

Care and Maintenance Guidelines

Natural Stone Tile and Planking

PROTECTING YOUR INVESTMENT: The timeless beauty of natural stone makes it a favorite surfacing material for designers, architects and homeowners. There are a variety of natural stone surface finishes to choose from including polished, honed, and textured. Regardless of the stone type or surface finish, all are susceptible to staining and surface wear. To preserve the beauty and durability of your natural stone with the proper sealers, cleaners and other products, the following care and maintenance guidelines are recommended:

PRE-GROUT SEALING:

Purpose: To protect porous stone from grout staining and make cleaning grout easier.

- » The product selected for pre-grout sealing should also be used for sealing.
- » Ensure that the surface is clean and dry.
- » Apply one coat, per product directions.
- » Allow two hours to cure prior to grouting.
- » Always grout and clean a small test area to determine desired results.
- » Grout and clean per manufacturer's directions, ensuring that no grout residue is left on the stone surface.

SEALING:

Purpose: Protect stone from sub-surface staining and ease routine maintenance.

- » Ensure that the surface is clean and dry.
- » Apply per manufacturer's directions.
- » Ready for surface traffic two hours after final sealer application. Keep area dry for 12 hours.

MAINTENANCE:

Purpose: To safely maintain a clean stone and grout surface and to preserve the stone's natural beauty and integrity.

- » Sweep, dust mop, or vacuum the surface of the natural stone.
- » Mix and apply per the manufacturer's directions.

SELECTING THE CORRECT SEALER:

- » For a premium no-sheen natural look and maximum stain protection, use: **Aqua Mix Sealer's Choice Gold**
- » For an economical no-sheen natural look and limited protection, use: **Aqua Mix Penetrating Sealer Pro-Solv**
- » For low to medium sheen with easy reapplication with no stripping and excellent stain protection, use: **Aqua Mix Seal & Finish Low Sheen**
- » For high-sheen, interior use only after the final sealer application is applied, use: **Aqua Mix Seal & Finish Low Sheen Floor Shine & Hardener**
- » For a premium no-sheen darkened color enhancement on unsealed stone surfaces, use: **Aqua Mix Enrich 'N' Seal**
- » For economical no-sheen darkened color enhancement on unsealed stone surfaces, use: **Aqua Mix Stone Enhancer**

MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS:

Routine: Aqua Mix Concentrated Stone & Tile Cleaner. Highly concentrated, neutral pH, safe for regular use.

Periodic Heavy Duty: Aqua Mix Heavy Duty Tile & Grout Cleaner. Contains no acid, safe on stone and grout/mortar.

Antibacterial/ Disinfectant: Aqua Mix Aqua Kleen. Quick spray and wipe cleaner and disinfectant.

Periodic Heavy Duty Commercial: Aqua Mix 1 & 2 Deep Clean. For large commercial floor applications.

Aqua Mix Technical Assistance:

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