



What is Cultured Marble?

Cultured Marble is a precise blend of polyester resin, catalyst, material fillers and pigments that is thoroughly mixed and placed into open molds that have been coated with a clear gel coat. The gel coat is specially formulated to produce a tough, durable, transparent surface resistant to in service wear. IMI manufactures a unique range of colors, patterns, and veining.

The chemical reaction initiated by the catalyst causes the resin to polymerize and harden, bonding the entire matrix together in a hard, strong mass. After several hours of chemical curing, IMI products are removed from the molds and trimmed, ground, polished and inspected for quality control. IMI products are then ready for shipment and/or installation.

Cultured Marble is a manufactured product, and like natural marble, granite, etc., varies in shade and color. Other products such as carpet, wallpaper, and vinyl tile vary each time they are manufactured. Manufacturers often refer to each "run" as a "dye lot."

The Advantages of Cultured Marble

- **Beauty** - Elegant, luxurious appearance.
- **Durability** - High strength, resistant to denting, chipping, abrasion and staining (with normal use and proper maintenance).
- **Lower Cost** - The casting process enables the manufacturer to produce cultured marble substantially lower than quarried marble.
- **Seamless Construction** - Vanity tops can be cast in one piece (up to 12 feet in length) .
- **Water and Mildew Resistant** - Silicone is used to seal the seams, and it is much less likely to leak or mildew than ceramic tile installations that use porous grout.

What Cultured Marble Products are Manufactured By IMI?

1. Vanity Tops (Standard and Custom)
2. Shower Bases (Standard and Custom)
3. Tub Surrounds
4. Shower Surrounds
5. Window Sills
6. Accessories (Soap Dishes, Foot Rests, Trim, etc.)

Care and Maintenance of Cultured Marble

Because of the hard gel-coat surface and non-porous surfaces, it resists staining. Care is very simple. Routine cleaning with a soft sponge or cloth or non-abrasive aerosol foam cleaner is all that is normally needed to give many years of trouble-free service. Harsh abrasive cleaners are not required nor recommended.

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