



Tile Cleaning and Maintenance Programme

Tile Care after Installation

Initial cleaning immediately after floor installation is essential as the tiles are subjected to contamination from various installation products and some factories often have protective waxes or sealers present. It is important to remove all mortar, sand, grout residue and present sealers before any further routine maintenance.

1. Tiles can be cleaned free from debris initially by sweeping with a broom, dust mop or vacuum.
2. Lithofin Cement Residue Remover should be used in the final grout cleanup water for removal of grout haze and any latex additive film present. This procedure can be used up to 10 days after grouting.
3. Lithofin Cement Residue Remover may be used full strength for the removal of grout haze on existing installations where this was not removed completely during the initial clean-up. Apply directly onto the tiled surface and agitate with a white nylon scrub pad or brush.
4. Failing the above procedures Lithofin Abraclean is a safe alternative to acid for the removal of excess grout haze, latex and protective wax coatings.

Routine Maintenance

Maintenance and cleaning of all Tile Warehouse tiles will vary depending on the surface texture and traffic volume. Generally the following will apply –

1. Sweep or vacuum to remove loose contaminants.
2. Use damp mop or “Micro Mop” and clean water only
3. Regular use of Lithofin FZ Vitra-Clean will clean and maintain your surface in one operation without leaving streaks, and in most cases will enhance the natural colour of the tile.

Periodic Heavy Duty Clean

If heavy traffic is present or significant contaminants then apply the following as required –

1. Sweep or vacuum to remove loose contaminants.
2. Clean with Lithofin FZ Intensive Cleaner

Note: There are five steps that are critical and should always be remembered for the successful maintenance of all ceramic, porcelain and stone tiles:

1. All spills should be cleaned up as quickly as possible.
2. Use only the recommended dilution of cleaner and follow all instructions.
3. Allow proper dwelling of solution to act on contaminant. Generally 5-15 minutes is sufficient, however the longer you leave the product the better it will perform.
4. Scrub with white nylon pad as these are the softest
5. Rinse thoroughly with clean, clear water to remove the dirty solution, contaminant and any chemical residue.

Rinsing is a critical step in the maintenance procedure. Use a wet vacuum, dry mop or towel if necessary. If dirty solution is not removed and is allowed to dry on the surface, a coating will form which may be difficult to remove and will attract dirt. Please also note that most everyday cleaners able to be purchased from supermarkets are not recommended for use on Tile Warehouse tiles.

*Please remember that these recommendations are intended as a general guideline only.
Read all product directions before use and always test a small area first.*

For any further instructions please contact your local Tile Warehouse representative.

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