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SEALER SELECTION GUIDE

Sealer selection guide 2016

Many of the calls the Australian Stone Advisory Association (ASAA) receives relate to problems that arise after the stone has been installed. A considerable proportion of those calls relate to sealing, cleaning and maintenance.

Discovering Stone decided to produce a basic Sealer Selection Guide in response to requests by contributors and readers of the magazine. We have attempted to make the guide as relevant as possible by focusing on use of three popular products, in specific locations and asking leading suppliers to nominate appropriate sealers. However, our guide can only provide readers with basic information. There will always be variables which have to be taken into consideration.

While our guide cannot possibly address every possible situation or environment it does provide a valuable reference point and an insight into the available products from some of our leading suppliers. More than 50 companies in Australia are actively engaged in producing or distributing sealers for natural stone. This guide largely features materials

that have been tried and tested in the marketplace.

Understanding the limitations of sealers is also important. Sealers are designed to improve the natural stain resistance properties of stone – they will not provide 100 per cent protection against all stains in all situations.

As an example, an impregnating sealer will not prevent marble or limestone being etched by acidic solutions such as wine or soft drinks; impregnating sealers are designed to reduce the absorption of stains and cannot provide complete protection to the exposed surface. Surface sealers (such as acrylics and polyurethanes) provide excellent surface protection by forming an impermeable barrier. The drawback of this feature is that any moisture below the sealed layer cannot escape and peeling of the coating may follow.

Participating companies can provide project specific advice, some also recommend approved applicators. We urge readers to seek precise advice before commencing the installation process.



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STONE / FINISH		PRIME LOCATIONS	MIRACLE SEALANTS (Construction Technologies Aust) 02 9674 1004	MAPEI 07 3276 5000
GRANITE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● POLISHED [1] ● HONED [2] ● EXFOLIATED [3] ● BLASTED [4] ● BUSH-HAMMERED [5] ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	External paving/ramps/stairs	Hotels, offices, public buildings	511 Impregator (natural look) Seal & Enhance (enhanced look) 511 H2O Plus (Natural look - water based option)	Ultracare Penetrating Plus Stone, Tile & Grout Sealer (All)
	Shopping centre – walkway	Food court/Fast food outlets		
	Toilet facilities – public places	Swimming pool surrounds		
	Bench and vanity tops			
MARBLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● POLISHED [1] ● HONED [2] ○ EXFOLIATED [NA] ● BLASTED [4] ● BUSH-HAMMERED [5] ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	Hotels, offices, public places	Hotels, offices, public places	511 Impregator (natural look) Seal & Enhance (enhanced look) 511 H2O Plus (Natural look - water based option)	Ultracare Penetrating Plus Stone, Tile & Grout Sealer (All)
	Shopping centre – walkway	Food court/Fast food outlets		
	Toilet facilities – public places	Residential living areas		
	Bath and shower rooms	Bench and vanity tops		
LIMESTONE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● POLISHED [1] ● HONED [2] ○ EXFOLIATED [NA] ● BLASTED [4] ● BUSH-HAMMERED [5] ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	External paving/ramps/stairs	Hotels, offices, public places	511 Porous Plus (Natural Look) Seal & Enhance (enhanced look) 511 H2O Plus (Natural look - water based option)	Ultracare Penetrating Plus Stone, Tile & Grout Sealer (All)
	Hotels, offices, public places	Toilet facilities – public places		
	Residential living areas	Bath and shower rooms		
	Construction stone			
TRAVERTINE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ POLISHED [1] ● HONED [2] ● EXFOLIATED [NA] ● BLASTED [4] ● BUSH-HAMMERED [5] ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	External paving/ramps/stairs	Hotels, offices, public places	511 Impregator (natural look) Seal & Enhance (enhanced look) 511 H2O Plus (Natural look - water based option)	Ultracare Penetrating Plus Stone, Tile & Grout Sealer (All)
	Hotels, offices, public places	Swimming pool surrounds		
	Residential living areas			
	Bath and shower rooms			
BLUESTONE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ POLISHED [1] ● HONED [2] ● EXFOLIATED [NA] ● BLASTED [4] ● BUSH-HAMMERED [5] ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	External paving/ramps/stairs	Hotels, offices, public buildings	511 Porous Plus (Natural Look) (Pre-seal Recommended with 511 Porous Plus) Seal & Enhance (enhanced look)	Ultracare Penetrating Plus Stone, Tile & Grout Sealer (All) Ultracare Low Sheen Sealer & Finish
	Hotels, offices, public buildings	Swimming pool surrounds		
	Residential living areas			
	Bath and shower rooms			
	Shopping centres – walkway			
SANDSTONE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] 	External paving/ramps/stairs	Hotels, offices, public places	511 Porous Plus (Natural Look) Seal & Enhance (enhanced look) 511 H2O Plus (water based option)	Ultracare Penetrating Plus Stone, Tile & Grout Sealer (All) Ultracare Low Sheen Sealer & Finish
	Hotels, offices, public places	Swimming pool surrounds		
	Swimming pool surrounds	Façades /construction		
	Façades /construction			
SLATE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	External paving/ramps/stairs	Hotels, offices, public places	511 Impregator (natural look) Seal & Enhance (enhanced look) 511 H2O Plus (water based option)	Ultracare Penetrating Plus Stone, Tile & Grout Sealer (All) Ultracare Low Sheen Sealer & Finish
	Hotels, offices, public places	Swimming pool surrounds		
	Swimming pool surrounds	Residential living areas		
	Residential living areas			

