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USER INFORMATION 15.2 - Belgian Blue Stone

Dear customer,

We would like to congratulate you on your choice of Belgian Blue Stone.
In order to fully enjoy your natural product, we give you the following recommendations for protection and maintenance, based on our many years of experience.

1. FLOORS AND LARGE AREA:

A new tile is more porous and therefore more stain sensitive.
Choose for the first mop on a clean, new floor 'Lithofin **MN Onderhoudsproduct voor Blauwe Hardsteen**'.

Highly porous surfaces can be treated with an undiluted stain stop.
Please refer to our separate user information sheets for this.

Frequent cleaning:
For a continuous maintenance of the floor use 'Lithofin **MN Onderhoudsproduct voor Blauwe Hardsteen**'.

'Lithofin **MN Onderhoudsproduct voor Blauwe Hardsteen**': add a little bit of some 20g to 10L of lukewarm mop water, mop thoroughly, do not rinse, but wipe with a wrung out cloth. Dot not walk until the floor is completely dry.

Do not leave mop water on the floor for long periods of time.
Do not clean the floor only with clean water as this will dry out the floor and make is more sensitive to stains. Do not use too much product or soap, as this will leave a film.

In case of heavy soiling: from for example soil, dust,…
Use 'Lithofin **MN Vuiloplosser**', strongly diluted in water 1:10, DO NOT let dry and rinse with plenty of water. Know that after this the floor is more porous and therefore more sensitive to stains, so mop the floor immediately with 'Lithofin **MN Onderhoudsproduct voor Blauwe Hardsteen**'.

2. CUSTOM MADE WORK:

Daily maintenance with 'Lithofin **MN Easy Clean**', apply with a wet sponge of microfibre cloth and dry. Pure water will dry out the stone and make it more sensitive to stains.

Protection:
Apply the **stain stop** pure of a CLEAN and DRY surface with a cotton rag or a new roll (for larger surfaces). Do not leave any puddles and rub in well within 15 minutes. For porous surfaces, repeat within 30 minutes. Do not make wet for 24 hours, so that the product is not "rinsed away".

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The protection with **stain stop** should be repeated when necessary and depends on the use. As soon as the stone becomes porous = liquids no longer bead on the stone, the stain stop treatment must be resumed. With daily use of your natural stone, count on a stain stop treatment 2 to 3 times a year.
TIP: if you still have streaks from dried stain remover, use undiluted stain remover on a cloth to rub away the streaks.

PAY ATTENTION!
Belgian Blue Stone is a limestone and is SOUR-SENSITIVE to lemon, vinegar, fruit juice, champagne, cola,… as well as to high acid cleaning products such as Viakal, Antikal, plunger, cement residue remover,… Do NOT use these cleaning products on your natural stone. Substances with a high acidity will cause pale dull stains on your Blue Stone = damage to the surface finish.
The stain stop treatment never gives 100% protection against these acidic products.

Large temperature variations may cause damage. Do not place hot cooking pots directly on the worktop. Do not pour boiling water directly onto the natural stone (sink, shower tray, washbasin).

For custom-made products, we seal joints with elastic marble silicone; the durability of this strongly depends on maintenance and daily use. The reapplication of the joint silicone is not part of the guarantee.

IN CASE OF LIMESCALE POLLUTION:
Wet your stone and spray with 'Lithofin **MN Easy Clean'**, use stainless steel wool WET to mechanically remove lime traces. If necessary, use a little Cif Cream (yellow packaging) or 'Lithofin **MN Vuiloplosser'** diluted or 'Akemi **Steenreiniger'**. Always rinse with plenty of water. If necessary, reapply the stain protection.

FADED SPOTS
'Akemi **Transformer MAX**' is a colour enhancer that covers spots, deepens the colour, and makes surfaces water-repellent and dirt-resistant.

For other stains, please consult our FAQ section WHAT TO DO ABOUT STAINS?

Possible types of stain protection:

Lithofin **MN Protector Blauwe Hardsteen**	may darken the colour
Lithofin **Vlekstop W**	water based, can enhance the colour
Akemi **Transformer MAX**	very good colour deepening and protection
Akemi **Nano anti-vlek**	very good protection and no colour deepening

Always follow the instructions on the packaging of your product