

Treating Solnhofener Natural Stone

Solnhofener is a unique limestone. Its toughness and its uniformity make it a popular material for use on walls and floors. The surface can be naturally rough, honed or polished. As with all other natural stones, the right treatment from the beginning is essential to keep the stone looking its best for many years.

General Notes



Please note that all limestones are sensitive to acid and substances such as vinegar, wine, lemon juice, ketchup, acid based cleaners will damage the surface and leave dull spots. Avoid these substances coming into contact with polished and finely honed limestone surfaces. Also, avoid using scouring pads and other abrasives as they will scratch the surface.

Before Grouting

Apply one saturation coat of the impregnator intended for the finishing treatment prior to grouting. This pre-treatment acts as a grout release and greatly facilitates removing cement and mortar residues.

△ Please Note: cement residue removers contain acid and are not suitable for use on limestone. Use clear water to carefully rinse off any residues of grouting materials.

Initial Cleaning



Clean the surface with Lithofin MN Power-Clean, diluted 1:10 with water, in order to remove all builder's and general dirt. on rough surfaces, Lithofin MN Builder's Clean highly diluted (at least 1:20) can also be used.



Mortar and cement residues on polished and finely honed surfaces: apply Lithofin MN Power-Clean undiluted and allow to soak for approx. 10 minutes. Carefully remove residues with a white nylon pad - do not apply any pressure.

Different Types of Dirt

Oily and greasy dirt as well as residues of care products can easily be removed with Lithofin MN Power-Clean. In very stubborn cases and in case of tar, wax, sealants, etc. use Lithofin WAX-OFF. Deeply ingrained oil and grease stains are best removed with Lithofin OIL-EX. Limescale and calcium deposits can only be removed mechanically with a scraper or razor blade.

Protective Treatment

Surfaces such as floors, walls, table tops, kitchen counters, etc. should be protected with Lithofin MN Stain-Stop. The surface becomes water and oil repellent, which largely prevents staining.

△ **Important:** the surface to be treated must be clean and completely dry. We highly recommend testing the product in an inconspicuous area in order to evaluate the effect.



Applying Lithofin MN Stain-Stop is easy: apply with a roller, sponge or soft bristled brush, allow the product to penetrate and remove any excess within approx. 15 minutes.



Lithofin MN Stain-Stop is suitable for all surface finishes. The appearance of the surface is not affected; a slight darkening in colour is possible, though. We recommend reapplying the impregnator after approx. 3 years. The active ingredients do not pose any health hazard once dry.

Please Note: there are additional products developed specifically for rough surfaces that produce gloss and intensify the stone's colour structure.

Regular Maintenance



Regularly wipe the surface with water. Add a splash of Lithofin MN Wash & Clean or Lithofin EASY-CARE per bucket of luke warm water - this way you will clean and maintain.

Strong degreasing and leaching products are not suitable for regular cleaning.



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

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△ 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 for suitability and effect prior to use. (GB12.05gps)