



Frequently Asked Questions

What type of grout should be used for filling joints?

Any standard sanded grout can be used. Custom Building Products produces a color palette that compliments Materials Marketing stone colors.

Can Materials Marketing's solid core columns be used as a structural support?

Materials Marketing does not recommend that solid core columns be used as a load bearing element. A professional engineer would be able to design a custom installation method that addresses the particular field condition. Materials Marketing does offer split and cored columns that are intended to be wrapped around load bearing support beams. Consult your local representative.

How many pieces make up a typical stone column?

Depending on the actual height, a standard 8' solid core Doric Column consists of 1 base, 1 capital and 4 cylinders. There are some stones that Materials Marketing fabricates that can be produced in larger sections. Consult your sales representative.

If a stone is chosen for the exterior of a project, can that same stone be used on the floor and the interiors also?

Yes, Materials Marketing carries many stones that can be used for exterior architectural elements and that same stone can be fabricated into flooring materials, backsplash materials, fireplaces, mouldings etc.

Can Materials Marketing help with technical questions about installation, sealing, application, etc.?

Yes, you can call 210-785-2060 or fill out the 'Contact Us' form.

Does Materials Marketing recommend that the stone be sealed?

Yes, we recommend that all stones be sealed. This makes for ease of maintenance and also protects against stains and any moisture penetration. We recommend Stone Tech Sealers. Consult your representative to confirm which sealer best suits your application.

Who can install architectural stone elements?

A reputable stone mason who has had experience in dealing with architectural natural stone or cast stone elements. See your local sales representative for a listing of installers.

Does Materials Marketing only offer custom elements?

No, we have many "stocking" items that can be used to create a custom element. Mouldings, cladding, crown, etc. See your local sales representative.

Can Materials Marketing provide a price quote on a full project which would include exterior details, landscape details, all interior elements that have the potential to be stone and tile?

Yes, Materials Marketing has an estimating department that is dedicated to bidding architectural stone elements from architectural plans or simple line drawings.

Does Materials Marketing have a list of projects that they have produced that can show examples of what the stone looks like?

Yes, we have a complete reference list along with many local projects that we can refer to you so that you can have a better understanding of what Materials Marketing offers. See your local sales representative.

Can Materials Marketing stones be used for an exterior fountain?

All but one stone (Sienna) can be used for a custom stone fountain. We recommend that the fountain be sealed as per sealing manufacturer's instructions. Prior to the winter season, all fountains and pools must be completely drained and covered for the winter.

Does Materials Marketing offer stone for pool decks and pool coping?

Yes, we have many colors and many textures that can be used on any pool deck. Consult your local representative.

Can stone be used on a kitchen hood and or hearth?

Yes, Materials Marketing has standard kitchen hoods and hearths to choose from and also offer custom hoods as well.

Who is responsible for approving dimensions once shop drawings have been produced?

If Materials Marketing included a field verification fee in the contract then we would be responsible for verifying field dimensions and the purchaser would be responsible for approving the design intent. If a field verification fee had not been included then the purchaser is responsible for verifying field dimension and approving designs intent.

How do you maintain a sealed floor?

See Stone Tech Sealer information under 'Care Instructions'

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