**STONETECH® MAINTENANCE & CARE INSTRUCTIONS**

**SALTILO, TERRA COTTA AND CLAY BRICK**

**NOTE:** For all recommended products: Read the entire product label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area with a 24-hour cure time to determine ease of application and desired effects. Avoid skin and eye contact. Always wear appropriate safety equipment during product use.

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**REGULAR MAINTENANCE AND CARE**

Routine, daily maintenance of saltillo, terra cotta or clay brick surfaces will involve keeping dirt, dust and other soiling from building up. Exterior installations will often require more intensive maintenance and care processes. Spills, food and other potential staining materials need to be cleaned up in a reasonable period of time. Regular sweeping and light damp mopping is advisable. For larger installations these processes remain the same; only the scale will change.

Highly alkaline, acidic, ammonia based, abrasive cleaners, or bleach may damage some stone, tile and/or grout surfaces and may also degrade any applied sealers, adversely affecting stone appearance. The use of a gentle cleaner specifically formulated for stone, tile and grout maintenance is the best assurance of not harming the saltillo, terra cotta, clay brick, grout or degrading any applied sealers.

**Maintenance Cleaning**

Both routine damp mopping and monthly scrub cleanings of saltillo, terra cotta or clay brick surfaces can be accomplished using sponges and brushes, spray mops, and traditional mop and bucket. A wet/dry vacuum is helpful for cleaning big floors. For commercial applications a swing machine fitted with a brush or pad or an auto-scrubber will help maintain larger installations. STONETECH® has two maintenance cleaners suitable for saltillo, terra cotta or clay brick surfaces.

For routine cleaning of saltillo, terra cotta or clay brick using a cleaner and protector:

**STONETECH® Revitalizer® Cleaner and Protector (Concentrate)**

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Be sure all surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuums to remove loose debris. Keep children and pets out of the area during application and drying.

1. Dilute STONETECH® Revitalizer® Cleaner and Protector (Concentrate) with water according to the following mixing chart:

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<th>Use</th>
<th>STONETECH® Revitalizer® Cleaner &amp; Protector (Concentrate)</th>
<th>Warm Water</th>
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<tr>
<td>Spray Refill</td>
<td>1 part</td>
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<td>Light Duty</td>
<td>1 part</td>
<td>4 parts</td>
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<td>Medium Duty</td>
<td>1 part</td>
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<td>Heavy Duty</td>
<td>1 part</td>
<td>1 part</td>
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2. Apply diluted solution with a damp mop, towel, sponge or low pressure sprayer.
3. Rub surface lightly and remove any excess cleaner. No need to rinse.
4. Repeat if necessary for heavily soiled areas.
5. Let area dry completely before using.

For routine cleaning of saltillo, terra cotta or clay brick using a cleaner:

**STONETECH Stone & Tile Cleaner (Concentrate)**

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Be sure surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuums to remove loose debris. Avoid skin and eye contact with product. Wear protective eyewear and gloves when handling concentrate. Keep children and pets out of the area during application and drying.

1. Dilute STONETECH Stone & Tile Cleaner (Concentrate) with warm water according to the following mixing chart:

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<th>STONETECH Stone &amp; Tile Cleaner (Concentrate)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Light Duty</td>
<td>1 part</td>
<td>64 parts</td>
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<tr>
<td>Heavy Duty</td>
<td>1 part</td>
<td>32 parts</td>
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2. Apply mixed solution with a damp mop, sponge or appropriate professional cleaning equipment.
3. Clean entire area with mop, changing cleaning solution often to ensure that soil is not redeposited. Wipe or rinse cleaned area.
4. Let area dry completely before using.

**STONETECH Stone & Tile Cleaner (Ready-To-Use)**

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Be sure surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuums to remove loose debris. Avoid skin and eye contact with product. Wear protective eyewear and gloves when handling concentrate. Keep children and pets out of the area during application and drying.

1. Spray or pour directly onto soiled area.
2. Wipe clean with a dry towel, lint free cloth or sponge. No need to rinse.
3. Repeat for heavily soiled areas using a non-abrasive scrubbing pad.
4. Wipe clean with a dry towel.

Refer to data sheet DS211.0 for more information.

**NEW INSTALLATION PRE-GROUT TREATMENT**

Grotting cleanup is often easier when the stone is sealed prior to grotting. Saltillo, terra cotta and clay brick can be porous and are susceptible to grotting staining and may benefit from sealing prior to grotting.

