUS5.17gps)

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