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Floor Tiling Installation Guide

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Important Notes

The purpose of this booklet is to outline the basic principles of installing Fired Earth floor tiles.

For more detailed technical information, refer to British Standard BS 5385 Wall and Floor Tiling.

Prior to installation please ensure the tiles purchased are suitable for the application and thoroughly inspected. Ensure your tiler is aware of the expected finish of the tiles and there are sufficient tiles for the area. The tiles must be well shuffled by drawing tiles from all the boxes. Dry lay an area in suitable light as a final check before installation.

For further information or if any doubt exists, please telephone our Technical Department for advice prior to commencing any tiling.

Fired Earth have tested our range of adhesives, grout and sealants to ensure compatibility with all of our tiles (see our Product Selector on pages 29 and 35).

We recommend that you treat a spare tile with the appropriate sealer and/or finisher prior to installation to ensure you have achieved your desired appearance.

Read the instructions on the packaging of Adhesives, Grouts and Sealants very carefully. Keep everything meticulously clean and orderly as work progresses.

No complaints regarding the appearance of the product will be accepted by the company once the tiles have been installed.

Internal Substrates

Surface preparation:

Tiles can be fixed to most floors. The surface must be properly prepared, suitably level, sound, clean, dry, and free of dust, grease or any loose material. All surfaces must be completely secure without any obvious deflection and capable of carrying the additional load. For specific guidance, please refer to our substrate preparation table on page 28 of this guide. Every effort is made to ensure the guidance included in this booklet is up to date and relevant, however it remains the responsibility of the fixer to ensure the sub floor is suitable for tiling before any installation commences.

Special care must be taken when tiling areas which may become damp or wet. See our Waterproofing Showers and Bathrooms Installation guide.

When tiling onto walls with floor tiles consideration must be given to weight, as floor tiles are often heavier than wall tiles. Our sales teams will be happy to confirm the weight of the tiles so you can confirm suitability. Please include 3kg per m² in your calculation to allow for the weight of the adhesive and grout.

Sand and cement screeds:

New concrete floors must be allowed to dry for a minimum of 6 weeks. Residual traces of laitance and curing agents should be mechanically removed before tiling commences. Further drying time may be necessary, depending on weather and site conditions.

A new screed may shrink as it dries, and this may result in cracks across the screed. If tiles are fixed before it is dry and cracking does occur it is likely that the cracks will appear across the tiles as well. Ensure that the screed is suitably dry and stable before any tiling is started. Any movement or day joints in the screed must be carried through into the tiled surface with the use of an expansion joint.

Anhydrite or fast setting screeds:

The screed must be fully dry in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and lightly sanded to remove all traces of laitance/dust. Prime using progressively stronger coats of Fired Earth Primer. Initially apply a 1:4 parts water dilution and when dry follow with a 1:3 dilution at 90° to the first coat. If after these 2 coats the surface is still absorbent, apply a further coat at a 1:2 dilution and leave to dry.

Bumps and hollows in screeded floors:

Where bumps or hollows exist in the sub floor that exceed the chosen adhesives recommended fixing bed (see adhesive packaging); please level the floor using Fired Earth Universal Levelling Compound which is suitable for use up to a depth of 50mm without risk of shrinking or cracking.

Fired Earth standard set and fast-set adhesives can be used up to a depth of 10mm in isolated areas. Fired Earth thick bed adhesive may be used up to a depth of 25mm.

Suspended timber floors/Floating insulated floors:

Suspended timber floors:

The floor should be rigid, non-flexing and stable enough to bear the additional load. In order to minimise the damaging effect of lateral movement in the floor surface, it is recommended that the floor is prepared using Fired Earth Fleximat. Our Sales Team will be happy to provide our separate information sheet. If the suspended timber floor is subject to vertical movement, the floor must be overlaid with 15mm plywood over the existing timber which should be screwed down at 150mm centres.

Floating insulated floors:

If the floating insulated floor (polystyrene with water resistant chip board over) is subject to vertical movement the floor must be braced by screwing and gluing WPB plywood to its surface, or removing some of the boards so 'bearers' can be fitted below to provide further support. Seal all the surfaces of the plywood boards with Fired Earth Primer.

Vinyl sheet and floor tiles:

Thoroughly clean the floor to remove all contaminants such as oil, wax and grease, using an appropriate cleaner. Prime the floor with Fired Earth Primer before tiling.

Cork and Woodblock Floors:

Cork and woodblock floors must be removed, any bitumen left on the sub-floor should be scraped away and all loose material removed. Prime the floor with neat Fired Earth Primer and when dry level the area with Fired Earth universal levelling compound.

Damp

Prior to fixing tiles, damp of any nature should be rectified. Consult a specialist if any doubt exists.

Finished Floor Levels

The finished level of an existing floor will be raised by the maximum thickness of the tile plus the height of the adhesive bed and any sub floor preparation. Any resultant discrepancy with the levels of adjoining rooms can be minimised with the use of threshold/reducer strips.

Under Floor Heating

Fired Earth floor tiles can be used over most under floor heating systems. The heating should be correctly commissioned prior to tiling and switched off or lowered to a maximum of 15°C during tiling and for a minimum of 14 days after installation. After 14 days, the under floor heating can then be turned on or increased in temperature at a rate of 5°C per day to the maximum temperature then reduced by 5°C per day to the required working temperature. Fired Earth Fleximat can be used as an anti-fracture membrane over Fired Earth Under Floor Heating. Our Sales Team will be happy to provide our separate information sheet.

