



Questions to Ask When Choosing Panelized Stone

How many profiles does the product offer?

- Many companies claim a large number of profiles but often flip a profile 180 degrees and claim it as a unique profile.
 - ***Belterra by Silvermine nearly eliminates any repeating patterns on a wall by offering over 50 unique masters.***

How does the product protect against water damage?

- Most mortarless stone is designed to bring water from the outside to behind the stone. When installed properly, it will allow the water to flow behind the stone and out the bottom with a drainage plane. Doing it right is burdensome requiring additional labor hours, extra materials, and research shows that 90% of mortar-on stone is installed incorrectly which can cause costly water damage to the structure.
 - ***Belterra by Silvermine is the only stone product with a patented flashing system built into the stone; it requires no drainage plane or water barrier.***
 - ***The stone creates a water barrier as it is installed and creates a shingling effect that sheds all water to the front of the stone eliminating the perils of water damage.***

Who can install the product?

- Some stone requires a mason or other specialty labor which will increase the cost of install. Masons are typically hard to find and in high demand so their availability may negatively impact your project's schedule.
 - ***Belterra by Silvermine is installed with simple fasteners. Its patented fastening system provides a mistake proof process.***
 - ***The general labor that is typically already on a construction site can install the stone with a cordless drill and screws. It is also a great product for the DIY consumer.***

What weather conditions can the product be installed in?

- Mortar-on stone can only be installed in warm dry weather or needs the site to be tented for climate control which requires additional materials, labor, time, and money.
 - ***Belterra by Silvermine can be installed in any weather as it has a patented fastening system that requires no adhesive.***
 - ***The system is simple to use and requires only screws, a drill, and a saw with a stone blade.***

What types of projects can the stone be used for?

- Some stone products are designed for large commercial projects while others are more suited for smaller residential projects.
 - ***Belterra by Silvermine is designed for projects of all sizes, both interior and exterior, as well as new construction and remodeling projects.***
 - ***With completed installs from the deserts in the south to the frozen tundra in the north, Silvermine products have a proven track record of performance and durability.***



What type of wall preparation is needed?

- Most stone products require additional wall preparation such as creating a water barrier and drainage plane.
 - *Belterra by Silvermine eliminates the need for an additional water barrier and drainage plane, saving time and money by eliminating the additional materials and labor.*
 - *Not needing the drainage plane also eliminates the void space behind stone and minimizes the opportunity for insects to get between the stone and the wall.*

What size is the product and how is it packaged?

- Some stone panel products are larger than others and come in bulky packaging. You will want to select a stone that is about 1sf so that it is easier to handle and faster to install for yourself or your contractor.
 - *Belterra by Silvermine has stone panels that are 6"x24" making them easy to handle on the site which saves labor costs.*
 - *Packed in boxes of 8sf limits breakage and waste saving money on materials.*

How high quality is the stone?

- There are a lot of stone manufactures and many do not have a quality control process.
 - *Belterra by Silvermine manages quality through its painting process, curing process, as well as internally controls the quality of the masters and molds used to produce the stone products.*
 - *With more than 50 unique master profiles, Belterra by Silvermine nearly eliminates any repeating patterns on a wall.*
 - *Belterra by Silvermine has a complimentary background color and the face coloring process is done in the mold ensuring the face color bleeds deeper into the stone vs. just painting the surface. Having the face colors deeper into the stone and complimentary background colors minimizes the effects of post install blemishes that can be caused by things such as a mower deck scratching the stone.*
 - *Belterra by Silvermine has masters and molds that have precise 90-degree corners and tolerances down to 1000th of an inch minimizing seam lines and providing a clean fit and finish.*

Does the stone product you are considering provide a full solution?

- Most stone manufacturers provide only the stone for the surface. Very few have a solution for corners or pillars.
 - *Belterra by Silvermine has a corner system that interlocks and eliminates the zipper effect or Lincoln log effect other stone products create.*
 - *The accessories such as outlet boxes, light boxes, and zero warp sills create a complete finished look to the project.*
 - *Silvermine also provides a no-field cut pillar system that can be used for pillars and mailboxes as well as a variety of pillar caps and hearth stones.*
 - *Silvermine products provide all pieces needed to give your project a real stone aesthetic with an install cost at a fraction of other stone manufacturers.*