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Care & Maintenance of LATICRETE Finish Materials

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The quality of cement based grouts continues to improve and new technologies mean that grouts get harder, minimize efflorescence and are easier to install than previous technologies. It is important to note that cement based grouts are not self-cleaning or totally stain-resistant. Regular and routine maintenance is required to maintain the long term beauty of the grout and wiping up spills quickly and thoroughly will help minimize the possibility of grout staining. Also epoxy grouts, tile sealers and sealants are not self-cleaning or totally stain resistant and require routine cleaning and maintenance to maintain the long term beauty of the surface finish.

The following information will help maintaining LATICRETE® surface finish materials (LATICRETE Grouts, Sealants and STONETECH® Sealers) for many years.

Regular Maintenance

For routine, everyday maintenance cleaning, a clear pH neutral cleaner (e.g. STONETECH® Stone & Tile Cleaner) is recommended. For soiling from grease, use an alkaline cleaner (e.g. STONETECH KLENZALL™ Cleaner). For hard water deposits and other inorganic stains use STONETECH RESTORE to remove these residues and stains.

Some floor cleaning procedures, such as damp mopping, will deposit dirt residue on the LATICRETE surface finish. If the LATICRETE surface finish appears to be becoming soiled, mop a solution of STONETECH Stone & Tile Cleaner onto the surface and scrub gently with a nylon brush or suitable scrub pad. It is recommended that the mop water be removed by vacuum from the grout and tile surfaces before it dries. Rinse well, vacuum and allow the surface to dry.

LATICRETE Surface Finish Cleaning

Spills should be wiped up immediately with a paper towel or cloth. If a stain remains, scrub the surface with warm water and a white nylon scrubbing pad, for at least 60 seconds.

For stubborn grout stains on tile installations, dampen the grout and apply a solution of STONETECH KLENZALL Cleaner on the surface and let it sit for 3 - 4 minutes, then scrub with a white nylon scrubbing pad for at least 60 seconds and rinse. If a second cleaning is required, repeat the STONETECH KLENZALL soaking and scrubbing process on the affected area.

For staining and cleaning requirements for surfaces treated with STONETECH Sealers refer to the individual Maintenance & Care Instructions (MCI) for treatment instructions based on the tile that has been laid.

For regular cleaning and strains on LATASIL™, dampen the surface and apply a solution of STONETECH Stone & Tile Cleaner onto the surface and scrub gently with a nylon brush or suitable scrub pad. After cleaning wipe down with a damp sponge or cloth and inspect. Repeat process if required.

For more deeply set or especially stubborn grout stains contact LATICRETE Technical Support for more specific instructions at 1800 331 012 or 07 3865 1599.

Note: Before using any cleaning product on tile or LATICRETE surface finish, always test clean a small inconspicuous area and allow to dry to ensure compatibility of the cleaner with the surface to be cleaned. Powdered cleansers are not recommended for cleaning unsealed or unglazed tile, and many types of stone. Acid based products are not recommended for polished marble and other types of stone.

Cement Grout Sealing Information

If greater protection is required for your cement based grout, the following STONETECH products may be used. Note - for maximum stain protection and performance, use SPECTRALOCK® PRO Premium Grout. Follow specific installation instructions indicated for each STONETECH Professional Sealer.

- STONETECH BULLETPROOF® (for natural stone & cement grout installations)
- STONETECH Advanced Grout Sealer
- STONETECH Heavy Duty Grout Sealer

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