All Fired Earth adhesives and grouts are flexible and suitable for use with under floor heating. An expansion gap should be left around all perimeters, abutments and changes in plane. As a general guide, do not tile continuously over areas with a length of over 5 metres and fit an expansion gap to prevent stress building up in the floor. Always fit expansion joints in doorways of adjoining tiled rooms. Should you require any clarification, please contact the Fired Earth technical team on 01295 814271.

Wet Floors

Please refer to our Waterproofing Showers and Bathrooms Installation Guide for further advice.

Using Floor Tiles on Walls

When tiling onto walls with floor tiles, consideration must be given to the weight of the tile and suitability of the substrate. Our Sales Team will be happy to confirm the weight of any of our tiles. In general, the following weights apply to the list of substrates, provided they are fixed correctly and sound and stable:

- Plaster – 20 kg/m²
- Plasterboard – 32 kg/m²
- Timber – 30 kg/m²
- Brick/block/render/Tile backer Board – 40 kg/m²

Please include in your calculations a 3kg per m² allowance for adhesive and grout.

For information on substrate preparation for wall tiling, please refer to the Fired Earth Wall Tiling Guide.

Hearths and Fireplaces

Care should be taken when tiling into hearths or fire surrounds. Ensure that the tiles are kept a minimum of 300mm away from direct contact with the flames or the main heat source. Not all tiles are suitable for use in this area. Please check tile suitability with our sales team before installation commences.

Showers

Extra care must be taken when tiling showers. Read and follow our recommendations in our Waterproofing Showers and Bathrooms Installation guide. Fired Earth sells suitable preparation products which ensure a successful installation avoiding any problems with water ingress. If you require any additional information on projects of this type please contact our Technical Department.

Showers should not be used for at least 14 days after the tiling has been completed.

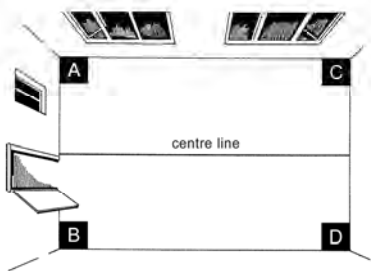
Planning

Take the time to study the room and plan your work. Tiling usually commences in the corner furthest from the door. If there is more than one door, it will be necessary to decide which the primary entrance is.

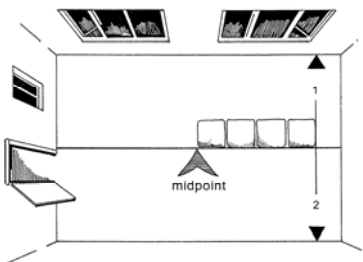
Consider how cuts will look against fixed furniture etc. and through doorways. Adjustments may be required to achieve the best results.

Please note: Where tiles have variable depths (see our brochure and price list for guidance) the thickest tile including the adhesive should be taken as the approximate floor height increase.

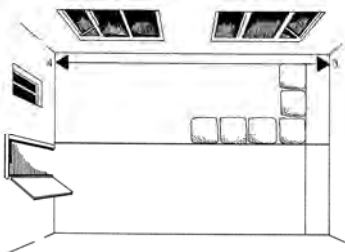
Step 1. Mark the centre line of the room from the wall of the primary entrance to the far end. You will need to measure and mark the midpoints of walls A to B and C to D. Join these two points with a taught chalk line and mark.



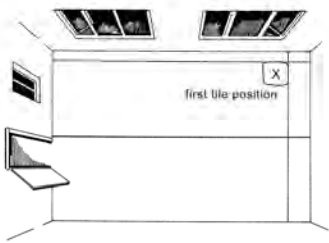
Step 2. Mark the midpoint of the room by measuring the centre of the line. From this point, lay down tiles (without fixing them) alongside the centre line, allowing for joints, to see where the last whole tile will end. Mark (with string or chalk) a line 1 to 2 at a right angle alongside this last whole tile.



Step 3. Locate starting point 'X' by laying down tiles along the new line 1 to 2 in the same way as before, to see where the last whole tile will end. Now mark your side line 3 to 4 at a right angle alongside this last whole tile.



Step 4. When tiling commences you should start at point 'X', so check that the lines you have marked make a perfect right angle and the side line runs parallel to the centre line.



Grout joints:

The width of grout joints will vary between 3–20mm. Large joints will be necessary on rustic tiles such as terracotta and slate. Please refer to the Fired Earth price list for recommended grout joints.

Roman Mosaic tiles should be butt jointed (no allowance made for a grout joint) except when used in a shower where a narrow but impervious grout joint will be necessary.

When fitting random sized tiles an area should be 'dry laid' first to establish the optimum joint width. Joint sizes may vary from 2mm-10mm across the floor depending on the mixture of tile sizes used and the chosen pattern.

Mosaic tiles - Ensure that the sheets of mosaic tiles are spaced so that once grouted, no individual sheets can be distinguished.

Fixing

Before commencing tiling please ensure you are familiar with the important notes on page 4.