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STONE / FINISH	PRIME LOCATIONS	AQUA-SEAL STS (Stone + Tile Solutions) 02 9521 4000	SOLUTION SEALERS for Stone and Tile 1300 4 STONE (78663)
GRANITE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● POLISHED [1] ● HONED [2] ● EXFOLIATED [3] ● BLASTED [4] ● BUSH-HAMMERED [5] ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External paving/ramps/stairs Hotels, offices, public buildings Shopping centre – walkway Food court/Fast food outlets Toilet facilities – public places Swimming pool surrounds Bench and vanity tops 	Aqua-Seal Gold+™ (natural look) [1–7] Ultra-Block™ (six sided sealing) [1–7] Enhance'N'Seal+™ (enhanced look) [1–7]	Protex [1.7] Quantum [2,3,4,5,6] Infuse [2,3,4,5,6]
MARBLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● POLISHED [1] ● HONED [2] ○ EXFOLIATED [NA] ● BLASTED [4] ● BUSH-HAMMERED [5] ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotels, offices, public places Shopping centre – walkway Food court/Fast food outlets Toilet facilities – public places Residential living areas Bath and shower rooms Bench and vanity tops 	Aqua-Seal Gold+™ (natural look) [1–7] Ultra-Block™ (six sided sealing) [1–7] Enhance'N'Seal+™ (enhanced look) [1–7]	Protex [1.7] Pristine – WB [2,4,5,6,7]
LIMESTONE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● POLISHED [1] ● HONED [2] ○ EXFOLIATED [NA] ● BLASTED [4] ● BUSH-HAMMERED [5] ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External paving/ramps/stairs Hotels, offices, public places Toilet facilities – public places Residential living areas Bath and shower rooms Construction stone 	Aqua-Seal Gold+™ (natural look) [1–7] Ultra-Block™ (six sided sealing) [1–7] Enhance'N'Seal+™ (enhanced look) [1–7]	Protex [1.7] Quantum [2,3,4,5,6] Pristine – WB [2,4,5,6,7]
TRAVERTINE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ POLISHED [1] ● HONED [2] ○ EXFOLIATED [NA] ● BLASTED [4] ● BUSH-HAMMERED [5] ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External paving/ramps/stairs Hotels, offices, public places Swimming pool surrounds Residential living areas Bath and shower rooms 	Aqua-Seal Gold+™ (natural look) [1–7] Ultra-Block™ (six sided sealing) [1–7] Enhance'N'Seal+™ (enhanced look) [1–7]	Protex [ALL] Quantum [2,3,4,5,6] Infuse [2,3,4,5,6]
BLUESTONE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ POLISHED [1] ● HONED [2] ○ EXFOLIATED [NA] ● BLASTED [4] ● BUSH-HAMMERED [5] ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External paving/ramps/stairs Hotels, offices, public buildings Swimming pool surrounds Residential living areas Bath and shower rooms Shopping centres – walkway 	Aqua-Seal Gold+™ (natural look) [1–7] Ultra-Block™ (six sided sealing) [1–7] Enhance'N'Seal+™ (enhanced look) [1–7]	Infuse [2,3,4,5,6] Pristine – WB [2,4,5,6,7]
SANDSTONE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External paving/ramps/stairs Hotels, offices, public places Swimming pool surrounds Façades /construction 	Aqua-Seal Gold+™ (natural look) [6] Ultra-Block™ (six sided sealing) [6] Enhance'N'Seal+™ (enhanced look) [6]	Consolidate [ALL] Quantum [ALL] Infuse [ALL]
SLATE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External paving/ramps/stairs Hotels, offices, public places Swimming pool surrounds Residential living areas 	Aqua-Seal Gold+™ (natural look) [6] Ultra-Block™ (six sided sealing) [6] Enhance'N'Seal+™ (enhanced look) [6]	Quantum [ALL] Infuse [ALL] Pristine – WB [ALL]

