

## **Maintenance of Polished Marble Walls**

In many cases marble is installed on walls as a decorative finish that is subject to limited contact or soiling, (example bathroom or foyer walls). As polished marble is not recommended in external areas due to impact of ultraviolet light, we are usually also dealing with an internal area. In this case maintenance is made simple by simply washing with water only as outlined below. In shower areas or where the marble finish is exposed to touch and contact additional cleaning recommendations should be considered.

### **Washing and Cleaning**

Normal household maintenance involves periodic washing with clean, potable water. A dash of methylated spirits can be added to help minimise streaking or the need for dry buffing on completion. (Do not use Ajax, Jiff or other aggressive cleaning products). Alternatively use Johnsons View Quick non rinse cleaner, (see recommendation below). For removal of difficult marks, we recommend “Tempo Heavy Duty Cleaner” (see recommendation below). “Tempo” is an aggressive yet non-acidic neutral cleaning agent; however rubber gloves should be used, while applying this product. If it is necessary to use a detergent it is important that it be a neutral product. Mild phosphate free biodegradable liquid dish soaps, soapflakes or powders are acceptable if rinsing is thorough on completion.

### **Enjo Approach**

As an environmentally friendly approach consider the “Enjo” approach where washing with cold water only is recommended using the “Enjo Glove” followed by buffing with “Enjo Miracle”. For removal of difficult marks, dirt and grime use “Method Go Naked” (see recommendation below for “Enjo” and “Method” products).

Option specific to stone industry: “Lithofin MN Easy Care” is a cleaning product designed for regular maintenance. MN Easy Care cleans and enhances in one action (that is, no rinsing required). For removal of difficult marks consider “Lithofin” MN Power Clean (see product recommendations below)

### **Sealing**

On completion of the installation of a polished marble wall, we recommend that it be sealed with a penetrating sealer which does not change the appearance of the material or leave a film on the surface. Note that it is critical that the wall is professionally cleaned prior to sealing allowing adequate time to dry prior to application. After application of the sealer any excess sealer residue should be removed by buffing with a white nylon pad. While the sealers are extremely effective they do not provide surface protection or resistance to acidic substances (e.g. alcohol or citrus juice). For choice of penetrating sealer, see our list of recommended sealers.

For further clarification or discussion, please do not hesitate to discuss the above further with our showroom staff.

**Recommendations**

- “Enjo” Mopping implement and fabrics – “Enjo” products, contact Kathy Smith 0400363960
- Method cleaning products - contact Kathy Smith 0400363960
- Neutral Detergent recommendation: Johnsons “View Quick” and “Tempo Heavy Duty Cleaner available from:
- Bunzl Cash Store: 346 Newcastle Street, Perth ph. 9328 4200
- Campbells Janitor Supplies: 22 Irvine Street, Bayswater, ph. 9370 5100
- Statewide Cleaning Supplies: 39 Frobisher Street, Osborne Park, ph9444 8677
- Recommended application contractor – Airlite Specialist Services Ltd – Ph: 9443 6789.