

Honed Natural Marble Vessel Sink

CARE & MAINTENANCE MANUAL

Applies to all honed-finish natural marble vessel sinks — round, oval, and wave. Cleaning and upkeep are the same regardless of shape. See the separate Installation Guide for fitting instructions.

This manual covers natural marble vessel sinks with a **honed finish** — a soft, matte, non-reflective surface with a smooth, velvety feel. Like all natural marble, a honed basin is acid-sensitive and benefits from sealing. The routine below keeps the matte finish even and the stone protected.

1 • Natural Marble: What to Expect

Unique veining & color

Every basin is carved from a different block of marble, so veining, movement, and color tone vary from piece to piece. No two sinks are identical.

Surface pores & hairline fissures

Fine pores and natural hairline fissures are part of real stone. They are characteristics of natural marble, not cracks or defects.

Professional resin restoration

Natural voids are sometimes stabilized with a professional resin fill during finishing. Faint restoration traces may be visible and are a normal part of working with natural marble.

2 • Everyday Care

Seal, then reseal

Every sink is sealed with a protective treatment at the factory before packing. We still recommend refreshing that seal with a penetrating stone sealer before first use, then resealing every 6–12 months. On a matte honed surface, consistent sealing helps slow liquid absorption and limit staining.

Clean gently, every day

Rinse after use and wipe dry with a soft microfiber cloth. For cleaning, use a pH-neutral stone cleaner or a little mild dish soap in warm water.

Wipe spills immediately

Blot spills right away — especially coffee, tea, wine, citrus, cosmetics, and colored toiletries — to keep pigments from settling into the stone.

Manage standing water

Dry water that pools in the basin and around the drain to minimize mineral spotting and keep the finish even.

Protect the rim

Do not rest hot styling tools or burning candles on the rim, and avoid dropping heavy or sharp objects into the basin.

3 • Caring for a honed finish

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Etching is less obvious — but still avoid acids
Because the surface is already matte, minor acid etching is far less visible on honed marble. Even so, acids can leave lighter or slightly rougher patches, so keep them away.

Dry to prevent water spotting
Matte surfaces show water spots, mineral residue, and soap film more readily. Wipe the basin dry with a microfiber cloth after use to keep the finish looking even.

Never use polishing compounds
Polishing powders create unwanted shiny spots on a honed surface. To refresh minor marks, use a product made specifically for honed / matte stone.

4 • What to Avoid

Acids etch natural marble and abrasives dull it — permanently. Keep these away from the basin:

- Vinegar, lemon, lime, and other citrus or acidic cleaners
- Bleach, ammonia, and harsh bathroom or tile cleaners
- Abrasive pads, scouring powders, and stiff brushes
- Leaving acidic or colored products sitting on the surface

5 • Spills & Stains

Act fast

Blot spills immediately rather than wiping them across the surface. Prompt cleanup is the single best way to prevent staining and etching.

Lifting a set-in stain

For a stain that will not rinse away, apply a stone poultice formulated for natural marble, following the product directions, then reseal the treated area.

6 • Restoring the Finish

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Light dullness or surface marks on a honed sink can usually be evened out with a honing or matte-finish restoration product made for natural marble, following the directions. For deeper etching or scratches, a stone professional can re-hone the surface. Avoid glossy polishing compounds, which leave shiny patches.
