

Cleaning, Protecting and Maintaining Cement Tiles

Cement tiles are mostly manufactured in Mediterranean countries such as Morocco and Southern Spain. The surfaces are often quite colourful and sport traditional ornaments.

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

These instructions are formulated for untreated tiles such as carreaux de casbah, carreaux ciment, etc.

Before Grouting

Treat the dried out tiles with Lithofin MN Stain-Stop 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.

After Grouting



Lithofin MN Power-Clean (diluted 1:10 with water) will leave the surface clear of residues. On larger surfaces use a polishing machine with a white nylon pad to facilitate the work.



△ Please Note: only in cases of very stubborn residues and/or efflorescence should Lithofin MN Builders' Clean be used. The 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. The dilution rate

must be at least 1:20 and always rinse with plenty of 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.

There are two alternative treatments:

1. Without changing the appearance:

Apply Lithofin MN Stain-Stop 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.

Lithofin MN Stain-Stop does not form any layers, the protective effect will last 10 year plus and does not pose any health concerns once dry.

2. With a sheen or shine:

After 24 hours (at the earliest) apply Lithofin MN Polish (liquid-wax). This additional treatment lends the surface a sheen finish that can be polished to a higher sheen. The product leaves a protective film on the surface, making it even easier to maintain.

Reapply Lithofin MN Polish (liquid-wax) from time to time; use a polishing machine to achieve an even finish. This treatment leaves a colour intense, classical look.

For the best results a floor polishing machine is required.

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.

Other, stubborn types of dirt

oil and grease residue, stubborn dirt	Lithofin MN Power-Clean
wax, varnish, sealant, silicone	Lithofin WAX-OFF
deeply engrained oil	Lithofin OIL-EX
limescale and water residues, shower floors	Lithofin MN Bathroom Cleaner

If you require advice or are in any way unsure about these instructions, please call our **Technical Support Line at**
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△ 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)



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