Care and maintenance tips

Prevent spills from staining
Stone, tile and grout can vary in porosity. Certain food and beverages, such as ketchup, coffee, or soy sauce, can stain stone. Proper sealing can prevent staining from saltwater or acid spills. Sudden changes in temperature can cause grout to crack and joints to separate. Stone that has been stained or etched with mineral spirits or other solvents, such as nail polish remover, tends to be more absorbent and more likely to stain.

Use cleaners made for stone
Avoid using all-purpose cleaners not specifically designed for stone. Some all-purpose cleaners (i.e. bathroom, grout and tub cleaners) may contain caustics or alkalines (bleach or ammonia). STONEtech Stone & Tile Cleaner is pH neutral and specifically formulated to properly clean stone, tile and grout.

Clean before resealing
When resealing your grout, first clean it with STONEtech Heavy Duty Tile & Grout Cleaner to allow sealer to properly penetrate into the grout. Clean grout before resealing with STONETECH Heavy Duty Tile & Grout Cleaner to allow sealer to properly penetrate into the grout. When sealing dense stone, one coat should be sufficient. Most stone and tile can vary in porosity, however will will require at least two coats of sealer. When sealing porous stone, two coats should be sufficient. When sealing natural stone, two or more coats should be sufficient. When sealing dense stone, one coat should be sufficient. When sealing porous stone, two or more coats should be sufficient. Why does my granite stain?
Granite is like any other natural stone—it can be porous and absorbent. Stone that has been stained or etched with mineral spirits or other solvents, such as nail polish remover, tends to be more absorbent and more likely to stain.

Why should I seal my natural stone, tile and grout?
Protected surfaces will be easier to clean, less likely to stain and help to preserve your surface for years to come. STONEtech does not contain acid (vinegar) or alkaline (bleach or ammonia). STONEtech Stone & Tile Cleaner is pH neutral and specifically formulated to properly clean stone, tile and grout.

Note: RTU = Ready-to-Use formula
Based Water
+ May not be available at Floor & Decor locations. See www.stonetech.com for more information.

Questions to ask yourself when choosing a sealer

Do I want a Penetrating Sealer that protects against stains without changing the stone’s natural look or a Floating Sealer that changes the stone’s appearance? STONEtech floating sealers are designed for stone and are clearly marked with a red label. STONEtech water-based sealers deliver superior performance, are low odor, non-flammable, have fewer fumes (lower VOC) than solvent-based sealers. Why use water-based sealers?
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WBB STONEtech sealers change the look of my countertop?
STONEtech natural look penetrating sealers with yellow labels create an invisible shield in the stone that protects against stains without darkening or changing the stone’s appearance. STONEtech floating sealers, however, deepen the color, and the stone and veins clearly marked with a red label.

How can I clean mildew off of the grout in my shower?
Depending on the surface, and the amount of mildew we recommend using STONEtech Mold & Mildew Stain Remover, or Heavy Duty Tile & Grout Cleaner. Use STONETECH Mold & Mildew Stain Remover, or Heavy Duty Tile & Grout Cleaner to clean mildew off of the grout in your shower. The amount of mildew and the frequency of use will influence the amount of product needed. Most stone and tile can vary in porosity, however will will require at least two coats of sealer. When sealing porous stone, two or more coats should be sufficient. Why do stone and tile need to be sealed?
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