STONETECH® Maintenance & Care

Nimbus

Granite

MCI 106

NOTE: For all recommended products: read the entire product label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area with a 24-hour cure time to determine ease of application and desired results. Avoid skin and eye contact. Always wear appropriate safety equipment during product use.

SEALING AND PROTECTING:

Granite is susceptible to staining from both oil and water-based materials and sealing will help protect the stone's appearance.

For a natural look water repellent on exterior surfaces:

STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area with a 24-hour cure time to determine ease of application and desired results. Allow new grout installations to cure for a minimum of 72 hours prior to application. Make sure surface is clean, thoroughly dry and free of waxes an coatings. Surface temperature should be between 50°F - 80°F (10°C - 26°C). Keep children and pets out of the area until surface use resumes.

1. Mask off any surfaces not intended to be treated.
2. Liberally apply an even coat of STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer with a paint pad, paintbrush, paint roller or solvent-resistant, low-pressure sprayer. Do not use power sprayer. Do not thin before using. See method of application.
3. Allow sealer to penetrate the surface for 5–15 minutes; denser material may require more time for sealer to penetrate. During this time, distribute excess sealer over entire area to ensure even penetration. DO NOT ALLOW EXCESS SEALER TO DRY ON THE SURFACE.
4. Thoroughly wipe dry the entire surface with a clean dry cloth to completely remove all excess sealer from the surface.
5. A second coat may be needed for porous, absorbent surfaces and should be applied one hour after initial application as directed in steps 2–4.

6. If sealer was not completely wiped off and a residue appears, wipe entire surface with a towel dampened with sealer. Use a white nylon pad to loosen residue and follow with a clean, white absorbent towel to remove.

7. Full cure is achieved in 24–72 hours. Surface use may resume in 4-6 hours.

8. Clean up promptly after job is complete, since rags and equipment that are wet with product may be combustible. Clean equipment with mineral spirits and allow equipment and rags to dry in a well-ventilated area out of reach of children and pets. After rags are dry, dispose of in accordance with local waste disposal regulations.

Refer to DS 212.5 for more information.

For exterior natural look protection from water- and oil-based staining:

STONETECH® Impregnator Pro® Sealer

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area with a 24-hour cure time to determine ease of application and desired results. Allow new grout installations to cure for a minimum of 72 hours prior to applying sealer. Make sure surface is clean, dry and free of waxes and coatings. Surface temperature should be between 50°F and 80°F (10°C and 27°C). Keep children and pets out of the area until surface use resumes or treated surface is dry.

1. Ensure area is well-ventilated during application and until the surface is dry. Use a respirator if unsure that area is well-ventilated. A NIOSH-approved respirator with a combination HEPA/organic vapor cartridge is recommended. Follow respirator manufacturer's instructions for use. Ensure cap is closed and sealed and shake well before use.

2. Mask off surfaces not intended to be treated.

3. Liberally apply an even coat of STONETECH® Impregnator Pro® Sealer using a paint pad, roller, brush or pump-up garden sprayer. DO NOT USE A POWER SPRAYER. See method of application for more information. Do not thin before using.

4. Allow sealer to penetrate surface for 5-7 minutes; denser stone may require more time for sealer to penetrate. During this time, distribute excess sealer over entire area to ensure even penetration. DO NOT ALLOW EXCESS SEALER TO DRY ON SURFACE.

5. Thoroughly wipe dry the entire surface with clean absorbent towels.

6. If excess sealer was not completely wiped off and a residue appears, wipe entire surface with a towel dampened with sealer. Use a white nylon scrubbing pad to loosen residue and follow with white absorbent towel to remove.

7. Full cure is achieved after 24–72 hours. Grouting may begin after 24-hour cure of sealer application. If use of the surface must resume sooner, cover the treated surface with red rosin paper to protect it until full curse is achieved.

8. Rags and equipment that are wet with product may be combustible. Clean up promptly after job is complete. Clean equipment with mineral spirits and allow to dry in a well-ventilated area. Allow rags to dry in a well-ventilated area out of the reach of children and pets. When dry, dispose of in accordance with local waste disposal regulations.

