

Maintenance and Care of External Stone Floors in non slip finishes, (flamed, sandblasted, brushed, chiselled or bush - hammered surfaces).

Non slip finishes vary in degree of difficulty to clean. The more effective the non slip finish the more difficult to clean! The easier to clean the less effective the non slip finish!

Sealing

On installation of a honed stone floor or paved area, we recommend that it be sealed with "Stain Proof" by "Dry Treat", (www.drytreat.com). This is a penetrating sealer and does not change the appearance of the material or leave a film on the surface. Note that it is critical that the floor is professionally cleaned prior to sealing allowing adequate time to dry prior to application. "Dry Treat" is a once only application guaranteed for 15 years. This guarantee is subject to the product being applied by a certified applicator. Please check to ensure that the party responsible for application of the sealer is a certified application contractor. This product has the added benefit of helping to minimize efflorescence, (salts and impurities left after moisture from installation or external sources has dried). Note however that the extent of any efflorescence is environmental and will vary from one site to another. Most important is that if efflorescence occurs it should be cleaned promptly to avoid the salts and impurities being "baked" on the surface.

Washing and cleaning

Washing of the floor for general maintenance purposes should be carried out using a high pressure water source and done as often as required to maintain an adequately clean appearance. Depending on the extent of traffic and soiling, it may be necessary from time to time to "scrub wash" either manually using a standard scrubbing brush or a commercial scrub cleaning machine. If using a cleaning agent we recommend Johnsons View Quick, a non rinse product that should help remove dirt and grime and enhance the appearance of the floor. For removal of difficult marks we recommend "Tempo Heavy Duty Cleaner", available from Statewide Cleaning Supplies. "Tempo" is an aggressive but non-acidic neutral cleaning agent however rubber gloves should be used while applying this product.

Recommendations:

- 1) Neutral Detergent recommendation: Johnsons "**View Quick**" & "**Tempo Heavy Duty Cleaner**" available from:
 - a) Bunzl Cash Store: 346 Newcastle Street, Perth ph. 9328 4200
 - b) Campbells Janitor Supplies: 22 Irvine Street, Bayswater, ph. 9370 5100
 - c) Statewide Cleaning Supplies: 39 Frobisher Street, Osborne Park, ph9444 8677
- 2) "Dry Treat Stain Proof": (www.drytreat.com) Recommended contractor for application of sealer: Airlite Specialist Services, ph. 9443 6789.

