

Product Information



Congratulations on your ownership of a unique TashMart vessel sink. Feel free to contact us at 713-510-4888 if you have any questions about your sink.

Natural Stone

Marble, Travertine, Limestone and Onyx are types of natural stone. Each stone sink or mosaic is 'Naturally Unique' because no two stones are exactly the same. Our products are classified by color and stone type but each product can vary depending on color tone, veining and texture. These slight variations enhance the beauty and value of natural stone. Natural stone has been used in the construction process for thousands of years and never goes out of fashion.



All natural stone falls into three geological classifications based on how the stone forms. The three classifications are Sedimentary, Metamorphic, and Igneous. Limestone, Travertine and Onyx are sedimentary stones, and marble is metamorphic. Limestone, travertine, onyx and marble are calcareous stone meaning they are composed primarily of calcium carbonate.

Caring for your natural stone sink

Clean your natural stone sink regularly with neutral and non-abrasive cleaners. Calcareous stone (calcium carbonate) is sensitive to acidic cleaners so avoid cleaning solutions that are highly acidic (lemon, vinegar, etc.). Rinse completely after applying a cleaning product to avoid leaving film or soap scum. Don't allow standing water to accumulate on the stone as this may leave a film or watermark. Remove soap scum from natural stone by using a mix of 1/2 cup of ammonia with a gallon of water.

Natural stone sinks are porous and has the potential to stain. Some of the most common culprits are red wine, fruit juices, coffee, rust, ink, paint, soap scum and water spots. Blot stains with a paper towel. Avoid wiping the stain as it may cause it to spread.

Sealing your natural stone sink

We recommend that you seal your natural stone sink to prevent staining. The stone should be sealed once a year unless you are using a longer term sealer. Sealers do not prevent stains completely, so the caring instructions above should be followed.

Installation

See <http://www.tashmart.com/blog/installing-and-sealing-a-stone-vessel-sink/> for general installation instruction.

Drains

You will need a special drain for your stone vessel sink. There are two main types of vessel sink drains - pop-up and grid (sometimes referred to as strainer). Pop-up drains allow you to press down on the top of the drain and stop the water from draining. This is useful for vessel sinks in master or other heavily used bathrooms. Grid drains are most appropriate for powder rooms. Some prefer the look of pop-up drains and use them in powder rooms as well.

TashMart sinks have a drain opening of 1 3/4". The majority of vessel sink drains are designed for this dimension. The diameter of the pipe on the drain will be less than 1 3/4" (Usually 1 1/2" or 1 5/8"). Before buying a drain, make sure it is designed for a 1 3/4" opening.

TashMart sinks do not have a water overflow feature. **When buying a drain for a stone vessel sink, make sure the drain does not accommodate overflow.**

Stone sink drains can be purchased on Lowes, Home Depot, designer plumbing stores and online. Most customers want to match the color of the drain with the faucet being used in the bathroom. In some cases, the faucet set may include the drain.

If you have further questions, contact TashMart at 713-510-4888 and we will be happy to provide you with more information for your vessel sink.