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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Thank you for purchasing your fire surround from us, we are very thankful for your business and hope you have years of enjoyment from our work. We would now like to offer you the following advice to help you get the most from your surround:

After we/you have fitted the surround there is a high likelihood the stone will begin to dry out with white patches, this is due to the lime mortar used in the pointing of the stones. To remove these patches and indeed any marks you see in the stone you need to wipe over them with a damp sponge or cloth and this will remove them. You may have to do this a few times to get the stone totally clean.

If you have a gas fire to aid the stone drying out or to heat cold rooms you may turn on the fire but only on a low setting.

The next thing to do is to avoid putting anything on the surround until it has dried as the water in the stone can cause most things to bleed leaving stains in the stone. Also avoid using any coal etc.

When the stone has dried I advise you seal the surround. The stone can not be sealed until it dries out fully. This usually can take a number of weeks but you will be able to tell when the stone is ready for sealing as the stone will dry out the same lighter colour and no damp patches will remain.

The stone can be sealed using Lithofin stain stop which can be purchased from many outlets. It should cost around £30 a litre from the internet which is more than enough to seal the entire surround and lining., this is the brand we use but others are just as good and can give different results such as a glossy finish if you require it. The way to seal the stone is as follows: You paint over the stone with the water seal starting in the top left corner and working across and down. This is a fairly quick process, do not keep going over areas to saturate them as they will absorb far more than is necessary, simply go over the stone quickly and then repeat this process again 15 minutes later.

After the stone has been sealed virtually any mark can be removed by quickly going over the mark with a damp sponge. The quicker this is done the more likely you are to remove the mark

If your require any help or advice on care or maintenance please get in touch.

Regards,

Sherman

Managing Director

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