A simple water test can be performed to identify if the stone is porous. If the saltillo, terra cotta or clay brick darkens after applying water to its surface and waiting for 5 minutes, then the tile is absorbent and applying a sealer prior to grotting may aid in clean up after grotting. For most stones that darken when wet a single application of sealer is generally sufficient as a pre-grouting treatment.

For a pre-grout sealer for saltillo, terra cotta or clay brick:

**STONETECH Heavy Duty Sealer**

**Pre-Grout Sealer Application**

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area with a 24-hour cure time to determine ease of application and desired results. Make sure surface is clean and free of waxes and coatings. STONETECH Heavy Duty Sealer may be applied to damp surfaces one hour after standing water has been removed. Surface temperature should be between 50°F - 80°F (10°C - 26°C). Ensure that the area is well-ventilated during application and until the surface is dry. Keep children and pets out of the area until treated surface is dry.

1. Ensure cap is closed and sealed, and shake well before use.
2. Mask off surfaces not intended to be treated.
3. Liberally apply an even coat of STONETECH Heavy Duty Sealer using a paint pad, roller, brush or low-pressure sprayer.
4. Allow the sealer to penetrate the surface for 10-15 minutes. During this time, keep the surface wet with sealer, adding more sealer as needed. DO NOT ALLOW SEALER TO COMPLETELY DRY ON THE SURFACE.
5. Thoroughly wipe dry the entire surface with clean absorbent towels.
6. A second coat may be needed for porous, absorbent surfaces. If a second coat is required, it should be applied within 30-45 minutes from the initial application as directed in steps 3-5.
7. Allow sealer to cure for 24 hours prior to grouting.
8. Clean tools used during application with water.

Refer to data sheet DS279.0 for more information.

**RESTORATIVE DEEP CLEANING**

Stone, tile and grout installations can become heavily soiled over time. Restorative cleaning processes will help return these surfaces to a more acceptable appearance.

The following restorative surface cleaning processes are done in preparation for resealing or for specialized surface cleaning circumstances. These cleaning processes should not damage the surface of the Saltillo, terra cotta or clay brick, however, these types of heavy duty cleaning may degrade or chip many sealers from the application.

Depending on the type of soiling or staining, select one of the following options:

For cleaning grease, oil, dirt, dry soil, or to prepare for resealing:

**STONETECH KleenzAll™ Cleaner (Concentrate)**

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area to determine ease of use and desired results. Be sure all surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuums to remove loose debris. Avoid skin and eye contact with product. Wear protective eyewear, gloves, long sleeves, and long pants while handling concentrate. Ensure work area is well-ventilated during application and until surface is dry. Keep children and pets out of the area during application and drying.

The following is a restorative surface cleaning process which is done in preparation for resealing or for specialized surface cleaning circumstances. This process should not damage the stone surface, however, this type of heavy duty cleaning will degrade or chip many sealers from the application.

1. Dilute concentrated STONETECH KleenzAll™ Cleaner with warm water according to the following mixing chart:

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<th>STONETECH KleenzAll™ Cleaner (Concentrate)</th>
<th>Warm Water</th>
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<tr>
<td>Light Duty</td>
<td>1 part</td>
<td>8 parts</td>
<td>10.7</td>
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<td>Medium Duty</td>
<td>1 part</td>
<td>4 parts</td>
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<td>Heavy Duty</td>
<td>1 part</td>
<td>2 parts</td>
<td>11.3</td>
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2. Apply mixed solution with a mop, clean cloth or low-pressure sprayer. Avoid applying cleaner on untreated surfaces.
3. Lightly scrub with a scrub brush or floor machine as needed.
4. Remove STONETECH KleenzAll Cleaner using a clean cloth, wet/dry vacuum or damp mop.
5. Rinse area well with clean water. Allow area to dry completely.
6. Some surfaces may require additional cleaning. If so, repeat steps 2 – 5 above.
7. Reseal cleaned area with an appropriate STONETECH® sealer (e.g. STONETECH BulletProof Sealer). Refer to data sheet DS215.0 for more information.

Removal of efflorescence, mineral deposits, and calcium based staining:

**STONECHEM™ Restore™ Acidic Cleaner**

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area to determine required dilution and results. Be sure all surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuumed to remove loose debris. Heavy duty dilution may darken some surfaces. This acid-based cleaner will etch or damage most marble, limestone and travertine surfaces. Will etch or corrode most metal surfaces. Avoid skin and eye contact. Wear protective eyewear, gloves, long sleeves, and long pants while handling product. Ensure work area is well-ventilated during application and until surface is dry. Keep children and pets out of the area during application and drying.

