

## Cleaning - Protecting - Maintaining Travertine

Travertines are limestones that often have very porous surfaces. The strong colours and the often unique structure of the stone is best accentuated on polished and finely honed surfaces. Like any other natural material, travertine requires a certain level of care. Using the right care system - from the beginning - will keep this classic material looking its best for years.

### Overview of the 3 Steps *for more detailed instructions, please refer to Page 2*

**1**

**Before grouting:** impregnating the stone will facilitate removing excess grouting material  
**Initial cleaning of newly installed surfaces** *used surfaces: Page 2*

Lithofin MN Power-Clean removes greasy dirt and many other types of dirt.



**Coverage:**  
1Ltr./50 m<sup>2</sup>



Dilute product 1:10 with water.



Rigorously brush the wet floor, then wipe off the surface.



Rinse well with plenty of clear water.



Allow the surface to dry.

**Necessary equipment:** bucket, mop and scrubbing brush, squeegee or wet-and-dry vacuum

**2**

**Protecting against stains** *initial cleaning of used surfaces: Page 2*

Lithofin MN Stain-Stop protects against oil and water and simplifies maintenance.



**Coverage:**  
1Ltr./8 m<sup>2</sup>



Please note.



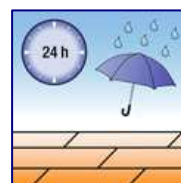
Evenly apply with a lambswool applicator or a roller.



Distribute or remove excess product, streaks and puddles.



Allow to dry. Do not walk on surface for approx. 45 minutes.



Protect from water for 24 hours.

**Necessary equipment:** bucket or basin, lambswool applicator or micro-fibre mop, cloth.

**3**

**Regular maintenance** *additional information: Page 2*

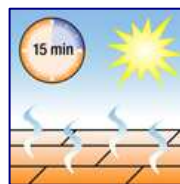
Use Lithofin MN Wash & Clean or Lithofin EASY-CARE regularly for well maintained surfaces.



Add one squirt (20ml) to one bucket of water.



Wipe surface with solution. Do not rinse.



Allow to dry. Do not walk on surface during drying time.

Please Note:  
In case of stubborn dirt deposits use Lithofin MN Power-Clean.

**Necessary Equipment:** bucket, mop

041-GB4\_13gps

Please follow the detailed instructions on the product label. *for additional information, please refer to Page 2*

## Newly installed surfaces

**Before grouting:** thinly apply Lithofin MN Stain-Stop to the dry surface and edges and allow to dry for approx. 12 hours. This pre-treatment will render the surface water repellent and facilitate removing excess grouting material.

### 1 Cleaning and refurbishing used or extremely dirty surfaces

- ◆ Before treating used surfaces, the stone must be thoroughly cleaned. All deposits and care product residues must be removed from the surface and from the pores.
- Dilute Lithofin MN Power-Clean 1:3 with water (or Lithofin WEXA 1:10), generously apply with a scrubbing brush or a cloth and allow the solution to work for 5 to 10 minutes.
- Scrub well with either a scrubbing brush or machine and wait 5 more minutes.
- Add water while brushing, and then completely remove solution by wiping or vacuuming.
- Rinse well with clear water until all product residues are gone from the surface then towel dry.
- ◆ Allow the surface to dry for several days before applying the protective treatment.

#### Other, stubborn types of dirt

oil, grease, care product residues	Lithofin MN Power-Clean or Lithofin WEXA
tar, wax, varnish, sealants	Lithofin WAX-OFF
deeply engrained oil stains	Lithofin OIL-EX
calcium deposits or grouting residues	Lithofin MN Power-Clean

### 2a Additional information about protective treatments

- ◆ Treating the surface with Lithofin MN Stain-Stop (solvent based) protects natural stone.
- ◆ Lithofin impregnators achieve the best possible protection without altering the surface appearance. Formation of stains is largely prevented, the surfaces become easier to clean.
- ◆ The surface becomes much easier to maintain and remains beautiful for many years.
- ◆ There are no health concerns once the product has dried.
- ◆ We recommend repeating the treatment after 4 to 5 years. Suitable for indoor and outdoor use.

#### Please Note:

- ◆ **Test the product in an inconspicuous area prior to use.** Wet or non-absorbent surfaces cannot be treated.
- ◆ Impregnators can only be used on completely dry surfaces, otherwise the product will not penetrate.
- ◆ Carefully and completely remove product residues before drying. Residues cannot be removed once dry.
- ◆ Some types of stone may become darker after treatment. Impregnators do not protect against acid.

### 2b Treating outdoor surfaces

- ◆ Treating a used outdoor surface requires a careful basic cleaning.
- Spray Lithofin MN Outdoor Cleaner onto the surface and allow the product to work for 15 to 20 minutes. In very stubborn cases, allow the product to work overnight.
- Scrub the surface with a scrubbing brush.
- Rinse with clear water until all cleaner residues are removed.
- ◆ Spraying the surface with Lithofin ALGEX twice per year will prevent the stone from developing green deposits.

#### Please Note:

△ Please follow the detailed instructions on the label.

△ Travertine will be damaged by acidic substances such as vinegar, lemon, ketchup, wine, some cleaners, etc.

**TIP:** Avoid leaching and strong degreasing products as well as products that build up layers. These products alter the appearance and make maintenance more difficult.

△ 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. Always test the product in an inconspicuous area. (GB2.12gps)

If you require advice or are in any way unsure about these instructions, please call our **Technical Support Line at (01962) 732126.**

## The Professional Solution

#### Distribution in UK and Ireland:

CASDRON Enterprises Ltd. · Alresford, Hampshire SO24 9QF · Phone: +44 (0)1962 732 126 · Fax +44 (0)1962 735 373  
Manufactured in Germany by: LITHOFIN AG · 73240 Wendlingen · e-mail: info@lithofin.de [www.lithofin.com](http://www.lithofin.com)

Your LITHOFIN-Dealer: