

Properties of Natural Stone

- Small pit holes are common in natural stone. Large pits are filled in by LATITUDE.
- There may be:
 - o Extrusions – a small visual crack that does not pose a fault in the material.
 - o Fissures – a crack with no stone content, commonly no longer than 3" and filled with clear resin.
- Colour and pattern may vary, making it vital to tag the natural stones with movement in pattern for your project. Salt and Pepper stones do not always need to be tagged.
- Colour and pattern may vary from one end of a slab to another.
- Joints and seams are hardly visible although are noticeable through touch. Slight variations are to be expected in surface joint seam width and height alignment.
- Seam placement is determined by LATITUDE. Customer input will be considered, but LATITUDE must approve any seam location requests. These requests may affect your quote.
- A signed marble/travertine waiver is required for all marble projects. Marble and travertine are extremely soft and porous.
- Latitude applies a 25year warrantied stain-proof technology to Granites and Quartzites which never require resealing or further maintenance other than washing countertops with soap and water.

- Natural stone is susceptible to thermal shock. Always use trivets and cutting boards.
- Natural stone can chip with force, especially around the sink (for undermount sinks) and along the edge.
- There is a tolerance of 1/8" or less for gaps between the countertop and wall or gable.
- Dark colours will show seams (including seams in 1 ½", 2" and 3" edges) more than lighter colours.
- Does not allow for mitred radius in stone surfaces.
- May not allow for mitres or ogee edge style when material is too soft.