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System set to simplify stone installation



Crack suppression, waterproofing and bond strength are among the most important performance criteria for stone installations. This is why Laticrete has created the Stone Solutions System. This features Latapoxy 310: a high strength construction epoxy adhesive designed to permanently adhere stone veneers and large format ceramic and porcelain tiles for both exterior and interior vertical applications. To simplify on-site mixing, there is the Latapoxy 310 Cordless Mixer. The Stone Solutions System also features a variety of thin-bed adhesives designed for virtually all ceramic tile and stone installations for both commercial and residential applications. Equipped with Microban anti-microbial protection, these thin-sets inhibit the growth of stain causing mold and mildew.

Laticrete Thick Bed Installation Systems are suitable for interior applications wherever a traditional mortar bed is required under ceramic tile. They also include a fortified dry-set mortar specifically formulated to provide a one-step installation for large format ceramic tile, marble and stone, including ungauged tiles or installing tiles on rough surfaces.

Laticrete underlayments for the stone program feature self-levelling from feather edge to 25mm thickness in a single pour. The company's Waterproofing and Anti-Fracture Membranes are ideal for any area subjected to continuous submersion such as pools and spas to protect against cracking. Stone can be directly bonded to these thin, load-bearing membranes for either interior or exterior applications.

Stone Solutions also features SpectraLock grout: (pictured) which is as easy to install as cement grout, yet offer the performance and stain resistance of epoxy alternatives. SpectraLock provides vibrant and consistent colour with no shading, blotching or cracking. In addition, Laticrete offers cementitious grout that will inhibit the growth of stain causing mold and mildew with Microban anti-microbial protection and a high-performance 100% silicone sealant for treating joints on interior or exterior applications.

Call: 0131 333 3777 or visit www.laticrete.com

Mosaic selection to meet most requirements

The Mosaic Company is one of the UK's leading mosaic specialists, currently representing three major European manufacturers: the German company Jasba, Vitrogres glass mosaics from Spain and Lithos marble mosaics from Italy. In addition, the company represents two Chinese companies producing mosaic glass blends and iridium mosaics.

Jasba continues to be the main supplier for high quality stoneware mosaics with its 24 by 24mm size M2 series the most popular, including eight colours in non-slip patented Hydrotect self-cleaning finish. The latest series, called Centino is a 23mm circular module in eight glossy colours and matching anti-slip, also with Hydrotect.

Vitrogres glass mosaics are available from stock in the UK from The Mosaic Company or alternatively direct from Spain, usually within 14 days. Products are produced in 23mm circular, 25 by 25, 40 by 40 and, more recently, two new sizes 12 by 12 and 15 by 15mm in what is probably the widest spectrum of colours currently available from any manufacturer. All products are shown in a very comprehensive catalogue.

The increasing demand for natural products is met from the southern Italian company Lithos who produces a wide range of tumbled and polished mosaics as well as undertaking commissions for individually designed panels. The Mosaic Company has recently supplied a large mosaic panel in the design of a Chinese Dragon for a private house and as a more natural looking alternative to water jet cut logos, a hand-made panel makes a unique and impressive centrepiece to any business, restaurant or office building.

Call: 0480 474714 or visit www.mosaiccompany.co.uk

PRODUCT BRIEFS



Degussa Construction Chemicals' PCI Division has extended its range of Novoment fast-setting, ready-blended screeds and rapid-curing cement binders for 2005.

Reflecting the increasing popularity of underfloor heating, Novoment products are suitable for use in heated screeds, and can be installed as bonded screeds or on a separation or insulation layer. All Novoment products offer extended workability of up to one hour and quick curing times. New cement Novoment Z1 exhibits even faster curing with the same open time and lower shrinkage, being walkable after about three hours and ready for ceramic tiling after about a day. Novoment Z3 will produce a cement screed for pump application even at higher temperatures, while ready-to-mix dry mortar Novoment M1 Plus is ideal for quick repairs of industrial floors. All Novoment products are temperature resistant in service, from -30°C to +80°C, making them ideal for balconies, terraces, garages and under industrial floor coverings that are cleaned with superheated steam, as well as cold storage rooms and heated screeds. They are unaffected by moisture, so can be used in areas subject to permanent wetness, and can be pump or hand applied. T: 0161 794 7411.



The Neo, Fuoco Della Terra and Villas collections were all showcased by Eliane at Cersaie. Fuoco Della Terra is a porcelain range that is available in three sizes and nine colours. The collection is offered with rich shade variations and diverse textures in likeness to stone that make it ideal for both commercial and residential applications. Eliane's Villas Collection of porcelain tiles offers a harmonious and comfortable decor through its earthy tone shades for interior and exterior applications; while the company's Neo Collection will be officially released in 2005.

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