

MAINTAINING A TILE OR STONE INSTALLATION

Maintaining a tile or stone installation is a process that begins as soon as the initial decision to utilize tile is made. It has long been recognized that tile and stone installations are not simply beautiful but durable and long lasting. Keeping these installations beautiful requires regular maintenance and cleaning.

The tile industry recommends that only neutral cleaners be used at all times. A neutral cleaner is defined as not containing any acid or highly alkaline solution.

ROUTINE CLEANING OF TILE & STONE

Daily cleaning can be done with a solution of water mixed with a mild, neutral cleaner. Be careful using cleaners containing pigments and skin conditioners, as they can be absorbed into the grout. The TileLab® product line has several cleaners designed for safe, simple, effective cleaning of tile and stone installations. TileLab® Cleaner & Resealer is an everyday cleaner that contains SurfaceGard® Sealer to reseal as it cleans, and inhibit the growth of mold and mildew.

HEAVY DUTY CLEANING & STRIPPING

There will be times when an installation may require more rigorous cleaning. When this happens, it is still recommended that the cleaner be neutral. TileLab® Heavy Duty Stripper & Cleaner tackles tough cleaning jobs without the strong fumes or odors of other cleaners. This cleaner can be used at full strength or diluted with up to 10 parts water. Apply solution liberally onto the surface and allow it to stand for about 5 to 10 minutes before scrubbing and rinsing.

The beauty and life of tile and stone installations are affected by the maintenance program put in place. The use of proper cleaning products and procedures will help you maintain a beautiful installation for many years to come. For further assistance, please contact CUSTOM® Technical Services.

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