

technical information

SONOMA STONE

STONE	STONE TYPE	DURABILITY/APPLICATION*
ALPACA	Travertine	Medium Duty
CASHMERE	Limestone	Medium Duty
DELLA VIGNA	Tumbled	Medium Duty
GRAY FLANNEL	Limestone	Light Duty
LA CASA	Travertine	Medium Duty
LUNA	Limestone	Light Duty
MARTINIQUE	Sandstone	Light Duty
NUBUCK	Marble	Medium Duty
OLIVE GREEN	Limestone	Medium Duty
RED SEA	Travertine	Medium Duty
TANZU	Slate	Medium Duty
APPLICATION KEY*		
LIGHT DUTY	These stones are suitable for most interior residential uses with the exception of steam showers. Generally, they are also appropriate for very light use commercial interior vertical applications.	
MEDIUM DUTY	These stones are intended for use in all interior residential applications, including counter tops and flooring. These stones are also appropriate for many commercial applications such as light traffic interior flooring and vertical applications. Over time, these stones may scratch or etch if used on a counter, although the quality of the stone is not affected.	
HEAVY DUTY	These stones are extremely hard, making them suitable for all light and medium duty applications as well as most interior and exterior commercial applications. Recommended uses include heavy traffic residential and commercial flooring and other areas that require maximum durability.	
INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE	<p>Seal all natural stones with a penetrating sealer. In addition, we recommend sealing all porous non-polished stones (sandstones, limestones, tumbled, etc.) prior to grouting. This prevents grout from staining or affecting the color of the stone. It is further recommended that stone products be resealed as part of normal maintenance procedures.</p> <p>Note on Gray Flannel: We do not recommend this stone for horizontal application where water can accumulate. This stone has a high salt content which may lead to efflorescence (salt materials to come to the surface and crystallize). This is a naturally occurring process and common to some stones. We recommend setting with a low water adhesive such as latex thin set. Also, prior to sealing with a penetrating sealer, allow the stone to fully breathe and dry out. This minimizes the effect of efflorescence, but is no guarantee to have none at all. In some cases the efflorescence can be rubbed off with a light damp cloth or very fine abrasive (grain 320 or 400), or it may need to be rehoned. Note on Della Vigna (etched tumbled stone): Seal with a water-based sealer only. Never use solvent or acid-based solution washes. Grout should be cleaned from tile surface during installation. Haze that is allowed to dry may be difficult to remove.</p>	