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Cleaning, Sealing, and Problem Solutions.

CARE & MAINTENANCE

TileTips

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CERAMIC & ceramics with a crackle finish require this extra step of sealing before installation and at least 24 hours after grouting is complete. If sealing is skipped–a crackle finish in a wet area can become milky in appearance and handmade ceramic tile may absorb small amounts of water changing the color of the tile and possibly creating mildew issues.

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NATURAL STONE

Mild detergent diluted with water or ACI's recommended products should be used to clean stone. To prevent soap scum in showers, a squeegee is helpful after each use. You may need to have your stone refinished as the surface wears down. Never use, vinegar, lemon juice or any other cleaners containing acid or ammonia. Some stones have dry seams, pits, and fissures that are often filled at the factory or during installation. These are all inherent characteristics of the stone and as your installation ages these voids can lose their fillings. Refilling voids will be easier if your stone is unsealed or before sealing with a penetrating sealer. If your stone has vibrant colors (check this by wetting the stone) you might choose the 511 Seal and Enhance option to bring out the natural colors. Proper maintenance will prolong the life and beauty of your stone.

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GLASS TILE

Any non-abrasive cleaning agent recommended for glass can be used to clean glass field or mosaic tiles. For backsplash applications with heavy grout lines, try wiping the tile with a dry microfiber cloth. Glass tile does not need to be sealed, but the grout does.

SPECIAL MATERIAL

Special care should always be taken on clay, metal and metallic products as well as cement, hand-made ceramics, resin, antiqued and/or hand-painted surfaces, terrazzo, and river shell. These products generally should not be treated with chemical based cleaners and scour pads. Manufacturing techniques vary for metal, concrete, and ceramic so don’t assume these materials are treated the same. Always seek the manufacturer’s recommendations for cleaning specialty tile. When sealing is recommended, use a water based seal.

GROUT

All types of grout are porous except for Epoxy. Grout specific cleaning products can be effective as well as routine cleaning with a neutral pH soap and water. For deep cleaning apply force with a nylon brush. Stay away from acids if you have colored grouts as they can change the color.

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SEALER DEFINITIONS

IMPREGNATOR PRO® SEALER: Penetrating sealer used on stones with the highest porosity and when oil repellency is primary issue.

HEAVY DUTY SEALER: The heavy duty sealer is a unique water base penetrating sealer designed for the protection of all natural stone, tile, grout and masonry surfaces where a water based product is preferred.

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PROBLEM SOLVING

There are many products on the market to help with your tile woes. Does your floor look hazy? Did it get sealed before the grout haze was properly cleaned? Many products are available to solve these problems.

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<td>OIL STAIN REMOVER Deep cleaning of stains on acid-sensitive, porous natural stones &amp; grout surfaces. Especially effective for cleaning organic stains like coffee and tea. Use on Marble, Limestone, Sandstone/Flagstone, Grout, Brick, Concrete, Masonry &amp; polished surfaces.</td>
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For Natural Stone issues like water marks, efflorescence and more, reference our comprehensive Problem Solving Guide found here: www.architecturalceramics.com/Datasheets/STAINGUIDE.pdf

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