

Cleaning, Protecting and Maintaining Cement Tiles

Cement tiles are mostly manufactured in Mediterranean countries. The surfaces are often quite colourful and sport traditional ornaments.

These tiles are soft and absorbent, making a suitable protective treatment necessary. Such a treatment not only improves the tiles' technical properties, it also embellishes their appearance. These instructions are formulated for untreated tiles.

Please note

Cement tiles are not resistant to acid and their surface appearance will change. Always test in an inconspicuous area or a left over tile prior to use. Avoid contact with vinegar, lemon juice, wine, acidic cleaners, etc.

Before Grouting



Treat the dried out tiles with Lithofin MULTI-SEAL before installing the grout lines. This pre-treatment will make it easier to remove the grouting material off the surface (wash off carefully!) and prepare the tiles for the finishing treatment.



Remove grout residues from the tile face whilst grouting. Apply with a garden sprayer and distribute with mop. In case of colour-pigmented joints, repeat the procedure after a 1-hour drying-time. The protective film makes cleaning grout residues easier

After Grouting

Remove protective film and grout residues at the same time. Expose Lithofin MN Power-Clean (diluted 1:3 with water) for 20 minutes. It will leave the surface clear of residues. On larger surfaces, use a polishing machine with a white nylon pad to facilitate the work. Rinse with clear water.

Protective Treatment



Once the surface has dried out completely, continue treating the clean surface. A small test area will show the later result and the coverage. Especially pre-treated tiles need to be checked for the suitability of the protective treatment.

If you require advice or are in any way unsure about these instructions, please call our **Technical Support Line at**
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There are two alternative treatments:

1. With a sheen or shine:*

After 24 hours (at the earliest), apply Lithofin MULTI-SEAL using a mop. This additional treatment lends the surface a sheen finish. The product leaves a protective film on the surface, making it even easier to maintain. After 2-hours drying time, procedure shall be repeated. Apply cross-wise to reduce streaking.

2. Without changing the appearance:

Apply Lithofin STAINSTOP >W< as per the labels instructions to protect the surface against staining caused by oil and water. The surface appearance remains unchanged, some tiles may become slightly darker. Reapply Lithofin STAINSTOP >W< on cement tiles a second time after 4-hours. It does not form any layers, the protective effect will last 3-4 year and does not pose any health concerns once dry.

Maintenance

All surfaces should be swept and mopped regularly. Simply add Lithofin MN Easy-Care to the warm water and wipe with a micro-fibre mop. This way you will clean and maintain the surface in one application. The surface becomes even less sensitive and more vibrant in colour with regular use.

△ This information should be considered to be informal and non-binding. The products must be used according to local conditions and materials. Instructions must be read carefully and followed closely. Where no previous experience is available, or in cases of doubt, test the product in an inconspicuous area. (AUS/NZ5.17gps)

Not recommended to use in public areas, as it may affect the anti-slip safety.



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