All Fired Earth Floor Tile adhesives are cement based, flexible and designed for fixing our full range of tile. They are water resistant and suitable for both internal and external applications. All our adhesives come in a choice of white or grey; white adhesive is more suitable for tiling translucent glass and light coloured tiles. Some of our tiles vary considerably in depth; where this is applicable, it is important to grade the tiles before installation. Be certain that the tiles are suitable for the application and that you have purchased the most appropriate adhesive before commencing with the installation. Irregular or bowed tiles may require a greater depth of adhesive in order to 'iron out' potential irregularities in the finished surface. Fired Earth Flexible Thick-bed Adhesive is perfect for this purpose and can be used up to 25mm in depth.

Preparation:

Please check your substrates suitability for tiling before proceeding, see pages 5 - 6.

Damp tiles should be stored on end in a well ventilated area to dry thoroughly before fixing. This may in particular apply to Natural Stone, Romana, Reclaimed Terracotta and Encaustic tiles.

It is important to establish which way the tiles are to be laid before any tiling is started. Make sure the person fitting the tiles knows what the tiles should look like. 'Shuffle' the batch to ensure that any colour and tonal variations are well mixed. Minor chips and blemishes should be expected and are best used for cuts or well mixed into the floor.

Mixing:

Carefully follow the mixing recommendations supplied on the reverse of the product.

Application:

Spread the adhesive using a suitable notched trowel, a 4mm trowel is normally appropriate for fast-set and standard set adhesive, a larger notched trowel is necessary for fixing with thick-bed. The adhesive should be applied to the surface to form parallel ribs into which the tile can be applied. Spread only enough adhesive that remains workable, we would recommend an area of approximately 1 square metre.

Where necessary butter the back of the tile with 2mm of adhesive and place the tile in the starting position as described in the Planning Steps 1 to 4. When laying thin, machine made glazed, porcelain or quarry tiles to an even surface it may be possible to fix the tiles directly onto a thin bed of adhesive, without having to butter the back of the tile.

Stone or glass tiles are normally fixed with white adhesive to prevent the colour of the adhesive 'bleeding' through. Push the tile home firmly with a slight twisting movement. Place the next tile adjacent to the first, allowing for the grout joint, and so on over the prepared area.

All the tiles should be soundly bedded in the adhesive without any space for air underneath. Be careful not to allow any adhesive onto the surface of the tiles. Any surplus should be wiped away with a clean damp sponge. Keep the joints between the tiles free of adhesive and wipe away any excess. Once a square metre area has been tiled, another similar area can be prepared and so on until you have completed the floor with whole tiles. Once the adhesive is dry the remaining perimeter area can be prepared and cut tiles laid. If you prefer, cuts can be fitted as the work progresses.

Check the floor level as work progresses with a spirit level and a straight edge. Fixing tiles into sand and cement should be avoided because of the time required for the tiles to dry out and the associated problem of efflorescence.

Cutting

Due to the thickness and make-up of the majority of our floor tiles, it is recommended that either a diamond cutter or an angle grinder is used to cut the tiles. Water cooled diamond cutters are available from tool hire shops.

It is essential to wear suitable protective eyewear and protective clothing when cutting tiles.

Porcelain tiles require high quality diamond blades for cutting; if hiring cutting equipment please ensure you advise the hire company that you intend to cut porcelain tiles so they can supply you with the most appropriate blades.

Drilling holes can be a difficult task without the correct equipment. Fired Earth recommends the use of the ARMEG® range of porcelain drill bits and core drills.

Whilst cutting or drilling tiles, the surface of the tile may become wet and/or dirty. Wipe the tile clean immediately after cutting. Using a water cooled diamond cutter will achieve the most accurate cut.

When using an angle grinder, mark the tile where you wish to cut it, run the cutting disc along the marked surface cutting the tile to at least two thirds of its depth; then the tile can be snapped. Rough edges and chips should be smoothed and finished with a sanding block or in severe cases, by rubbing the tile edge with a broken piece of another tile.

Roman Mosaic - Metal reinforcing bars are used in the manufacture of border designs and may cause excessive wear on cutting equipment. Care should be taken to ensure that the pattern is correctly matched, particularly in the case of the basket weave design. Small pieces of mosaic can become detached during cutting and should be glued back into place using an epoxy or similar glue.

Sealing

Pre-cleaning:

Some of our tiles will require pre-cleaning before installation please refer to the Product Selector on page 36.

Sealing:

It is important for the correct products to be used when pre-cleaning, sealing, finishing and maintaining your tiles. The products we have selected have been specifically chosen to enhance, protect and maintain your tiles.

Please be aware that any deviation from our recommendations could affect the appearance, capabilities and longevity of your tiling. Please refer to product selectors on pages 28 - 35 for more details of our recommended ancillaries.

Before sealing commences, ensure you have read the specific instructions for your chosen tile detailed in the pages that follow which outline the processes for each product group within our range. Should you have any queries please contact our Technical Department on 01295 814271 who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Some sealants will enhance the colour of our tiles and others will maintain the natural appearance; it is important you are sure the sealant you have purchased will achieve the desired results. If in doubt, seal a single tile to confirm.

All tiles must be clean and dry before sealing otherwise you may seal in dirt or moisture which will impair the final appearance. The process of sealing should be kept meticulously clean and all materials including brushes and cloths etc should be new and unused.

The drying times recommended in the following pages may be altered by the actual site conditions (heat, humidity, ventilation etc). Please refer to the manufacturers' guidelines on drying times for each product.

