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Every stone restoration contractor knows that when a stone floor or surface is polished, abrasive friction removes the uppermost layer of the stone, revealing the brand new stone underneath. Since the surface of the stone may also be chemically altered or visually changed during this process, it is no wonder, then, that contractors may have concerns about working with stone that has been sealed with a silicon-based impregnator.

Fred Hueston, Chief Technical Director of Surface Care Pros and owner of [Stone Forensics](#) explains, “Since polishing affects the surface of the stone only, a silicone impregnator will not be affected.”

However, the original application of impregnator plays a big factor in whether newly honed or polished stone still has enough protection. Was the product applied generously or sparingly? If the product was applied sparingly, Hueston says, “it is possible that the polishing process will remove any sealing properties.”

There are two ways for contractors to approach the situation. They can perform an absorbency test to determine whether a reapplication of impregnator is necessary, or do as Hueston suggests, “As a general rule, it is always a good idea to re-apply impregnator after honing and/or polishing.”

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effective restoration procedures. Also included in this program is the Stain Care Pro course with a one-year subscription to the Stain Care Pro app and Understanding Sealers.

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