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If natural stone is stained, applying a silicon impregnator is a bad idea. The stain should be addressed first. Once the stain is removed, then apply the impregnator.

Fred Hueston, Chief Technical Director of Surface Care Pros and owner of [Stone Forensics](#) explains, “Don't apply a silicon impregnator over a stain. If you have, chances are that you have sealed the stain into the stone permanently.”

## Already Applied Impregnator Over a Stain?

If you are reading this article AFTER applying impregnator over a stain, do not apply a poultice. Here's what to do instead. Hueston suggests, “You may be able to use very strong solvents such as methylene chloride to remove the sealer and have better luck than attempting a poultice on the stain. Methylene chloride can be found at your local paint store or home center. It is sold as paint stripper.”

## Cautions About Methylene Chloride

When working with methylene chloride, read the product label and take the appropriate precautions. Hueston explains, “Methylene chloride is a very strong solvent and can be very hazardous to work with.” With prolonged exposure, liver and kidney damage are a possibility. Heat, sparks, or flames can cause it to ignite. Limit exposure, store and dispose of it safely, and do not mix it with other chemicals.

If you do not want to use such a strong chemical, Hueston suggests, “There are also new strippers that are safer to use than methylene chloride. These go by the name of *safe strippers*.”

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