Fired Earth recommends that traffic across a newly sealed floor is kept to a minimum for the first week as sealants can take a few days to fully oxidise and may not be fully effective during this time.

Grouting

All Fired Earth Grout is suitable for internal and external applications and in fully immersed situations such as pools. It is water resistant but not impervious to the passage of water. In situations where the background needs to be protected against water ingress the use of a suitable tanking membrane should be considered.

All Fired Earth Grouts are flexible therefore suitable for all tiling projects provided the tiled area has been correctly prepared. Some of our grouts may be more suitable than others dependant on its intended use. Fired Earth wall tiling grout is suitable for grout joints from 1-5mm and our Fired Earth wall and floor grout is suitable for grout joints from 2-20mm. We also have a small range of mould resistant grouts for wet areas. Before proceeding with your grouting, please ensure you have checked the colour of your grout against your chosen tile.

Preparation:

Prior to grouting the adhesive bed should be cured and the grout joints clean, dry and free from adhesive residues, dirt, dust and other loose debris. Curing of adhesive usually takes between 16-24 hours for Fired Earth Flexible Standard Set Adhesive and 3-5 hours for Fired Earth Fast-set Adhesive. The depth of adhesive, ambient room temperature, sub-floor and porosity of the tile will all affect the drying time.

It is advisable to grout and clean a small test area prior to grouting the whole floor. This will give you the opportunity to check that all grout can be removed without staining the tiles and that you are happy with your chosen grout colour.

Porous tiles should be sealed before grouting (see page 12).

Grouts may lodge in the crackled surface of some tiles, which will highlight the crackle effect - ideal if an 'antique look' is required. If not, the tiles should be sealed with 1- 2 coats of KF Stain-Stop, prior to grouting.

Grouts by other manufacturers, particularly those containing strong colour pigments, may permanently stain the tile. Always test a small area of tiles prior to grouting the entire area.

Mixing:

Carefully follow the mixing recommendations supplied on the reverse of the product.

Application:

Grouting is the careful application of grout between the tiles. To avoid contaminating the surface of the tile, use a damp sponge to wipe off any excess. Take care to fully compress the grout into the full depth of the grout joints so that no air pockets exist and the joints are fully filled. A timber dowel of an appropriate diameter can be used to compact the grout within the joints.

When grouting unfilled tiles, the grout needs to be pressed into the grout joints and surface pits of the tile with a grout float or squeegee. Take care to fully compress the grout into the full depth of the grout joints so that no air pockets exist and the joints are fully filled. As above a timber dowel of an appropriate diameter can be used to compact the grout within the joints.

Work in manageable areas and clean off any residues when the grout has begun to firm up in the joints, but before it sets on the tile face. Cleaning with a damp but not overly wet fine textured foam sponge will provide the best results. Do not over wash the grout as this may cause a white bloom (efflorescence) and discolour the grout. Ensure your grouting is completed in one continuous sequence, particularly with mosaics, to avoid colour variation. Changing the cleaning water as it becomes contaminated will also aid cleaning. When the grout has set, any remaining grout can be polished off the surface with a clean, damp cloth.

Should efflorescence form, these salts can be removed once the grout has fully dried and cured by frequent washing with clean water or suitable efflorescence cleaner.

The surface of some tiles can be easily scratched so the application and cleaning of the grout must be carried out carefully. Ensure that any tools used for grouting are completely clean and free of any hardened grout etc.

All perimeter joints must be finished with a good quality silicone sealer and not with grout. This will allow for expansion and contraction in the tiles during normal heating and cooling cycles. Please note a neutral cure silicone is recommended for all natural stone.

To protect the grout joints from staining seal with KF Grout Protector. This can be applied once the grout is completely dry.

Terracotta and Romana Brick Tiles

Terracotta tiles are manufactured from natural clays which vary in colour and texture. Differences in colour can also occur in the firing process. Any colour variation will be accentuated by the sealants which are chosen to enhance the natural colour and beauty of the tiles.

Terracotta tiles are generally more porous than most floor tiles so it is important to take care to seal the tiles fully. Romana tiles in particular can vary enormously in porosity.

Sealing:

NB Pre-sealed Terracotta tiles are pre-sealed and require no sealing. Please refer to the details below for information on finishing.

Fired Earth recommends sealing Terracotta tiles with Lithofin TC Classic Primer. Lithofin TC Classic Primer is a linseed oil based product containing a special selection of dissolved resin components. We recommend that a number of sample tiles are tested for porosity, which will give an indication of the amount of sealer the tiles will require. The tiles will readily absorb the first coat of sealant and as a rough guide you should expect to use up to 75% of the sealant on the first coat.

- Shake the bottle well before and during use.
- Check the tiles are completely dry, clean and stain free (any dirt or marks left on the surface of the tiles will not be removable after sealing).
- Using a suitable applicator, generously saturate the tiles with Lithofin TC Classic Primer, working it into the surface. The tiles will appear matt again within 10 minutes. If the tile regains a matt appearance too quickly use the Lithofin TC Classic Primer a little more liberally. After 10 minutes check there is no surplus sealant remaining on the surface of the tiles.

Grouting:

Before the finishing process can begin, please grout the tiles referring to the information on page 13 of this guide.

If grout residue has been left to dry on the surface of the tiles, use Lithofin KF Cement Residue Remover diluted 1-10 to remove. If this is unsuccessful, please contact our Technical Department for further advice. Check that the tiles are completely dry before proceeding with the finishing process.

