

## Cleaning and Maintaining Victorian Tiles

Victorian Tiles are extremely hard wearing and generally easy to maintain. But wiping these tiles with just water does not suffice. The correct maintenance products are vital to maintaining these tiles' beauty for years to come.

### 1. Cleaning

Always test the products in an inconspicuous area prior to use. The quick test allows you to check the suitability, working times and general effect.

#### a) newly installed surfaces

After installing ceramic tiles there will always be grout residues that are left on the surface. This is especially true for rough and absorbent tiles. Pre-wet the surface with water and apply Lithofin KF Cement Residue Remover diluted 1:5 with water. Allow the product to work for 5 minutes and then scrub with a broom or brush. Then remove the cleaning solution and rinse well with water. Allow the grout lines to set for several days before cleaning in order to avoid damages.

Please Note: coloured grouting materials may leave pigments on the surface that are very difficult to remove. Treating the surface with a protective impregnator before grouting helps reduce this risk. Please check the effectiveness of this treatment on a spare tile.

#### b) used and dirty surfaces

On used surfaces with heavy dirt deposits, use Lithofin KF Intensive Cleaner. This cleaning will remove general and stubborn dirt, care product residues as well as oil and grease films. In stubborn cases of oil and grease, use Lithofin WAX-OFF.

### 2. Protective Treatments

Protective treatments can only be applied when the surface is clean, absorbent and completely dried out (drying times vary depending on installation methods used. Thick mortar bed: up to three months, thin bed: approx. eight days). Always test the product prior to use.

**Lithofin STAINSTOP >W<**. This special water-based impregnator renders the surface water and oil repellent. The formation of oil and grease stains is largely prevented and the surface becomes easier to clean. Lithofin STAINSTOP >W< does not change the appearance of the surface and is the ideal protective treatment for surfaces subject to heavy wear, such as kitchen floors, terraces, etc. This impregnator is free of organic solvents, nearly odourless and easy to use.



Suitable for indoor and outdoor use. With correct maintenance treatment will be effective for 7 to 10 years. Coverage: approx. 10m<sup>2</sup> per litre.

### 3. Maintaining Floors

All ceramic surfaces should regularly be wiped with a moist micro-fibre mop. Add one dash (20ml) of Lithofin KF Vitra-Clean to the water in order to clean and maintain the surface in one operation. With continued use surfaces will become more vibrant and easier to maintain. In areas with hard water (high calcium content) calcium may remain on the surface. These deposits help to bind dirt. Use Lithofin KF Active-Clean as needed to remove these deposits.

Lithofin KF Active-Clean is suitable for regular cleaning of bathroom and sanitary areas.

Please Note: avoid using leaching or strongly degreasing cleaning products as well as products that form layers.

The surfactants contained in LITHOFIN-Products are biologically degradable and are registered under the strict regulations of the German Office for Environmental Protection. The products pose no health concerns when dry. LITHOFIN is recommended by leading manufacturers of ceramic tiles and is available through tile shops. [www.lithofin-australia.com](http://www.lithofin-australia.com)

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If you require advice or are in any way unsure about these instructions, please call our **Technical Support Line at AUS: (03) 8552 6000 / NZ: (9) 475 0495**

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. Always test the products in an inconspicuous area. (AUS/NZ6.16gps/1.15)

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