

New Calacatta Matarazzo countertops showing shiny streaks

Q. We have a new Calcutta Matarazzo Dolomite kitchen honed bench top. Only in use since Xmas Day 2025. We are seeing shiny streaks across the surface. Do we need to request the stonemason to return and repolish the surface, or can you advise of something we can do ourselves?

This is a very common dolomite thing, especially with a honed finish.

Calacatta Matarazzo is a dolomitic marble. It's softer than granite, and it will show wear fast, sometimes in weeks, sometimes in days. Those shiny streaks are almost always micro-polishing from use, sliding plates, wiping with a slightly gritty cloth, or even just normal kitchen traffic. A honed surface is basically a low, even scratch pattern. When you rub parts of it more than others, those areas start to tighten up and reflect light. That's the shine you're seeing.

Here's the key part. This is not something the stonemason did wrong, and having them "re-hone" it will only reset the clock. It'll look perfect again, then the same streaks will slowly come back because that's how honed dolomite behaves in a working kitchen.

Before you call anyone back, try this at home:

- Clean the surface thoroughly with a true stone cleaner, not dish soap, and not anything with vinegar or citrus. Built-up residue can exaggerate the shine.
- Switch to soft microfiber cloths only. Paper towels and general cleaning rags can burnish dolomite.
- Accept that a honed dolomite top will slowly develop a soft patina. That

blend of matte and slight sheen is normal and expected.

What you should not do:

- Don't use abrasive pads or powders.
- Don't try DIY polishing products. They'll make the streaks worse and uneven.
- Don't seal it again, thinking that will fix it. Sealer won't change the sheen.

If the streaks bother you visually and you want it perfectly uniform again, a professional re-honing is the only way to fully even it out. Just go into that knowing it's cosmetic maintenance, not a permanent fix.

My honest expert take? If this were my kitchen, I'd live with it. It's early patina, not damage. Dolomite counters are beautiful, but they are honest stone. They show life quickly. If you wanted a surface that stays frozen in time, that would've been Quartz.

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