1. Dilute concentrated STONETECH Restore™ Acidic Cleaner with warm water according to the following mixing chart.

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<tr>
<th>Use</th>
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<tr>
<td>Light Duty</td>
<td>1 part</td>
<td>16 parts</td>
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<td>Medium Duty</td>
<td>1 part</td>
<td>4 parts</td>
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<td>Heavy Duty</td>
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2. Mask off and protect any metals or other surfaces not intended to be treated. Apply mixed solution with a clean mop, or towel.
3. Agitate with a scrub brush or floor machine as needed.
4. Remove STONETECH Restore Acids Cleaner using a clean cloth, wet/dry vacuum or damp mop.
5. Rinse area well with clean water and wipe dry.
6. Thoroughly rinse all metal surfaces with clean water. Clean and rinse equipment with water.
7. Reseal cleaned area with an appropriate STONETECH sealer (e.g. STONETECH BulletProof Sealer). Refer to data sheet DS216.0 for more information.

Removal of epoxy or single component grout hazes, stripping topical coatings, acrylic finishes or heavy waxes:

**STONECHEM Heavy Duty Coating Stripper**

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area to determine ease of application and desired results. Be sure all surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuumed to remove loose debris. Ensure work area is well-ventilated during application and until surface is dry. Keep children and pets out of the area until surface is dry. Avoid contact with surfaces not intended to be treated. Avoid applying in direct sunlight.

1. SHAKE WELL BEFORE USING. Do not dilute before applying.
2. Wear rubber gloves and eye protection during handling and application to prevent skin and eye contact.
3. Liberally apply an even coat of STONETECH Heavy Duty Coating Stripper over the required area with a paint brush, mop or paint pad. DO NOT APPLY WITH A SPRAYER. Immediately remove STONETECH Heavy Duty Coating Stripper from unintended surfaces with a wet cloth to prevent potential damage to those surfaces.
4. Application time will vary depending on type of coating being removed. Approximate application times are as follows:

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<th>Coating Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sealer, wax or varnish</td>
<td>30 – 60 minutes</td>
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<td>Polyurethane or acrylic</td>
<td>1 to 2 hours</td>
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<td>Epoxy Grout</td>
<td>1 to 2 hours</td>
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5. Do not let STONETECH Heavy Duty Coating Stripper dry on the surface. If STONETECH Heavy Duty Coating Stripper starts to dry, add additional product to keep surface wet.
6. Agitate surface with a nylon scrub brush or pad after testing a small area first to make sure that brush or pad will not scratch the surface. Surface can be wet with water to enable easier removal of coating.
7. Wipe up residual STONETECH Heavy Duty Coating Stripper with clean, dry clothes or wet mop. A wet/dry vacuum can be used for larger area.
8. Rinse surface well with clean water.
9. More than one application may be required, repeat steps 3 – 8 when necessary.
10. Surface traffic may begin 2 hours after removal of coating. Refer to data sheet DS235.0 for more information.

**For spot or small area deep cleaning:**

**STONECHEM DeepKlenz™ Cleaner**

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area to determine ease of use and desired results. Make sure all surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuumed to remove loose debris. Keep children and pets out of the area during application and drying.

1. Thoroughly wet surface by directly spraying onto soiled area.
2. Allow STONETECH DeepKlenz™ Cleaner to work on the surface for 5-10 minutes. Do NOT allow product to dry on the surface.
3. Lightly scrub with a soft bristle brush to remove the surface contaminants.
4. Rinse and wipe surface with clean cloth and warm water. Repeat as needed for heavy soiled areas.
5. Reseal cleaned area with an appropriate STONETECH sealer (e.g. STONETECH BulletProof Sealer). Refer to data sheet DS111.2 for more information.

**For cleaning and removing soap scum:**

**STONECHEM Soap Scum Remover**

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area to determine ease of use and desired results. Be sure surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuumed to remove loose debris. Avoid skin and eye contact. Wear protective eyewear and gloves. Keep children and pets out of the area during application and drying.

1. Using a plastic or wood spatula, stir thoroughly to mix the paste.
2. Apply a ¼” (6 mm) thick layer of paste to the stain. Ensure that the paste can be wet with water to enable easier removal of coating.
3. Repeat as needed for heavily soiled areas.
4. Allow 48 – 72 hours for STONETECH Oil Stain Remover to dry.

**For oil stain removal:**

**STONECHEM Oil Stain Remover**

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area to determine the desired results will be achieved. Make sure surface is clean, dry, and free of waxes and coatings. Ensure that area is well-ventilated and keep children and pets away from the area during application and until surface is clean and dry.

