

FAQ

Q. Who is Manufactured Stone Company?

Manufactured Stone Company produces a variety of stone veneer products which are light weight, easy to install and more affordable than natural stone.

Q. Where is Manufactured Stone Company?

Manufactured Stone Company is located at 7708 McElvey Road in Panama City Beach, FL. (From Highway 98, turn S on Thomas and turn right at McElvey Road)

Q. What are the stone products made of?

Manufactured Stone Co. products are cast in molds taken from carefully selected natural stone. Each color and texture uses its own blend of Portland cement, lightweight aggregates and iron oxide pigments. After it cures, each stone precisely replicates the texture, shape and surface details of natural stone.

Q. What is the difference between manufactured stone veneer and natural stone?

Manufactured stone veneer is cast from molds of individually selected natural stone. It is significantly lighter in weight than natural stone. As a result, there is no requirement for footings or wall ties for installation. Manufactured stone is designed to adhere easily to a variety of structurally sound surfaces, and is capable of installations that would normally be extremely difficult and costly to achieve with natural stone.

Q. What are the benefits of using manufactured stone?

Manufactured stone veneer is approximately 1/3 to 1/2 the cost of natural stone installed. Its light weight properties eliminate the need for wall ties or footings. Manufactured stone has a 2% waste factor versus 10% or more for natural stone. Manufactured stone's light weight adds versatility to the number of projects and where it can be installed.

Q. Where can I install manufactured stone?

Manufactured stone veneer can be applied to any structurally sound surface with proper preparation.

- Residential – Exterior/Interior
- Commercial – Exterior/Interior
- Multifamily
- Monument Signs
- Outdoor Landscape
- Fireplace
- Chimney
- Mailbox

Q. What does Manufactured Stone veneer weigh?

Approximately 8 -12 lbs. per square foot

Q. Will the stone veneer fade?

The base color is blended throughout and permanent mineral oxide pigments are applied and absorbed by the stone when it is cast. There are no noticeable changes in the color after years of weathering.

Q. How important is a good installation?

The beauty of the stone is greatly enhanced by the quality of the installation. Selecting the stone "pattern" and grout technique are pivotal to the application's install.

Q. What kind of surface is necessary to install Manufactured Stone veneer?

Manufactured Stone Company products may be applied over any properly prepared, clean, untreated, structurally sound wall surfaces such as wood, wallboard, masonry or metal.

Q. Does the color go all the way through?

Base color is blended throughout the entire product. Color overtones are applied and integrated into the product during the casting process.

No. Manufactured stone products are not suitable for foot traffic.

Q. How are Manufactured Stone Company products sold?

- Flat Stone is sold by the square foot
- Corners are sold by the linear foot
- Hearth pieces and trim stone sold per piece

Q. Are manufactured stone products suitable for wall areas adjacent to swimming pools?

From a durability standpoint, Manufactured Stone products will perform the same as any quality lightweight concrete material. However, it should be noted that as with any concrete or natural material, continued exposure to chlorine and other chemicals may eventually affect coloration. When frequently exposed to water, we recommend protection with a non-film forming breather type masonry sealer.

Q. How are Manufactured Stone Company products packaged?

Flat stones are stacked 100 square feet per pallet and shrink wrapped.

Q. Is any maintenance required?

Occasional washing to remove surface dust and dirt is all that is required.

Corner stones are also stacked and shrink wrapped on pallets.

Q. Where can I buy Manufactured Stone veneer products?

Purchase Manufactured Stone Company products by calling (850) 233-7660 or visit the facility located at 7708 McElvey Road in Panama City Beach, FL.

Q. How do you clean efflorescence?

When efflorescence occurs, as it does with many masonry products, it is usually the result of moisture migration through the masonry substrate. Once the moisture is on the masonry surface, it evaporates, depositing dissolved salts in the form of efflorescence. Efflorescence will disappear naturally over time as long as the source of the moisture is controlled or eliminated.

Q. How do Manufactured Stone Company products adhere to wall surfaces?

Manufactured Stone veneer products are installed using regular Type N Portland cement mortar over a properly prepared substrate.

Q. Can manufactured stone veneer be used on both interior and exterior applications?

Yes.

Q. Are manufactured stone products suitable for walkways and patios?