

Properties of Natural Stone

- Natural stone is porous and may stain.
- Small pit holes are common in natural stone. Large pits are filled in by LATITUDE.
- There may be:
 - o Extrusions – a small visual crack that does not pose a fault in the material.
 - o Fissures – a crack with no stone content, commonly no longer than 3" and filled with clear resin.
- Colour and pattern may vary, making it vital to tag the natural stone for your project.
- Colour and pattern may vary from one end of a slab to another.
- Joints and seams are visible and noticeable through touch. Slight variations are to be expected in surface joint seam width and height alignment.
- Seam placement is determined by LATITUDE. Customer input will be considered, but LATITUDE must approve any seam location requests. These requests may affect your quote.
- A signed marble/travertine waiver is required for all marble projects. Marble and travertine are extremely soft and porous.
- Sealing your natural stone every 1 – 3 years is recommended to help prevent staining.
- Natural stone is susceptible to thermal shock. Always use trivets and cutting boards.
- Natural stone can chip with force, especially around the sink (for undermount sinks) and along the edge.
- There is a tolerance of 1/8" or less for gaps between the countertop and wall or gable.
- Dark colours will show seams (including seams in 1 1/2", 2" and 3" edges) more than lighter colours.
- Does not allow for mitred radiuses in stone surfaces.
- Does not allow for mitres (material is too soft).