

A close-up photograph of light-colored, possibly marble or limestone, stone tiles. The tiles are rectangular and arranged in a grid pattern, with visible grout lines. The stone has a subtle, natural veining pattern. The lighting is soft and even, highlighting the texture of the stone.

RUE PIERRE



Blanc Field  
3" x 6"

The classic Parisian Café, with its quaint colorful façade, wicker chairs and wooden bar, is a hallmark of the "City of Light." If you look down as you sip your Café au Lait, you might notice another common element -the white marble floors - worn to a smooth patina by years of use and scrubbing. This classic flooring is the inspiration for Rue Pierre, a collection of stone tile, carefully brushed to create a surface that hovers between honed and polished, creating a "vintage" patina that has the look of natural aging.



Gris Field  
3" x 6"



Blanc  
12" x 18"



Gris  
12" x 18"



12" Blanc Octagon Field with Noir 3" x 3" Dot  
Dot also available in Gris

Type of Product	Durability/Application	Variation	Special Notes
STONE COLLECTIONS			see last page for key
RUE PIERRE	Medium Duty	Antique	

## KEY TO USAGE GUIDE FOR NATURAL STONE PRODUCTS

### Durability Codes

The following codes provide a general guide for the appropriate application of Walker Zanger stock stone products pictured in this catalogue. Please discuss your specific application environment with a sales representative before finalizing your selections.

**Light Duty** – These stones are suitable for most interior residential uses with the exception of steam showers. They are not generally recommended for commercial paving applications, but are appropriate for very light use commercial interior vertical applications.

**Medium Duty** – These stones are intended for use in all interior residential applications, including countertops\*\*, patio areas\* and flooring. These stones are also appropriate for many commercial applications such as light traffic\*\*\* interior flooring and exterior\* and interior vertical applications.

**Heavy Duty** – These stones are extremely hard, making them suitable for all light and medium duty applications as well as most interior and exterior\* commercial applications. Recommended uses include heavy traffic\*\*\* residential and commercial flooring and other areas that require maximum durability.

**Architects and Designers please note:** Contact a Walker Zanger Architectural Sales Representative to ensure material suitability before making final specifications for commercial projects.

\* Some Medium and Heavy Duty stones cannot be used in exterior applications in areas that experience freeze/thaw conditions. Please see specific stone in Usage Guide for this information.

\*\* Some Medium Duty stones may be subject to scratching or etching when used as countertops. Please see note about Stone Countertops located in the left column of this page.

\*\*\* Light, Medium and Heavy traffic refer to pedestrian traffic only. If stone is to be installed in an area with vehicular traffic, please contact a Walker Zanger Architectural Sales Representative to inquire about thickness and installation requirements.

### Variation and Uniformity Codes

Natural stones are products of nature, and no two pieces are exactly alike. These codes are intended as a general guide to how much variation in color, movement and veining can be expected in the stone products that appear in this catalogue.

*Please note:* All natural stones have unique natural variations and inclusions that are impossible to show in a photograph or sample. For this reason, all stone tile and slabs should be unpacked and inspected prior to installation, as Walker Zanger cannot accept claims for variation in any stone after installation.

- A. **Limited Variation** – Stones in this category are relatively uniform in background color, veining and movement.
- B. **Moderate Variation** – These stones exhibit some variation in background color, veining and movement. Blending these materials during installation is strongly recommended to ensure satisfactory results.
- C. **Wide Variation** – Stones in this category exhibit a wide range of variation in color, veining and movement. Blending these materials during installation is required to ensure satisfactory results.
- D. **Antique Variation** – These stones are tumbled or otherwise distressed and will exhibit exaggerated color variation, uneven or chipped edges and possible variation in size and thickness. Blending these materials during installation is required to ensure satisfactory results.

### Key to Symbols

☹: Not recommended in areas that experience frequent wet conditions (such as showers), unless sealed as a normal maintenance procedure. If used for shower floors, must include water-proof membrane on substrate prior to tile installation.

☹☹: May contain areas of open or dry seams that can appear dull in reflective

light. This is not a defect, but rather an inherent characteristic of the stone.

☹☹☹: Must be installed with water-free epoxy thin-set. Do not use any setting material in which water must be used.

☹☹☹☹: White thin-set or mortar is required. This is the case for all limestones, tumbled stones, "antiqued stones" and light colored marbles.

☹☹☹☹☹: May be characterized by dry seams, pits, fossils and glass veins. In polished and honed stones, these areas are often filled at the factory. In rustic or tumbled stones as well as with some honed limestones, these are often filled with grout during installation. Whether filled at the factory or during installation, the fill can work its way out of the voids. In these instances, it may be

necessary to refill these voids as part of a normal maintenance procedure.

☹☹☹☹☹☹: May be used outside in areas that experience freeze/thaw conditions. Contact your Walker Zanger sales representative for installation guidelines.

• Not recommended for use in pools, and spas.

## CONTINUING CARE AND CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATURAL STONE

Stone is a natural product, and care should be taken to protect it from harsh abrasive cleaners and abrasive cleaning tools. While the right product for cleaning specific stones varies, we generally recommend Miraseal products such as *Mira Clean 1* for polished stones and honed marbles and *Mira Soap* for limestones, tumbled stones and slates. Other manufacturers also make products formulated specifically for stone care. A word of caution: Take care to avoid "over the counter" stone care sprays that contain phosphoric and glycolic acids, that could etch some polished stone surfaces. Feel free to ask a Walker Zanger sales representative to assist you in selecting the appropriate product to care for your stone tiles. As with other flooring products, stone tile floors may require occasional professional cleaning to maintain or restore their natural appearance.

## SEALING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATURAL STONE

Sealing is an essential step in protecting the beauty and ensuring the longevity of any Walker Zanger natural stone product. We recommend sealing all natural stone products with a penetrating sealer, such as *Miraseal Porous Plus H2O* or *Dry Treat Stain Proof Pro*. Please consult a Walker Zanger sales representative to find out which type of sealer product is appropriate for your material. In addition, we recommend sealing all porous non-polished stones (limestones, tumbled marble, etc.) prior to grouting. This prevents grout from staining or affecting the color of the stone.

As part of a normal maintenance procedure, all Walker Zanger Natural Stone products require re-sealing on a regular basis. Please consult the manufacturer of your sealer product to find out the time frame for re-sealing based on traffic patterns and use.