Further Sealing:

Apply the second coat of sealant as above. Take particular care during the application of the second coat of Lithofin TC Classic Primer as your tiles are now partially sealed and will not absorb as readily as during the first coat.

Finishing:

The next step is to apply Lithofin TC Classic Wax. This process will provide a hard-wearing surface to the tiles.

- Apply thinly Lithofin TC Classic Wax with a rag or lint-free cloth across the whole floor.
- Allow to dry (Lithofin TC Classic Wax should dry after approximately 30 minutes depending on the ambient room temperature).
- Buff the wax (a buffing machine may be used to assist with large areas)

Once you have completed the above process, you can either re-wax; or for a low maintenance option you can apply Lithofin TC Ever-Sheen.

For re-waxing, apply up to three further coats following the instructions as above. Lithofin TC Classic Wax should be applied and buffed once a week for the first 4-6 weeks in order to build up a hard wearing surface. After this time the floor can be re-waxed as and when the floor begins to look dull.

As an alternative maintenance schedule, Lithofin TC Ever-Sheen can be used. This specialist solvent-free wax emulsion product contains care and sheen producing additives which preserve the wax over a long period, promotes patina formation and develops a silky sheen. The product is applied 12 hours or more after applying one wax coat. Wash the product over the floor and do not walk over the floor until it is completely dry. A higher level of sheen can be obtained by polishing if desired.

Cleaning and Maintenance

Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to remove all dirt. Our recommended cleaning products have been formulated to both clean and be gentle on the sealants. General household cleaners may be too aggressive and are likely to damage the sealants and finishes applied.

Terracotta finished with Lithofin Classic Wax:

Lithofin Easy care should be used for day to day cleaning. For most domestic floors it will be necessary to apply additional coats of wax from time to time. The frequency will be dictated by the wear the floor receives. If a build-up of wax becomes visible, reduce the frequency of waxing. Likewise, if the tiles are marking or look dull and dry, increase the frequency.

Terracotta finished with TC Classic Wax and TC Ever-Sheen:

Lithofin Easy care should be used for day to day cleaning. If the floor has dulled or begins to mark, re-apply diluted Lithofin TC Ever-Sheen over the floor with a mop. On really worn surfaces, apply Lithofin TC Ever-Sheen undiluted. After drying, the floor can be polished to increase the level of sheen if desired.

Geometric Tiles

Sealing:

Geometric tiles should be sealed with Lithofin KF Stain Stop before grouting (see page 13). If after grouting you have grout residue on the surface of the tiles, use Lithofin KF Cement Residue Remover before proceeding any further. Once you are happy with the appearance of the tiles, apply a second coat of Lithofin KF Stain Stop.

Grouting:

Before the finishing process can begin, please grout the tiles referring to the information on page 13 of this guide.

No further sealant or finishes are required for this tile.

Cleaning and Maintenance

Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to remove all dirt. Our recommended cleaning products have been formulated to both clean and be gentle on the sealants. General household cleaners may be too aggressive and are likely to damage the sealants and finishes applied. Lithofin Easy-Care should be used as an every day cleaner.

Encaustic Tiles

The top layer of our encaustic tiles is very delicate and each tile should be handled with care, we would recommend the use of our installation service for this range. If you decide to install this product yourself or use a contractor; please bear in mind that the tiles must be kept meticulously clean through the whole process. Any staining to the surface of the tile before sealing will be difficult to remove.

After installation, prior to grouting:

Remove any dust on the surface of the tile with a soft brush. Any scuff marks or fine scratches that have occurred can be removed easily using a waterproof emery/sandpaper grade 2000 with water. Work lightly in circular motions and remove any residues with a dry sponge.

Sealing:

Apply one plentiful coat of Fila Fob onto the clean surface using a brush or fleece roller. Leave the surface to dry completely for 24 hours. Fila Fob will oil and waterproof the surface of the tile prior to grouting.

Grouting:

Before the finishing process can begin, please grout the tiles referring to the information on page 13 of this guide.

After grouting:

Clean the tile. This is an essential operation in order to remove any grout residues and building dirt. Dilute Fila PS87 1:5 in clean water. Spread the solution on the floor and leave for 5-10mins, clean the floor using a long handled brush or cloth, we would recommend rinsing the brush or cloth frequently in the solution, rinse with clean water and remove the water with a liquid vacuum cleaner or cloth. Leave the tile to dry.

Finishing Encaustic tiles in dry areas:

This treatment ensures the best protection for the floor against oil and water stains and makes routine maintenance easier. When the surface is completely dry, ensure the tile is clean before applying, with a brush or fleece roller, a plentiful and continuous coat of Fila Fob. Leave to dry for 12 hours and then apply a coat diluted 1:1 in clean water of your preferred Liquid wax finish (use Fila Satin for a semi polished effect or Fila Matt for a natural finish). Wait until the floor is dry and apply a second coat, then after 1 hour apply a third coat at the same dilution.

Maintenance:

Routine maintenance should be carried out on a regular basis to remove dirt and scuff marks. Dilute Fila Cleaner 1:200 in clean water. Wet a cloth with this solution and go over the floor until cleaned as required. It is not necessary to rinse. To restore shine, periodically dilute 2-3 caps of your preferred liquid wax finish in 4-5l of clean water. Spread the solution over the floor with a cloth, brush or suitable applicator and leave to dry.

