

# MA GRANITE & MARBLE WORKS LTD

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## *An appreciation of marble and stone.*

Most coloured marbles are inherently unsound and this may vary from hairline cracks in some varieties to extensive brecciation in others. Also considerable variation often occurs in the colour and veining of these materials. For these reasons, lack of repairs and close uniformity of appearance is not natural and should not be expected. All these materials are subject to cramping and stopping and are sold subject to our conditions of sale.

## *Hand Carved Marble or Stone Surrounds*

This is relevant to the following mantels, all Antiques. As these surrounds are made by hand, some differences are to be expected. This is why we put aside the surround you see (at the time of payment) for you. You should inspect it carefully at this time as individual imperfections are to be expected. Non uniformity of appearance and imperfections etc are to be expected.

## *Marble, Stone & Granite*

As the moisture evaporates some discolouration/dark patches may appear. These should disappear as the mantel gradually dries out. Marble and stone mantels can be cleaned, if needed, with warm soapy water on a damp cloth and then immediately dried with a soft cloth. All marble and stone is porous. You should avoid placing wet objects on the shelf, i.e. wine glasses, coffee cups, flower vases and plant pots as these may mark the material. All candles should be placed on or in a glass container. Avoid dragging objects across these materials as they will scratch. Be especially careful when pulling false ashpan fronts across hearths. Do not use polish or propriety cleaners of any type on these materials.

## *Limestone chambers.*

When limestone is subjected to direct heat cracks can appear in the chamber. This is normal and should not impact on the performance of your fire. It is also normal for the limestone to be subject to sooting.

## *Matching.*

As some fireplaces are manufactured from different thicknesses of the same material, exact matching is not to be expected.

## *Finishes.*

The majority of our marble and stone surrounds are supplied in a honed finish, whereas the majority of our hearths and slips come in a polished finish. Please be aware that honing a material removes its protective surface and it becomes more subject to staining, scratching and chipping. This is particularly relevant to hearths. We would also not recommend using a light coloured material for the hearth as any residue from the flue or the fire basket can cause staining.