

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.01 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.02 SUMMARY

- A. Section includes stone countertops.

1.03 ACTION SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: For each variety of stone, stone accessory, and manufactured product.
- B. Shop Drawings: Include plans, sections, details, and attachments to other work.
 - 1. Show locations and details of joints.
 - 2. Show direction of veining, grain, or other directional pattern.
- C. Samples for Verification:
 - 1. For each stone type indicated, in sets of Samples not less than 12 inches (300 mm) square. Include two or more Samples in each set and show the full range of variations in appearance characteristics expected in completed Work.

1.04 INFORMATIONAL SUBMITTALS

- A. Qualification Data: For fabricator.
- B. Material Test Reports:
 - 1. Stone Test Reports: For each stone variety proposed for use on Project, by a qualified testing agency, indicating compliance with required physical properties, according to referenced ASTM standards. Base reports on testing done within previous three years.
 - 2. Sealant Compatibility and Adhesion Test Report: From sealant manufacturer indicating that sealants will not stain or damage stone.

1.05 CLOSEOUT SUBMITTALS

- A. Maintenance Data: For stone countertops to include in maintenance manuals. Include product data for stone-care products used or recommended by Installer, and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of local sources for products.

1.06 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Fabricator Qualifications: Shop that employs skilled workers who custom-fabricate stone countertops similar to that required for this Project, and whose products have a record of successful in-service performance.
- B. Installer Qualifications: Fabricator of stone countertops.

1.07 PRECONSTRUCTION TESTING

- A. Preconstruction Sealant Adhesion and Compatibility Testing: Submit to joint-sealant manufacturers, for compatibility and adhesion testing according to sealant manufacturer's standard testing methods and Section 079200 - JOINT SEALANTS, Samples of materials that will contact or affect joint sealants.

1.08 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Store and handle stone and related materials to prevent deterioration or damage due to moisture, temperature changes, contaminants, corrosion, breaking, chipping, and other causes.
 - 1. Lift stone with wide-belt slings; do not use wire rope or ropes that might cause staining. Move stone, if required, using dollies with cushioned wood supports.
 - 2. Store stone on wood A-frames or pallets with nonstaining, waterproof covers. Arrange to distribute weight evenly and to prevent damage to stone. Ventilate under covers to prevent condensation.

1.09 FIELD CONDITIONS

- A. Field Measurements: Verify dimensions of construction to receive stone countertops by field measurements before fabrication and indicate measurements on Shop Drawings.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.01 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Source Limitations for Stone: Obtain each variety of stone, regardless of finish, from a single quarry, whether specified in this Section or in another Section of the Specifications, with resources to provide materials of consistent quality in appearance and physical properties.
 - 1. For stone types that include same list of varieties and sources, provide same variety from same source for each.
 - 2. Make stone slabs available for examination by Architect.
 - a. Architect will select aesthetically acceptable slabs and will indicate aesthetically unacceptable portions of slabs.
 - b. Segregate slabs selected for use on Project and mark backs indicating approval.
 - c. Mark and photograph aesthetically unacceptable portions of slabs as directed by Architect.

2.02 GRANITE

- A. Material Standard: Comply with ASTM C615/C615M.
- B. Regional Materials: Granite shall be fabricated within 500 miles (800 km) of Project site from stone that has been extracted within 500 miles (800 km) of Project site.
- C. Regional Materials: Granite shall be fabricated within 500 miles (800 km) of Project site.
- D. Description: Stone shall have uniform grain, with veining and color as selected by the Architect from the manufacturer's full selection of available materials. .
 - 1. Varieties and Sources: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide one of the following: Cold Spring Granite.
 - 2. Or approved equal.
- E. Cut: Vein.
- F. Cut stone from contiguous, matched slabs in which natural markings occur.
- G. Finish: Polished or as indicated.
- H. Match Architect's samples for color, finish, and other stone characteristics relating to aesthetic effects.