Refer to DS238-0120 for more information.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Routine, daily maintenance of granite surfaces will involve keeping dirt, dust, and other soiling from building up. Spills, food, and other potential staining materials need to be cleaned up in a reasonable period of time. Regular sweeping and light damp mopping is advisable. For larger installations these processes remain the same; only the scale will change.

Highly alkaline, acidic, ammonia based, abrasive cleaners, or bleach may damage some stone, tile and/or grout surfaces and may also degrade an applied sealer, adversely affecting stain repellency. The use of a gentle cleaner specifically formulated for stone, tile and grout maintenance is the best assurance of not harming the granite, grout or degrading any applied sealers.

Maintenance Cleaning

Both routine damp mopping and monthly scrub cleanings of granite surfaces can be accomplished with STONETECH® Revitalizer® Cleaner and Protector. These types of cleaning can be accomplished using a bucket and mop while a wet/dry vacuum is helpful for cleaning big floors. For commercial applications a swing machine fitted with a brush or pad or an auto-scrubber will help maintain larger installations.

For routine cleaning of granite with a cleaner and protector:

STONETECH® Revitalizer® Cleaner and Protector (Concentrate)

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Be sure all surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuumed to remove loose debris. Keep children and pets out of the area during application and drying.

1. Dilute STONETECH Revitalizer Cleaner and Protector (Concentrate) with warm water according to the following mixing chart:

Use	STONETECH® Revitalizer® Cleaner & Protector (Concentrate)	Warm Water
Spray Refill	1 part	1 part
Light Duty	1 part	4 parts

2. Apply diluted solution with a damp mop, towel, sponge or low-pressure sprayer.
3. Rub surface lightly and remove any excess cleaner. No need to rinse.
4. Repeat if necessary, for heavily soiled areas.
5. Let area dry completely before using.

STONETECH® Revitalizer® Cleaner and Protector (Ready-To-Use)

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Be sure all surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuumed to remove loose debris. Keep children and pets out of the area during application and drying.

1. To refill 24 oz. (709 mL) spray bottle, use a funnel.
2. Spray or pour directly onto soiled area.
3. Wipe clean with a dry towel, lint free cloth or sponge. No need to rinse.
4. Repeat for heavily soiled areas using a non-abrasive scrubbing pad.
5. Wipe clean with a dry towel.

Refer to DS 212.0 for more information.

For routine cleaning of granite with a cleaner

STONETECH Stone & Tile Cleaner (Concentrate)

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Be sure surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuumed to remove loose debris. Avoid skin and eye contact with product. Wear protective eyewear and gloves when handling concentrate. Keep children and pets out of the area during application and drying.

1. Dilute STONETECH® Stone & Tile Cleaner (Concentrate) with warm water according to the following mixing chart:

Use	STONETECH® Stone & Tile Cleaner (Concentrate)	Warm Water
Light Duty	1 part	64 parts
Heavy Duty	1 part	32 parts

2. Apply mixed solution with a damp mop, sponge, or appropriate professional cleaning equipment.

3. Clean entire area with mop, changing cleaning solution often to ensure that soil is not redeposited. Wipe or rinse cleaned area.

4. Let area dry completely before using.

STONETECH Stone & Tile Cleaner (Ready-To-Use)

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Be sure surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuumed to remove loose debris. Avoid skin and eye contact with product. Wear protective eyewear and gloves when handling concentrate. Keep children and pets out of the area during application and drying.

1. Spray or pour directly onto soiled area.
2. Wipe clean with a dry towel, lint free cloth or sponge. No need to rinse.
3. Repeat for heavily soiled areas using a non-abrasive scrubbing pad.
4. Wipe clean with a dry towel.

Refer to DS 211.0 for more information.

RESTORATIVE DEEP CLEANING

Granite can become heavily soiled over time. Restorative cleaning processes will help return these surfaces to a more acceptable appearance.

The following restorative surface cleaning processes are done in preparation for resealing or for specialized surface cleaning circumstances. These cleaning processes should not damage the granite surface. However, these types of heavy-duty cleaning methods may degrade or strip many sealers from the application.