Encaustics in bathrooms:

Follow the above recommendations up to and including cleaning the floor with PS87. Do not follow the Finishing process detailed above; instead apply 1 coat of Fila Classic with a fleece roller or brush. For maintenance in a bathroom – follow the recommendations detailed earlier.

Slate Tiles

As with all natural products, slate tiles require a certain degree of care. All slate tiles are porous, therefore it is important to seal the slate correctly to reduce the natural absorption and maintain the desired appearance. If the recommended care system is used the surface will be easier to maintain.

A certain amount of delamination should be expected from slate tiles during and following installation. During installation any loose flakes should be broken off. Where delamination occurs after installation, the affected area should be re-sealed. Slate tiles should not be installed in areas subject to direct and intense heat, as this may cause extensive delamination.

Preparation:

Before sealing commences, we recommend that the slate is cleaned with Lithofin MN Builders Clean to remove general dirt and quarry dust from the riven areas and pores. After use, rinse the surface completely and allow to dry for 24 hours.

Sealing:

There are two options for sealing slate dependant on the final colour you require:

Maintaining the natural colour:

After fixing the tiles, ensure the adhesive has fully cured before proceeding with the sealant process.

- Shake the Lithofin MN Stain Stop well, or MN Stain Stop ECO (a water based and nearly odourless alternative to MN Stain Stop). Apply one coat with a suitable applicator to the face and edges of the tile (to ensure no bleeding from the grout). Remove any excess that has not been readily absorbed within 10 minutes of application. After 45 minutes the floor can be walked on but should be left to dry and protected from water for 24 hours.
- Grout the floor referring to the information on page 13 of this guide.
- Once the grout has dried, ensure any grout residue has been removed from the surface of the tiles using Lithofin MN Builders Clean. If used, allow to dry for 24 hours before applying a further thin coat of Lithofin MN Stain Stop or MN Stain Stop ECO to protect the grout. Remove any excess that has not been readily absorbed within 10 minutes of application. After 45 minutes the floor can be walked on but should be left to dry and protected from water for 24 hours.

Enhancing the natural colour:

After fixing the tiles, ensure the adhesive has fully cured before proceeding with the sealant process.

- Shake the Lithofin MN Colour Intensifier well and apply one coat with a suitable applicator to the surface of the tiles. Remove any excess that has not been readily absorbed within 10 minutes of application. Leave to dry for 12 hours before applying the sealant.
- Shake the Lithofin MN Stain Stop well, (MN Stain Stop ECO is not suitable for this application due to its water based characteristic) and apply one coat with a suitable applicator to the face and edges of the tile (to ensure no bleeding from the grout). Remove any excess that has not been readily absorbed within 10 minutes of application. After 45 minutes the floor can be walked on but should be left to dry and protected from water for 24 hours.
- Grout the floor referring to the information on page 13 of this guide.
- Once the grout has dried, ensure any grout residue has been removed from the surface of the tiles using Lithofin MN Builders Clean. If used allow to dry for 24 hours before applying a further thin coat of Lithofin MN Stain Stop to protect the grout. Remove any excess that has not been readily absorbed within 10 minutes of application. After 45 minutes the floor can be walked on but should be left to dry and protected from water for 24 hours.

Finishing:

If you require a lustre finish the following process should be followed. Please note this process is not suitable for external or wet areas and surface colour may slightly deepen when using this product.

- Shake the Lithofin Multi-Seal well and apply 2-3 coats with a suitable applicator.
- Leave to dry for a minimum of 4 hours, the finish will not be fully dry and hard for 48 hours.

Cleaning and Maintenance:

Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to remove all dirt. Our recommended cleaning products have been formulated to both clean and be gentle on the sealants. General household cleaners may be too aggressive and are likely to damage the sealants and finishes applied.

Lithofin Easy Care should be used as an everyday cleaner.

Natural Stone and Stone Mosaics

As with all natural products, stone tiles require a certain degree of care. All stone tiles are porous, therefore it is important to seal the stone correctly to reduce the natural absorption and maintain the desired appearance. If the recommended care system is used the surface will be easier to maintain.

The filler used in our honed and filled stone may require attention from time to time. Simply fill any holes that appear with either limestone grout or a 2-part resin based filler which is available for purchase from Fired Earth. Please ask a member of our Sales team for more information.

Preparation:

Before sealing commences, we recommend that the stone is cleaned with Lithofin MN Power Clean to remove general dirt and quarry dust from the surface and pores. After use, rinse the surface completely and allow to dry for 24 hours.

Sealing:

There are two options for sealing stone dependant on the final colour you require:

Maintaining the natural colour:

After fixing the tiles, ensure the adhesive has fully cured before proceeding with the sealant process.

- Shake the Lithofin MN Stain Stop well, or MN Stain Stop ECO (a water based and nearly odourless alternative to MN Stain Stop). Apply one coat with a suitable applicator to the face and edges of the tile (to ensure no bleeding from the grout). Remove any excess that has not been readily absorbed within 10 minutes of application. After 45 minutes the floor can be walked on but should be left to dry and protected from water for 24 hours.
- Grout the floor referring to the information on page 13 of this guide
- Once the grout has dried, ensure any grout residue has been removed from the surface of the tiles using Lithofin MN Power Clean. If used allow to dry for 24 hours before applying a further thin coat of Lithofin MN Stain Stop/ECO to protect the grout. Remove any excess that has not been readily absorbed within 10 minutes of application. After 45 minutes the floor can be walked on but should be left to dry and protected from water for 24 hours.

