

# Unconditional Release Waiver for Outdoor Stone Application

I.V. Granite & Marble Inc. is a proud partner of the Natural Stone Industry. Part of our role is understanding the product and implementing proper techniques and approved applications. As such, it has been well documented and understood that Natural stone such as granite, quartzite, marble, travertine, limestone, soapstone and its respective man-made counterparts such as quartz products are not suitable in an outdoor environment. Outdoor environment consists of a non-temperature-controlled space that experiences high levels of temperature change (high levels of temperature change from here on will be understood as fluctuation of more than 30 degrees Fahrenheit in a 24-hour period). Additional elements of an outdoor environment would include, but not be limited to: direct sun exposure, exposure to frost, rain, and snow. Colorado's climate meets or exceeds all these criteria and more.

What happens when the temperature changes from low to high or vice versa: Like most elements, stone will expand when heated and contract when frozen. When this happens in a short span of time such as 2 hours or less, it can cause enough stress in the stone, stress continues to build which sometimes results in a pop and crack. As with fitting the stone between two or more walls. As the stone expands, the friction between the confined walls will cause cracks, as well as seams shrinking and breaking when the stone contracts. For these reasons, among others; using natural stone for a fire-pit top, jacuzzi, heated pool or around an outdoor BBQ kitchen is not recommended.

Most man-made building materials have an expiration date. They deteriorate with time and with use or exposure to the elements. The glues, epoxy's, color mixes, caulks and silicone's all have an expiration date. When exposed to high level temperature changes, the life span of these products is drastically cut shorter. The chemistry/make-up which serves as the foundation of the product is broken down as it fights the conditions of an outdoor environment. As a result, you should expect to maintain any seams, or filled-in imperfections of the stone on a yearly basis. This maintenance however will not eliminate the overall limited lifespan of the product or products used in the installation process.

As mother nature made this rock, she too can re-form it in an outdoor environment. Following the laws of erosion, stone will wear. The surface will become distressed with time, sun bleached, rough and pitted. The composition of the stone will determine how susceptible and how quickly and severely it will be affected.

I.V. Granite & Marble Inc. in partnership with the Natural Stone Industry advise against using natural stone products in an outdoor environment due to the reasons as described above. As a result, I.V. Granite and Marble Inc. **does not** warranty the installation. In addition, the consumer is also advised that the distributor of the material does not warranty the product.

It is important for a consumer to investigate the information and determine what conclusion best fits their needs and wants. By installing natural stone in an outdoor environment, the consumer forfeits any and all warranty claims as would otherwise be process and investigated in the 1 Year Installation Warranty Guidelines. Please refer to the 1 Year Installation Warranty Guideline for information on the warranty requirements and limitations.

By signing below, you hereby agree to the terms as described.

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Contractor

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Date

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Home Owner / Representative

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