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GRANITE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● POLISHED [1] ● HONED [2] ● EXFOLIATED [3] ● BLASTED [4] ● BUSH-HAMMERED [5] ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	External paving/ramps/stairs	STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Sealer [ALL]	STAIN-PROOF™ [ALL] METACRÈME™ [1, 2, 7] INTENSIFIA™ [ALL]
	Hotels, offices, public buildings	STONETECH® BulletProof® [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	
	Shopping centre – walkway		
	Food court/Fast food outlets		
	Toilet facilities – public places		
	Swimming pool surrounds	STONETECH® Salt Water Resistant Sealer [2,3,4,5,6,7] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer [2,3,4,5,6,7] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	
Bench and vanity tops	STONETECH® BulletProof® [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	STAIN-PROOF™ Plus [ALL] INTENSIFIA™ [ALL]	
MARBLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● POLISHED [1] ● HONED [2] ○ EXFOLIATED [NA] ● BLASTED [4] ● BUSH-HAMMERED [5] ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	Hotels, offices, public places	STONETECH® BulletProof® [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	STAIN-PROOF™ [ALL] METACRÈME™ [1, 2, 7] INTENSIFIA™ [ALL]
	Shopping centre – walkway		
	Food court/Fast food outlets		
	Toilet facilities – public places		
	Residential living areas		
	Bath and shower rooms		
Bench and vanity tops		STAIN-PROOF™ Plus [ALL]	
LIMESTONE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● POLISHED [1] ● HONED [2] ○ EXFOLIATED [NA] ● BLASTED [4] ● BUSH-HAMMERED [5] ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	External paving/ramps/stairs	STONETECH® BulletProof® [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer [2,3,4,5,6,7] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Sealer [ALL]	STAIN-PROOF™ [ALL] DRY-TREAT 40SK™ [ALL] INTENSIFIA™ [ALL]
	Hotels, offices, public places	STONETECH® BulletProof® [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	
	Toilet facilities – public places		
	Residential living areas		
	Bath and shower rooms		
	Construction stone	STONETECH® BulletProof® [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer [2,3,4,5,6,7]	
TRAVERTINE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ POLISHED [1] ● HONED [2] ○ EXFOLIATED [NA] ● BLASTED [4] ● BUSH-HAMMERED [5] ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	External paving/ramps/stairs	STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer [2,3,4,5,6,7] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	STAIN-PROOF™ [ALL] DRY-TREAT 40SK™ [ALL] INTENSIFIA™ [ALL]
	Hotels, offices, public places	STONETECH® BulletProof® [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	
	Swimming pool surrounds	STONETECH® Salt Water Resistant Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	
	Residential living areas	STONETECH® BulletProof® [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	
	Bath and shower rooms		
BLUESTONE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ POLISHED [1] ● HONED [2] ○ EXFOLIATED [NA] ● BLASTED [4] ● BUSH-HAMMERED [5] ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	External paving/ramps/stairs	STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer [2,3,4,5,6,7] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	STAIN-PROOF™ [ALL] METACRÈME™ [1, 2, 7] INTENSIFIA™ [ALL]
	Hotels, offices, public buildings	STONETECH® BulletProof® [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	
	Swimming pool surrounds	STONETECH® Salt Water Resistant Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	
	Residential living areas	STONETECH® BulletProof® [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	
	Bath and shower rooms		
	Shopping centres – walkway		
SANDSTONE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] 	External paving/ramps/stairs	STONETECH® BulletProof® [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	STAIN-PROOF™ [ALL] DRY-TREAT 40SK™ [ALL] INTENSIFIA™ [ALL]
	Hotels, offices, public places		
	Swimming pool surrounds	STONETECH® Salt Water Resistant Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	
	Façades /construction	STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer [2,3,4,5,6,7] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	
SLATE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SAWN/SPLIT FINISH [6] ● SATIN / ANTIQUE [7] 	External paving/ramps/stairs	STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer [2,3,4,5,6,7] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	STAIN-PROOF™ [ALL] METACRÈME™ [7] INTENSIFIA™ [ALL]
	Hotels, offices, public places		
	Swimming pool surrounds	STONETECH® Salt Water Resistant Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	
	Residential living areas	STONETECH® BulletProof® [ALL] STONETECH® Heavy Duty Sealer [ALL] STONETECH® Enhancer Pro [ALL]	