



Ground Zero Monument

Surface type: Caesar Stone – original quartz surface

Product: [Stain Proof Original™](#)

Applicator: [STONE DESIGN, INC.](#) – Tony, Ana and Kevin Guzman

Fabricator: [Stone, Tile and Granite](#) of Lexington, KY

Project Completed: October 2012

The Project

The Ground Zero Monument, titled “De Oppresso Liber”, honors the US Army Special Forces, who rode horses into battle in Afghanistan after the events of Sept. 11.

The monument, a large statue (left), sits near the World Trade Center tower. “This work of art will remind all visitors to the W.T.C. Memorial of those who altered the course of history after Sept. 11, 2001” – Vince McGowan, president of the War Veterans Council (WVC).

During production, the statue was treated before it was assembled and reallocated to its current location.



Above: Special Forces soldiers unveiled “De Oppresso Liber” at ground zero on Friday. The statue honors soldiers who fought in Afghanistan in 2001.

- [Stone, Tile and Granite](#) was assigned to assemble the monument.
- [Stone Design, Inc.](#) was assigned the task of sealing all materials, led by the team of Tony, Ana and Kevin Guzman.

Special Requirements

The special requirements for sealing the materials during production were:

- 1) The surface needed to be deep sealed without the use of acids.
- 2) UV resistance.
- 3) Sealer must not alter the original look.
- 4) Sealer must be water and oil repellent.
- 5) Sealed surface must be easily maintained with simple cleaning methods.
- 6) Sealer must be permanent.



The Dry-Treat Solution

STAIN PROOF Original™ - permanent, invisible, penetrating sealer

STAIN-PROOF Original™ makes the treated indoor and outdoor surfaces permanently oil and water repellent, so that spills remain up on the surface, where they can be easily mopped off.

STAIN PROOF Original™ will cure enough in 8 – 10 hours for the surfaces to be used, so sealing can be performed after-hours without interrupting traffic.

Surfaces treated with STAIN PROOF Original™ are much easier to clean with use of regular cleaning methods.

STAIN PROOF Original™ bonds permanently with the treated material and does not alter the original look of the surface.



NB: A 15-YEAR PERFORMANCE WARRANTY is available when STAIN PROOF Original™ is applied by Dry-Treat Accredited Applicator, following our written instructions.