1. Using a plastic or wood spatula, stir thoroughly to mix the paste.
2. Apply a ¼” (6 mm) thick layer of paste to the stain. Ensure that the paste extends at least 1” - 2” (25 - 50mm) beyond the edge of the stain.
3. Do not cover.
4. Allow 48 – 72 hours for STONETECH Oil Stain Remover to dry.

**For cleaning and removing mold and mildew:**

**STONECHEM Mold & Mildew Stain Remover**

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area to determine ease of use and desired results. Be sure surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuumed to remove loose debris. Avoid skin and eye contact. Wear protective eyewear and gloves. Keep children and pets out of the area during application and drying.

1. Spray STONETECH Mold & Mildew Stain Remover directly on soiled areas. Avoid applying onto unintended surfaces.
2. Wipe surface with clean, dry cloth or scrub with stiff nylon brush as needed.
3. Rinse area well with clean water.
4. Wipe area dry with clean cloth.
5. Repeat as needed for heavily soiled areas. Refer to data sheet DS229.0 for more information.

**For cleaning and removing mold and mildew:**

**STONECHEM BulletProof Sealer**

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area to determine ease of use and desired results. Be sure surfaces to be cleaned are swept or vacuumed to remove loose debris. Avoid skin and eye contact. Wear protective eyewear and gloves. Keep children and pets out of the area during application and drying.

1. Thoroughly wet surface by directly spraying onto soiled area.
2. Allow STONETECH DeepKlenz™ Cleaner to work on the surface for 5-10 minutes. Do NOT allow product to dry on the surface.
3. Lightly scrub with a soft bristle brush to remove the surface contaminants.
4. Rinse and wipe surface with clean cloth and warm water. Repeat as needed for heavy soiled areas.
5. Reseal cleaned area with an appropriate STONETECH sealer (e.g. STONETECH BulletProof Sealer). Refer to data sheet DS111.2 for more information.

**For sealing and protecting:**

All saltillo, terra cotta or clay bricks are susceptible to staining from both oil and waterbased materials and sealing will help protect the stone’s appearance. The current gores used in saltillo, terra cotta or clay brick installations will also be more stain resistant with the application of a penetrating sealer.

For interior and exterior natural look protection from water- and oil-based staining:

**STONECHEM BulletProof Sealer**

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area with a 24 hour cure time to determine ease of application and desired results. Allow new great installations to cure for a minimum of 72 hours prior to application. Make sure surface is clean and free of waxes and coatings. Sealer may be applied to damp surfaces one hour after standing water has been removed. Surface temperature should be between 50°F - 80°F (10°C - 26°C). Ensure that the area is well-ventilated during application and until the surface is dry. Keep children and pets out of the area until treated surface is dry.

1. Ensure cap is closed and sealed, and shake well before use.
2. Mask off surfaces not intended to be treated.
3. Liberally apply on even coat of STONETECH BulletProof Sealer using a paint pad, roller, brush or low-pressure sprayer.
4. Allow sealer to penetrate the surface for 1-15 minutes. During this time, keep the surface wet with sealer, adding more sealer as needed. DO NOT ALLOW SEALER TO COMPLETELY DRY ON THE SURFACE.
5. Thoroughly wipe dry the entire surface with clean absorbent towels.
6. A second coat may be needed for porous, absorbent surfaces. If a second coat is required, it should be applied within 30-40 minutes from the initial application as directed in steps 3-5.
7. Should a sealer residue appear, rewet the impacted section of the surface with sealer. Agitate the surface with a white nylon scrubbing pad to loosen residue and wipe dry with a clean, absorbent towel.
8. A full cure is achieved 24–72 hours. Use of the treated surface may resume in 6–8 hours. If use of the surface must resume sooner, cover the treated surface with red rosin paper to protect it until full cure has been achieved.
9. Clean tools used during application with water.

Refer to data sheet DS220.5 for more information.

For a natural look water repellent on exterior surfaces:

STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area with a 24-hour cure time to determine ease of application and desired results. Allow new grout installations to cure for a minimum of 72 hours prior to application. Make sure surface is clean, thoroughly dry and free of waxes and coatings. Surface temperature should be between 50°F - 80°F (10°C - 26°C). Keep children and pets out of the area until finish cure has been achieved.

