



Cleaning and Maintenance Instruction

Cleaning After Tiling

Once the tiles have been laid, any excess adhesive should be thoroughly removed and not be allowed to set on the tiles. At this stage, the cement layer can be removed using a wetted sponge.

Hardened cement residues can only be removed with special chemical cleaners. Any residual adhesive on the tile surface, will attract dirt which adheres to these residues, and makes the tiles difficult to clean. For this purpose, there exists many types of special cement film removers at the dealers. These cement removers must be used according to the instructions of the producer, after the cleaning the tiles must be rinsed thoroughly with plenty of clean water. Tiles with acid sensitive surfaces (such as metallic) should be cleaned with water and neutral agents only.

Regular Cleaning

The regular cleaning frequency and the method, clearly depends on the soiling load of the tiled area and the surface type of the tile (ie antislip surfaces). In other words, the period of regular cleaning may be changed as weekly, daily or several times in a day, it is directly related with the dirt which is brought in have to be removed

The tiles must be vacuum cleaned regularly, it is also possible to wash down with water occasionally, and you may need to add a commercial cleaning agent depending on the dirt. The dirty water must be removed from the floor entirely, for this reason, the floor should be rinsed with plenty of clean water. This prevents striping when the tiles are dry. The floor may also be cleaned with a dry cloth to remove any remaining dirt.

Especially large areas are most readily cleaned with rotary, cylindrical or reversing mechanical scrubbing machines. Those machines should be used at appropriate speed to permit the water detergent mixture on the floor to penetrate the dirt layer. After scrubbing operation, the process will continue with clean water, for rinsing the removed dirt.

As a precaution, cleaning agents containing hydrofluoric acid and its compounds must not be used, because it attacks ceramic material directly and damages the surface. For the tiles with acid sensitive surfaces (such as metallic surfaces, some specified as "B" in the catalogue), it is recommended to use only neutral detergent and water, before using any detergent, the effect must be checked in a small area. Also inappropriate cleaning such as with abrasive pads may negatively affect the slip-resistance properties. And some cleaning products may leave a film of grease that can attract dirt and make the surface slippery; therefore, using this kind of cleaning products must be avoided.



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