

Question / Answer

Just want to check out something I heard about sealing granite tiles, I was told that you had to seal each tile prior to installing them, (contrary to sealing ceramic tile which is sealed after it's installed). Is it necessary to seal the tiles before they're set? If so what type of sealer is best. The tile already has a wet look to it, but is definitely not sealed.

Granite is not a very porous product so it's not necessary to pre-seal material before laying tiles. Usual practise is to proceed with the installation ensuring that you carefully wipe away any residue adhesive or finger marks from the surface of the product as you proceed.

Once the floor is ready for grouting, usually the next day, you can seal the tile surface and grout in one step. Talk to your stone supplier about a suitable sealer. Don't be surprised if he tells you that sealing is not necessary in many instances. You could safeguard yourself by asking him to put that in writing. Always follow manufacturers instructions when you lay or seal products.

If you were laying limestone or marble it would be a good idea to pre-seal, it's not necessary with granite. In my opinion.