

# Absolute Black Granite

*Natural Granite | India / Africa*

Absolute Black Granite is a dense, fine-grained natural granite with a deep, uniform black appearance. It is valued for its exceptional hardness, chemical resistance, and visual consistency. While technically robust, its thermal behavior and surface temperature must be considered carefully in exterior and barefoot applications.

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## Recommended Applications

Suitable for: interior floors (residential and commercial) - Kitchen countertops and islands - Stair treads and risers (interior) - Facades and vertical exterior cladding - Feature walls requiring strong contrast  
Typical use cases: Contemporary and minimalist interiors - Commercial lobbies and circulation zones - High-contrast architectural compositions  
*Absolute Black is a **statement performance stone**.*

## Surface Finishes

Recommended finishes: Leathered – preferred for floors and countertops - Honed – controlled interiors with low glare - Flamed – exterior floors (non-barefoot zones)  
Bush-hammered – maximum grip outdoors  
Finish guidance: Leathered finish improves grip and hides wear - Polished finish is visually striking but increases slip risk on floors - Textured finishes are mandatory for exterior walking surfaces

## Slip Rating (Indicative)

Bush-hammered: R11 – R12, Flamed: R11, Leathered: R10, Honed: R9 – R10, Polished: R9  
Finish selection is critical for safety.

## Dimensional Tolerances

Tiles: ±1.0 mm - Slabs: ±2.0 mm  
Absolute Black typically offers excellent calibration and dimensional consistency.

## Recommended Adhesive & Installation

Adhesive:

- Cement-based adhesive for natural stone
- Classification: C2TE S1 (EN 12004)

Installation notes: Full adhesive coverage required - Back-buttering recommended for large formats - Use light-colored adhesive to avoid thermal shadowing - Expansion joints required for large surfaces

## Maintenance & Aging Behavior

Absolute Black Granite is **extremely low maintenance**.

Expected behavior:

- High resistance to acids, oils, and household chemicals
- Minimal scratching in normal use
- Stable color over time

Sealing is optional and mainly aesthetic (fingerprints, sheen control).

## Not Recommended For (Critical)

Absolute Black Granite should not be specified for: Barefoot pool decks in hot climates - Sun-exposed patios without shading - Projects where heat absorption is a concern - Applications demanding visual softness or material warmth

*Limitations are **thermal and experiential**, not structural.*

## Specification Notes (For Project Documents)

Avoid polished finish on floors unless slip mitigation is planned  
Specify finish explicitly based on use  
Consider thermal comfort for exterior horizontal surfaces  
Define maintenance expectations for polished vs textured finishes

## Stone Moods Professional Note

*Absolute Black Granite is not forgiving. It amplifies both **good decisions and bad ones**. When specified with discipline, it delivers unmatched contrast and durability. When misused, it creates comfort and safety issues that are hard to reverse. Use with intent.*

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