



TRAVERTINE, LIMESTONE, MARBLE, JERUSALEM STONE & SLATE

After installation and grouting as described in **GS2** and in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations, the area should be thoroughly clean and dry prior to sealing with 2/3 coats of *Lithofin Stainstop W* a water based sealant in accordance with the manufacturers recommendation.

For areas of good ventilation during installation use *Lithofin Stainstop Plus*, a highly penetrating solvent-based sealer.

Slate should always be treated with *Lithofin Stainstop Plus*.

For a wax-like finish with a sheen, a final coat of *Stonewax* can be applied. A dilute coat of *Stonewax* can be applied at intervals (*usually 1-2 years*) to freshen up the surface and intensify colour.

Sandstone

Sandstone should be sealed with 2 coats of *Lithofin Stainstop W* water based or *Lithofin Stainstop Plus* solvent based for external use prior to grouting and a 3rd coat after cleaning and drying as a final protection.

Terracotta

Terracotta should be thoroughly clean and dry prior to treating with 2 saturation coats of *Boiled Linseed Oil:White Spirit 50:50*. removing any surplus 1 hour after each coat. After drying overnight, grouting can be carried out as normal. The tiles should be cleaned of any grout residue prior to a top sealing coat, if required, 3-4 days after the *Linseed Oil*. For a gloss sheen finish *Lithofin Terracotta* sealant can be applied as one coat. For a satin sheen finish *Stone Wax* can be applied in two coats. The tiles can be re-coated at any time, particularly if they are frequently cleaned, to freshen and re-seal.

Note:

With the exception of *Linseed Oil* saturation, all sealers should be used taking great care not to leave residues that could detract from the finished appearance. Use sparingly at all times.

For further information on any aspects of installation or finishing, please contact **Earth Wood & Stone's** technical department. We are pleased to carry out site visits with a full report without charge or obligation.