



SUNSET STONE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Manufactured Stone Veneer

What is manufactured stone veneer?

Manufactured stone veneer, also known as artificial or faux stone, is a man-made material designed to mimic the appearance of natural stone. It's typically made from concrete or a mixture of cement, aggregates, and pigments.

How does manufactured stone veneer differ from natural stone?

Manufactured stone veneer is lighter, more affordable, and easier to install than natural stone. It offers a wide range of design options and is often more consistent in color and texture.

What are the advantages of using manufactured stone veneer?

Manufactured stone veneer is cost-effective, durable, and versatile. It can be used for both interior and exterior applications, is available in various styles and colors, and requires minimal maintenance.

Can manufactured stone veneer be used for outdoor applications?

Yes, manufactured stone veneer is suitable for outdoor use. It's designed to withstand weather conditions and is commonly used for projects like exterior siding, fireplaces, and outdoor kitchens.

What is the typical lifespan of manufactured stone veneer?

When installed correctly and well-maintained, manufactured stone veneer can last for decades. Warranties from manufacturers often provide insight into expected longevity.

What is the average thickness of Sunset Stone's manufactured stone veneer?

1 ½" to 2" depending on the style and texture of the stone.

How much does Sunset Stone's manufactured stone veneer weigh?

The weight of Sunset Stone products is approximately 8 to 11 lbs. per square foot.



General FAQs

Is manufactured stone veneer environmentally friendly?

Manufactured stone veneer can be more eco-friendly than natural stone because it often uses less raw material and requires fewer resources for transportation. Check with the manufacturer for specific information on their environmental practices.

Can manufactured stone veneer be used with other building materials?

Yes, manufactured stone veneer can be combined with various building materials such as wood, brick, or stucco to create unique and attractive designs.

Where can I purchase manufactured stone veneer?

You can purchase manufactured stone veneer from building supply stores, stone yards, or directly from manufacturers. Consider comparing prices and product options before making a decision.

Can you use Sunset Stone for walkways or patios?

No. Sunset Stone products are not structurally designed for use on walkways, patios, driveways, etc.

Can Sunset Stone be used for water fountains and swimming pools?

No. Regardless of the manufacturer, the precast stone is not designed for constant contact or submersion with water.

Can Sunset Stone products be cut?

Yes. Sunset Stone are easily cut and trimmed using nippers or with a diamond saw blade. However, if you do cut Sunset Stone, the topical color is not all the way through so you will have an unfinished edge. It is recommended that mortar be lightly applied to the cut edges.

Installation

How is manufactured stone veneer installed?

Installation involves preparing the surface, applying mortar or adhesive, and then placing the stone veneer. The specific installation process may vary depending on the type of veneer and the application.

Do I need a professional installer for manufactured stone veneer?

If you are accustomed to working with masonry tools and supplies, anyone can install our product by following the simple instructions on our Installation Specifications page, but it's often best to hire a professional installer who has experience with the product. This ensures proper installation and longevity.



Can I install manufactured stone veneer over existing surfaces?

In some cases, manufactured stone veneer can be installed over existing surfaces like brick or concrete, but it's essential to follow proper installation guidelines and consult with a professional. The existing surfaces must present a firm and unified base for the veneer. On exterior applications, it is recommended that all wood surfaces and other surfaces not classified with a "water barrier" should have two layers of 15 lb. felt paper applied before installing wire lath.

Can you seal Sunset Stone?

Yes. However, we recommend a water-based sealer that will not leave a residue, which could be a detriment to the look of the stone. Please call us at 303-791-1233 for recommended sealer options.

Care & Maintenance

How do I maintain manufactured stone veneer?

Maintaining manufactured stone veneer is relatively easy. Regular cleaning with mild soap and water is usually sufficient. Avoid using harsh chemicals or pressure washers that could damage the surface.

Does manufactured Sunset Stone veneer come with a warranty?

Yes. The warranty on the stone is a 50-year limited warranty.

Can I paint manufactured stone veneer?

It's generally not recommended to paint manufactured stone veneer, as it may affect the natural appearance of the material. Instead, choose a veneer that matches your desired color or style.

Are there any special considerations for maintenance in extreme climates?

In areas with extreme climates, it's essential to ensure proper installation and maintenance. Consult with a professional to address any specific climate-related concerns.

Will Sunset Stone products retain their color?

All natural iron oxides are utilized to manufacture Sunset Stone. These oxides, which are the primary coloring elements, carry the same weathering characteristics as real stone. Under normal circumstances, and when applied per manufacturer's specifications, no undesirable change in color occurs after years of weathering.