Enhancing the natural colour:

After fixing the tiles, ensure the adhesive has fully cured before proceeding with the sealant process.

- Shake the Lithofin MN Colour Intensifier well and apply one coat with a suitable applicator to the surface of the tiles. Remove any excess that has not been readily absorbed within 10 minutes of application. Leave to dry for 12 hours, before applying the sealant.
- Shake the Lithofin MN Stain Stop well, (MN Stain Stop ECO is not suitable for this application due to its water based characteristics). Apply one coat with a suitable applicator to the face and edges of the tile (to ensure no bleeding from the grout). Remove any excess that has not been readily absorbed within 10 minutes of application. After 45 minutes the floor can be walked on but should be left to dry and protected from water for 24 hours.
- Grout the floor referring to the information on page 13 of this guide.
- Once the grout has dried, ensure any grout residue has been removed from the surface of the tiles using Lithofin MN Power Clean. If used allow to dry for 24 hours before applying a further thin coat of Lithofin MN Stain Stop to protect the grout. Remove any excess that has not been readily absorbed within 10 minutes of application. After 45 minutes the floor can be walked on but should be left to dry and protected from water for 24 hours.

Finishing:

If you require a lustre finish the following process should be followed. Please note this process is not suitable for external or wet areas and surface colour may slightly deepen when using this product.

- Apply one coat of MN Cobble Wax with a suitable applicator.
- Leave to dry for a minimum of 12 hours.
- Buff the wax (a buffing machine may be used to assist with large areas).

Cleaning and Maintenance:

Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to remove all dirt. Our recommended cleaning products have been formulated to both clean and be gentle on the sealants. General household cleaners may be too aggressive and are likely to damage the sealants and finishes applied.

Lithofin Easy Care should be used as an everyday cleaner.

Roman Mosaics

As with all natural products, stone tiles require a certain degree of care. All stone tiles are porous, therefore it is important to seal the stone correctly to reduce the natural absorption and maintain the desired appearance. If the recommended care system is used the surface will be easier to maintain.

Preparation:

Before sealing commences, we recommend that the stone is cleaned with Lithofin MN Power Clean to remove general dirt and quarry dust from the surface and pores. After use, rinse the surface completely and allow to dry for 24 hours.

Sealing:

There are two options for sealing stone dependant on the final colour you require:

Maintaining the natural colour:

After fixing the tiles, ensure the adhesive has fully cured before proceeding with the sealant process.

- Shake the Lithofin MN Stain Stop well, and apply one coat with a suitable applicator to the face and edges of the tile (to ensure no bleeding from the grout). Remove any excess that has not been readily absorbed within 10 minutes of application. After 45 minutes the floor can be walked on but should be left to dry and protected from water for 24 hours.
- Grout the floor referring to the information on page 13 of this guide.
- Once the grout has dried, ensure any grout residue has been removed from the surface of the tiles using Lithofin MN Power Clean. If used allow to dry for 24 hours before applying a further thin coat of Lithofin MN Stain Stop to protect the grout. Remove any excess that has not been readily absorbed within 10 minutes of application. After 45 minutes the floor can be walked on but should be left to dry and protected from water for 24 hours.

Enhancing the natural colour:

After fixing the tiles, ensure the adhesive has fully cured before proceeding with the sealant process.

- Shake the Lithofin MN Colour Intensifier well, and apply one coat with a suitable applicator to the surface of the tiles. Remove any excess that has not been readily absorbed within 10 minutes of application. Leave to dry for 12 hours, before applying the sealant.
- Shake the Lithofin MN Stain Stop well, and apply one coat with a suitable applicator to the face and edges of the tile (to ensure no bleeding from the grout). Remove any excess that has not been readily absorbed within 10 minutes of application. After 45 minutes the floor can be walked on but should be left to dry and protected from water for 24 hours.
- Grout the floor referring to the information on page 13 of this guide.
- Once the grout has dried, ensure any grout residue has been removed from the surface of the tiles using Lithofin MN Power Clean. If used allow to dry for 24 hours before applying a further thin coat of Lithofin MN Stain Stop to protect the grout. Remove any excess that has not been readily absorbed within 10 minutes of application. After 45 minutes the floor can be walked on but should be left to dry and protected from water for 24 hours.

Finishing:

No finishing product is required for these tiles. Lithofin MN Cobble Wax is **not** suitable.

Cleaning and Maintenance:

Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to remove all dirt. Our recommended cleaning products have been formulated to both clean and be gentle on the sealants. General household cleaners may be too aggressive and are likely to damage the sealants and finishes applied. Lithofin Easy Care should be used as an everyday cleaner.

Un-Glazed Porcelain Tiles

Despite these tiles being very dense, robust and hard wearing it is a sensible pre-caution to seal these tiles particularly in kitchens, bathrooms and high traffic areas.

Preparation:

After the tiles have been installed, but prior to sealing or grouting, we recommend the tiles are cleaned with Lithofin KF Cement Residue Remover and left to dry for 24 hours.