1. Mask off any surfaces not intended to be treated.
2. Liberally apply an even coat of STONETECH® Heavy Duty Exterior Sealer using a paint pad, paintbrush, roller or spray-resistant, low-pressure sprayer. Do not use power sprayer. Do not thin before using.
3. Allow sealer to penetrate the surface for 5–15 minutes; denser material may require maximum time to penetrate surface. Spread excess sealer over entire area to ensure even penetration. DO NOT ALLOW EXCESS SEALER TO DRY ON THE SURFACE.
4. Thoroughly wipe dry the entire surface with a clean dry cloth to completely remove all excess sealer from the surface.
5. A second coat may be needed for porous, absorbent surfaces and should be applied one hour after initial application as directed in steps 2-4.
6. If sealer was not completely wiped off and a residue appears, wipe entire surface with a towel dampened with sealer. Use a white nylon pad to loosen residue and follow with a clean, white absorbent towel to remove.
7. Full cure is achieved in 24–72 hours. Surface may resume in 4-6 hours.
8. Clean up promptly after job is complete, since rags and equipment that are wet with product may be combustible. Clean equipment with mineral spirits and allow equipment and rags to dry in a well-ventilated area out of reach of children and pets. After rags are dry, dispose of in accordance with local waste disposal regulations.

Refer to data sheet DS212.5 for more information.

For a color enhancing impregnating sealer for interior surfaces:

STONETECH Enhancer Pro™ Sealer (Solvent-based)

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area with a 24-hour cure time to determine ease of application and desired results. Allow new grout installations to cure for a minimum of 72 hours prior to application. Make sure surface is clean, free of waxes, coatings, and previous sealers, and is dry for 24–72 hours. Surface temperature should be between 50°F - 80°F (10°C - 26°C). Ensure that the area is well-ventilated during application and until treated surface is dry. Keep children and pets out of the area until treated surface is dry.

1. Mask off any surfaces not intended to be treated.
2. Liberally apply an even coat of STONETECH Enhancer Pro™ Sealer using a paint pad, roller, or spray-pump garden sprayer. Do not use a power sprayer, towel, or sponge for application. Do not thin before using.
3. Allow Sealer to penetrate surface for 15–20 minutes. Denser material may require more time to penetrate. DO NOT ALLOW EXCESS SEALER TO DRY ON SURFACE. Failure to remove excess sealer from surface may result in residue that may need to be mechanically removed.
4. Thoroughly wipe surface with multiple dry cloths to remove all excess sealer.
5. A second coat may be needed for more absorbent surfaces or if darker appearance is required. Sealer should be applied one hour after start of initial application, as directed in steps 2-4.
6. Full cure is achieved after 24–72 hours. Avoid surface traffic for 6-8 hours after application. If surface traffic must resume sooner, cover the floor with red rosin paper to protect it until full cure has been achieved. Red rosin paper is not needed to apply second coat.
7. Clean up promptly after job is complete. Rags and equipment that are wet with product may be flammable. Clean equipment with mineral spirits and allow to dry in a well-ventilated area. Allow rags to dry in a well-ventilated area out of reach of children and pets. When dry, dispose of in accordance with local waste disposal regulations.

Refer to data sheet DS218.5 for more information.

For a color enhancing topical protector:

STONETECH High Gloss Finishing Sealer

Read entire label before using. Use only as directed. Always test in a small inconspicuous area to determine appropriate application method, achievement of desired results, and to ensure good adhesion. Surface must be thoroughly clean, dry, and free of any sealers or coatings before application. Application to a dirty or dusty surface will affect adhesion and appearance. Avoid applying in direct sunlight; surface temperature should be 50°F – 80°F (10°C - 26°C). STONETECH® High Gloss Finishing Sealer should not be applied to a wet or moist surface. Avoid applying onto surfaces not intended for treatment. For new installations with grout, sealer can be applied as soon as 72 hours after grouting. Fresh concrete slabs require a minimum of 28 days to cure before applying the sealer. Keep children and pets out of the area until treated surface is dry.

1. SHAKE WELL BEFORE USING. Do not dilute before applying.
2. Liberally apply 1–3 even coats of STONETECH High Gloss Finishing Sealer with a natural bristle paint brush, roller, or paint pad. Do not apply product with a sprayer. Avoid puddling of product during application.
3. Allow 30–45 minutes between coats or until the surface is dry.
4. Avoid traffic or normal wet or moist surface. Avoid applying onto surfaces not intended for treatment. For new installations with grout, sealer can be applied in 24–48 hours after application.
5. Keep surfaces clean and dry as finished surfaces may become slippery when wet.
6. Clean tools used during application immediately with water.

Refer to data sheet DS219.5 for more information.