2.03 ADHESIVES, GROUT, SEALANTS, AND STONE ACCESSORIES

- A. General: Use only adhesives formulated for stone and ceramic tile and that are recommended by their manufacturer for the application indicated.
- B. Water-Cleanable Epoxy Adhesive: ANSI A118.3, with a VOC content of 65 g/L or less.
 - 1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, available manufacturers offering products that may be incorporated into the Work include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Bostik, Inc.
 - b. Laticrete International, Inc.
 - c. MAPEI Corporation
 - d. TEC, Specialty Construction Brands, Inc.; an H. B. Fuller company.
- C. Water-Cleanable Epoxy Grout: ANSI A118.3, chemical-resistant, water-cleanable, tile-setting and -grouting epoxy.
 - 1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:
 - a. Bostik, Inc.
 - b. Laticrete International, Inc.
 - c. MAPEI Corporation.
 - d. TEC, Specialty Construction Brands, Inc.; an H. B. Fuller company.
- D. Stone Adhesive: Two-part epoxy or polyester adhesive, formulated specifically for bonding stone to stone, with an initial set time of not more than two hours at 70 deg F (21 deg C), and with a VOC content of 65 g/L or less.
 - 1. Color: Match stone.
- E. Sealant for Countertops: Manufacturer's standard sealant of characteristics indicated below that complies with applicable requirements in Section 079200 - JOINT SEALANTS and will not stain the stone it is applied to.
 - 1. Mildew-Resistant Joint Sealant: Mildew resistant, single component, nonsag, neutral curing, silicone.
 - 2. Color: As selected by Architect from manufacturer's full range.
 - 3. Sealants shall have a VOC content of 250 g/L or less.
- F. Stone Cleaner: Specifically formulated for stone types, finishes, and applications indicated, as recommended by stone producer and, if a sealer is specified, by sealer manufacturer. Do not use cleaning compounds containing acids, caustics, harsh fillers, or abrasives.
- G. Stone Sealer: Colorless, stain-resistant sealer that does not affect color or physical properties of stone surfaces, as recommended by stone producer for application indicated.
 - 1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, available manufacturers offering products that may be incorporated into the Work include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Bostik, Inc.
 - b. Hillyard, Inc
 - c. HMK Stone Care System.

2.04 STONE FABRICATION - GENERAL

- A. Select stone for intended use to prevent fabricated units from containing cracks, seams, and starts that could impair structural integrity or function.

1. Repairs that are characteristic of the varieties specified are acceptable provided they do not impair structural integrity or function and are not aesthetically unpleasing, as judged by Architect.
- B. Grade and mark stone for final locations to produce assembled countertop units with an overall uniform appearance.
- C. Fabricate stone countertops in sizes and shapes required to comply with requirements indicated.
 1. For granite, comply with recommendations in NBGQA (SPEC) "Specifications for Architectural Granite."
 2. Clean sawed backs of stones to remove rust stains and iron particles.
 3. Dress joints straight and at right angle to face unless otherwise indicated.
 4. Cut and drill sinkages and holes in stone for anchors, supports, and attachments.
 5. Provide openings, reveals, and similar features as needed to accommodate adjacent work.
 6. Fabricate molded edges with machines having abrasive shaping wheels made to reverse contour of edge profile to produce uniform shape throughout entire length of edge and with precisely formed arris slightly eased to prevent snipping, and matched at joints between units. Form corners of molded edges as indicated with outside corners slightly eased unless otherwise indicated.
 7. Finish exposed faces of stone to comply with requirements indicated for finish of each stone type required and to match approved Samples and mockups. Provide matching finish on exposed edges of countertops, splashes, and cutouts.
- D. Carefully inspect finished stone units at fabrication plant for compliance with requirements for appearance, material, and fabrication. Replace defective units.

2.05 STONE COUNTERTOPS

- A. General: Comply with recommendations in MIA (DSDM) "Dimension Stone - Design Manual VI."
- B. Nominal Thickness: Provide thickness indicated, but not less than 3/4 inch (20 mm). Gage backs to provide units of identical thickness.
- C. Edge Detail: Double Pencil Radius.
- D. Cut: Vein
- E. Splashes: Provide 13/16 inch (21-mm) thick backsplashes and end splashes unless otherwise indicated.
 1. Height: As indicated.
 2. Top-Edge Detail: As indicated on the drawings.
- F. Joints: Fabricate countertops in sections for joining in field, with joints at locations indicated and as follows:
 1. Bonded Joints: 1/32 inch (0.8 mm) or less in width.
- G. Cutouts and Holes:
 1. Undercounter Fixtures: Make cutouts for undercounter fixtures in shop using template or pattern furnished by fixture manufacturer. Form cutouts to smooth, even curves.
 - a. Provide vertical edges, slightly eased at juncture of cutout edges with top and bottom surfaces of countertop and projecting 3/16 inch (5 mm) into fixture opening.
 2. Fittings: Drill countertops in shop for plumbing fittings, undercounter soap dispensers, and similar items.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.01 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine substrates to receive stone countertops and conditions under which stone countertops will be installed, with Installer present, for compliance with requirements for installation tolerances and other conditions affecting performance of stone countertops.
- B. Prepare written report, endorsed by Installer, listing conditions detrimental to performance of stone countertops.
- C. Proceed with installation only after unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

