

natural FLOOR TILES

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Natural stone has been popular for centuries and for very good reason, durability and natural beauty. Here are the most popular natural stone materials. Check with your local supplier to ensure your natural stone floor will last forever. Which one would you choose?



surface TEXTURES

When stone is ordered, it is fabricated with a particular type of surface. There are six main type of surfaces that are selected:

1 HONED

Provides a flat to low sheen gloss. Different levels of gloss can be selected. This surface is very smooth, but often very porous. This texture is common in high traffic buildings. Honed floors should always be protected with Penetrating Sealer because it has wide-open pores. Honed stone colors are not as vibrant as polished stone.

2 POLISHED

A glossy surfaces that wears away with time due to heavy foot traffic and using improper maintenance procedure. This surface is very smooth and not porous. The reflectively of polished crystals brings out the brilliant colors and grains of natural stone. The shine comes from the natural reflection of the stone's crystals. The shine is due to polishing bricks and polishing powders used during fabrication. The Shine is not from a coating.

3 FLAMED

A rough surface that is developed through heat. During fabrication, the stone is heated up and the crystals begin to pop, thus forming a rough surface. This surface is very porous and must be treated with an impregnator.

4 SAND BLASTED

This surface is the result of a pressurized flow of sand water that provides a textured surface with a matte gloss.

5 SAWN

A Process performed by using a gang saw.

4 BUSH HAMMERED

A pounding action that develops a textured surface. The degree of roughness can be selected.

natural stone SEALERS AND CLEANERS

Regardless of the type of surface to be maintained, all stone should be protected with sealers.

SEALANTS

There are too many variables depending upon your installation, type of stone and use of that stone. Always check with your local professional/ supplier for the correct sealant for your natural stone.

CLEANERS

Recommended cleaners are neutral based that won't attack the sealer you've applied. Appropriate cleaner depends upon your stone and your sealer.

Online website for your specific enquiry is www.stonecareinc.com
Price points are based on 12"X12" floor tile per square foot material cost only.

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