Depending on the type of soiling or staining, select one of the following options:

For spot or small area deep cleaning:

STONETECH® DeepKlenz™ Cleaner

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Test in a small inconspicuous area to determine required results. Be sure all surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuumed to remove loose debris. Avoid skin and eye contact with product. Wear protective eyewear, gloves, long sleeves, and long pants while handling concentrate. Ensure work area is well-ventilated during application and until surface is dry. Keep children and pets out of the area during application and drying. Recommended application temperature range is between 40°F - 100°F (4°C - 38°C).

1. Thoroughly wet surface by directly spraying onto soiled area.
2. Allow STONETECH DeepKlenz™ Cleaner to work on the surface for 5-10 minutes. Do NOT allow product to dry on the surface.
3. Lightly scrub with a stiff bristle brush to remove the surface contaminants.
4. Rinse and wipe surface with clean cloth and warm water. Repeat as needed for heavy soiled areas.
5. Reseal cleaned area with an appropriate STONETECH sealer (e.g. STONETECH BulletProof® Sealer).

Refer to DS111.2 for more information.

For oil stain removal:

STONETECH Oil Stain Remover

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area to determine that the desired results will be achieved. Make sure surface is clean, dry, and free of waxes and coatings. Ensure that area is well-ventilated and keep children and pets away from the area during application and until surface is clean and dry.

1. Using a plastic or wood spatula, stir thoroughly to mix the paste.
2. Apply a ¼" (6 mm) thick layer of paste to the stain. Ensure that the paste extends at least 1" - 2" (25 – 50mm) beyond the edge of the stain.
3. Do not cover.
4. Allow 48 – 72 hours for STONETECH Oil Stain Remover to dry.
5. Using a plastic spatula, remove the dried STONETECH Oil Stain Remover and discard.
6. Allow solvent to completely dry from the stone.
7. If stain is not completely gone after drying, repeat process.
8. Clean up residue and tools with mineral spirits.
9. Once the surface is dry, reseal the cleaned area with an appropriate STONETECH sealer (e.g. STONETECH BulletProof® Sealer).

Refer to DS 214.0 for more information.

Removal of efflorescence, mineral deposits, and calcium based staining:

This type of restorative surface cleaning process is typically performed with an acidic cleaning compound. The use of acidic cleaners will damage or affect the surface appearance of granite. Surface refinishing may be required to remove mineral based deposits or stains from a granite surface. Consulting a stone restoration professional is recommended.

<u>For cleaning grease, oil, dirt, dry soil, or to prepare for resealing:</u>

STONETECH KlenzAll™ Cleaner (Concentrate)

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area to determine ease of use and desired results. Be sure all surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuumed to remove loose debris. Avoid skin and eye contact with product. Wear protective eyewear, gloves, long sleeves, and long pants while handling concentrate. Ensure work area is well-ventilated during application and until surface is dry. Keep children and pets out of the area during application and drying.

The following is a restorative surface cleaning process which is done in preparation for resealing or for specialized surface cleaning circumstances. This process should not damage the stone surface, however, this type of heavy-duty cleaning will degrade or strip many sealers from the application.

1. Dilute concentrated STONETECH® KlenzAll™ Cleaner with warm water according to the following mixing chart:

Use	STONETECH® KlenzAll™ Cleaner (Concentrate)	Warm Water	pH
Light Duty	1 part	8 parts	10.7
Medium Duty	1 part	4 parts	11
Heavy Duty	1 part	2 parts	11.3

2. Apply mixed solution with a mop, clean cloth, or low-pressure sprayer. Avoid applying cleaner on unintended surfaces.
3. Lightly scrub with a scrub brush or floor machine as needed.
4. Remove STONETECH KlenzAll Cleaner using a clean cloth, wet/dry vacuum, or damp mop.
5. Rinse area well with clean water. Allow area to dry completely.
6. Some surfaces may require additional cleaning. If so, repeat steps 2 – 5 above.
7. Reseal cleaned area with an appropriate STONETECH sealer (e.g. STONETECH Heavy Duty Sealer).

Refer to data sheet DS 215.0 for more information.

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