

# THE HERO STATUE: DAVID

Surface Type: Marble | Product Applied: STAIN-PROOF PLUS™ | Project Completed: December 2013

## Fabricator:

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## The Project:

The Hero statue is a 13-foot-high marble sculpture located at the public plaza at 1095 Avenue of the Americas in New York City. The 8,000 pound Hero is a reinterpretation of Michelangelo's David. The marble is designed in a system of repeated planes stacked on top of one another, giving the appearance the art is moving. Hero is part of a public art project, The Guardians: Hero and Superhero by acclaimed Italian architect and designer Antonio Pio Saracino. The statue is a gift from Italy to the United States as a symbol of the friendship and cultural heritage shared between the countries.

## Special Requirements:

- Sealer must protect the surface against freeze-thaw spalling
- Treated surface must become easier to clean and stay looking good for as long as possible, withstanding commercial cleaning processes
- The look and finish of the surface has to be retained

## The Dry-Treat Solution:

STAIN-PROOF PLUS™ was chosen for the project.

The Hero statue will be permanently located outside and will be subjected to New York's sub-zero temperatures, air pollution and bird droppings

For this reason STAIN-PROOF PLUS™ was used because its superior penetration and water repellency will greatly minimize freeze-thaw spalling and staining.

STAIN-PROOF PLUS™ permanently bonds to the material through a chemical reaction deep inside the pores where it is not affected by UV light. The sealer's permanency means it does not need to be re-applied regularly so the cost and effort of maintenance is reduced. STAIN-PROOF PLUS™ will also withstand pressure washing as its modified silane technology actually becomes part of the material.

STAIN-PROOF PLUS™ comes with a 25-year performance warranty when the product is applied by an Accredited Applicator.



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