3.02 PREPARATION

- A. Advise installers of other work about specific requirements for placement of inserts and similar items to be used by stone countertop Installer for anchoring stone countertops. Furnish installers of other work with Drawings or templates showing locations of these items.
- B. Before installing stone countertops, clean dirty or stained stone surfaces by removing soil, stains, and foreign materials. Clean stone by thoroughly scrubbing with fiber brushes and then drenching with clear water. Use only mild cleaning compounds that contain no caustic or harsh materials or abrasives. Allow stone to dry before installing.

3.03 CONSTRUCTION TOLERANCES

- A. Variation from Level: Do not exceed 1/8 inch in 96 inches (3 mm in 2400 mm), 1/4 inch (6 mm) maximum.
- B. Variation in Joint Width: Do not vary joint thickness more than one-fourth of nominal joint width.
- C. Variation in Plane at Joints (Lipping): Do not exceed 1/64-inch (0.4-mm) difference between planes of adjacent units.
- D. Variation in Line of Edge at Joints (Lipping): Do not exceed 1/64-inch (0.4-mm) difference between edges of adjacent units, where edge line continues across joint.

3.04 INSTALLATION OF COUNTERTOPS

- A. General: Install countertops over plywood subtops with full spread of water-cleanable epoxy adhesive.
- B. Do not cut stone in field unless otherwise indicated. If stone countertops or splashes require additional fabrication not specified to be performed at Project site, return to fabrication shop for adjustment.
- C. Set stone to comply with requirements indicated. Shim and adjust stone to locations indicated, with uniform joints of widths indicated and with edges and faces aligned according to established relationships and indicated tolerances. Install anchors and other attachments indicated or necessary to secure stone countertops in place.
- D. Space joints with 1/16-inch (1.5-mm) gap for filling with sealant. Use temporary shims to ensure uniform spacing.
 - 1. Clamp units to temporary bracing, supports, or each other to ensure that countertops are properly aligned and joints are of specified width.

- E. Complete cutouts not finished in shop. Mask areas of countertops adjacent to cutouts to prevent damage while cutting. Use power saws with diamond blades to cut stone. Make cutouts to accurately fit items to be installed, and at right angles to finished surfaces unless beveling is required for clearance. Ease edges slightly to prevent snipping.
- F. Install backsplashes and end splashes by adhering to wall with water-cleanable epoxy adhesive and to countertops with stone adhesive. Mask areas of countertops and splashes adjacent to joints to prevent adhesive smears.
- G. Apply sealant to joints and gaps specified for filling with sealant; comply with Section 079200 - JOINT SEALANTS. Remove temporary shims before applying sealant.

3.05 ADJUSTING AND CLEANING

- A. In-Progress Cleaning: Clean countertops as work progresses. Remove adhesive, grout, mortar, and sealant smears immediately.
- B. Remove and replace stone countertops of the following description:
 - 1. Broken, chipped, stained, or otherwise damaged stone. Stone may be repaired if methods and results are approved by Architect.
 - 2. Defective countertops.
 - 3. Defective joints, including misaligned joints.
 - 4. Interior stone countertops and joints not matching approved Samples and mockups.
 - 5. Interior stone countertops not complying with other requirements indicated.
- C. Replace in a manner that results in stone countertops matching approved Samples and mockups, complying with other requirements, and showing no evidence of replacement.
- D. Clean stone countertops no fewer than six days after completion of , using clean water and soft rags. Do not use wire brushes, acid-type cleaning agents, cleaning compounds with caustic or harsh fillers, or other materials or methods that could damage stone.
- E. Following installation and after sealants are cured, clean stone countertops using clean water and soft rags.
- F. Sealer Application: Apply stone sealer to comply with stone producer's and sealer manufacturer's written instructions.

END OF SECTION