

**I have to restore an outdoor sign that is made of a black agglomerate marble, the sign is faded and is very gray. I performed a small test patch and I was successful at restoring the sign. The question I have is, what caused the agglomerate to fade a**

Agglomerate marbles are made of a combination of marble chips and a polyester resin. Polyester resins are very sensitive to ultraviolet light(UV) and therefore should not be used outdoors. To answer your question, yes, the marble will fade in a very short time. An application of a UV resistance coating will prolong the fading but will eventually fade again. Agglomerate marbles should never be used on exteriors.

***TIP Agglomerate marbles will typically have an uneven shine across its surface. The polyester matrix will fade first turning a milky color.***

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