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## **When is it Time to Reseal?**

To seal or not to seal – this is the question. The time to reseal your stone, unless your stone does not require a sealer, will come eventually. Most of the “impregnators” out there will recommend reapplying every 3-5 years. In truth, this will depend on two main factors:

1. The density of your stone - Not all stones are created equal. The “absorption rate” of your stone is reflected by the density of the geological composition. For example, an Absolute Black has an absorption rate of .05% – 0.15%. A stone such as this does not require a sealer AT ALL. In contrast, a stone like Imperial White, absorption rate of 0.45%, may need an extra coat of sealer.
2. Quality of the sealer. Like stone, not all sealers are created equal. Make sure you are buying a quality sealer from a stone professional. We recommend Stonetech’s “Bullet Proof”, or Miracle Sealants 511 Impregnator

How can I tell the density of my stone? The best and easiest way to tell is the “Lemon Juice Test”. If you do not have a piece of scrap granite, use water.

- Spread lemon juice on scrap piece of granite. If dark spots develop in under one minute, your stone is highly absorbent and you may want to give it an extra application of sealer. If a black spot develops after one minute, than your rate of absorbency will be easily managed by a standard application of sealer. If after 5 minutes, no dark spots have developed, than have no fear, this stone, in most cases, will not even take a sealer.

So how to tell if your stone is ready to reseal? The first “tell tale” sign will be around the kitchen sink area. If you see dark spots left over after water has been wiped up, it is time to reseal. Sealing is fairly simple. Follow the manufactures recommendations on the bottle. The big thing you want to make sure of is that you have not left any sealer residue behind and all sealer has been wiped up.

NOTE REGARDING HONED MATERIAL – It is our recommendation that ALL honed material be sealed.

Recommended sealer – Dupont Stone-tech Professional Bulletproof Sealer  
- Miracle Sealants 511 Impregnator

Cheers and good luck!  
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