- Grout the floor referring to the information on page 13 of this guide. Slurry grouting is not recommended for porcelain tiles. Once the grout has dried, ensure any grout residue has been removed from the surface of the tiles using Lithofin KF Cement Residue Remover. Allow to dry.

Sealing:

- Shake the Lithofin FZ Protective Impregnator well before applying to the tiles using a suitable applicator. The tiles will be fully protected after 12 hours.

Cleaning and Maintenance:

Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to remove all dirt. Our recommended cleaning products have been formulated to both clean and be gentle on the sealants. General household cleaners may be too aggressive and are likely to damage the sealants and finishes applied.

Lithofin FZ Conditioning Cleaner should be used as an everyday cleaner.

Glazed Porcelain Tiles

No sealing products are required for these tiles. However we recommend that once installed the grout joints are protected using Lithofin KF Grout Protector.

- Shake the Lithofin KF Grout Protector well before applying one coat to the grout joints only. The application may need to be repeated several times to fully protect the grout.
- After approximately 20 minutes, carefully remove all surface residues with a cloth.

Cleaning and Maintenance:

Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to remove all dirt. Our recommended cleaning products have been formulated to both clean and be gentle on the tiles. General household cleaners may be too aggressive and are likely to damage the tile surface.

Lithofin FZ Conditioning Cleaner should be used as a day to day cleaner.

Glass Tiles

No sealing products are required for these tiles. Grout the floor referring to the information on page 13 of this guide. We recommend that once installed the grout joints are protected using Lithofin KF Grout Protector.

- Shake the Lithofin KF Grout Protector well before applying one coat to the grout joints only. The application may need to be repeated several times to fully protect the grout.
- After approximately 20 minutes, carefully remove all surface residues with a cloth.

Cleaning and Maintenance:

Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to remove all dirt. Our recommended cleaning products have been formulated to both clean and be gentle on the sealants. General household cleaners may be too aggressive and are likely to damage the sealants and finishes applied.

Lithofin Easy Care should be used as an everyday cleaner.

External Floor Tiling

Many of our tiles are suitable for external use. As we sell our tiles all over the world, atmospheric/climate conditions must be taken into consideration.

For more information on specific tiles please speak to our Sales Team or our Technical Department.

Glossary

Adhesion -	The ability to stick
Angle Grinder -	Electrical tile cutting tool
Anhydrite Screeds -	Calcium based screed, seek advice
Appliances -	Fridge, dishwasher etc.
Asphalt -	Black, bituminous base
Bedding -	Depth of material to seat tiles
Bitumen -	Black in colour, often used as a glue to stick vinyl tiles
Bowed -	Convex or concave shaped tiles
Buffed -	Abrasion of a waxed surface
Butter -	Applying a thin bed of adhesive to the back of the tile.
Butt Jointed -	Fixing tiles together tightly with no allowance for a grout joint
Chalk Line -	Tool used to provide straight line for setting out tiles
Chipboard -	A composition of fibrous timber
Coatings -	Material applied to a surface
Compacting -	Pressing material firmly into position
Curing -	Improvement in strength, hardness, durability and other properties of a material.
Damp Proof Membrane (DPM) -	A layer of impervious material installed to prevent rising damp
Day Joints -	A 'joint' in the screed as a result of a break in pouring the screed
Delamination -	Loss of some or all of a naturally occurring layer of slate
Diamond Cutter -	Electrical cutting tool
Expansion Joints -	A space allowed in a floor to allow for movement
Efflorescence -	The process of salts appearing on the surface of the tile or grout
Fleximat -	An orange plastic sheet used to prepare timber floors for tiling
Floating or Insulated Floor -	A thermally efficient floor which is not physically attached to its base
Filled Stone -	Where any naturally occurring holes have been filled with resin based filler
Finishing -	Process of applying final coat of sealer
Fired Earth Primer -	Primer for surfaces prior to applying tile adhesive.
Levelling Compound -	Material used to remove unacceptable variations of level in a sub floor, or bed under floor heating
Grout Float -	Tool used to apply grout
Grout Joints -	Channel formed between tiles to be filled with grout material
Honed Stone -	Mechanical process used to smooth the surface of natural stone
Movement Joint-	An area which allows for movement caused by change in temperature/humidity etc.
Notched Trowel -	Tool designed to apply a specified depth of adhesive
Oxidise -	Hardening reaction following exposure to the air
Pre-sealed -	Pre-treated with sealer at the factory
Sand and Cement Screed -	A mixture laid to form an accurate flat base
Sealing -	Process of applying liquids to reduce porosity
Spoil -	Excessive or surplus sealer
Squeegee -	Rubber edged tool to aid removal of excess grout
Straight Edge -	Tool used to ensure tiles are 'straight' and 'flat'.
Sub floor/substrate -	The surface on to which the tiles are to be laid
Thermal Movement -	Movement induced by temperature change
Uncalibrated -	Tiles will vary in depth
Wax Polish -	Protective finish
WBP Plywood -	Minimum 18mm deep, suitable grade for floor tiling

Tile Essentials Adhesive and Grouts, and Sealant Products

A full range of high quality fixing and sealing products, researched and developed to meet Fired Earth standards, are available for both professional and DIY use.

Read the instructions on the packaging of Adhesives, Grouts and Sealants very carefully.

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We cannot accept any responsibility for reliance placed upon the advice contained herein since practical expertise and site conditions are outside of our control. Neither do we accept liability for the performance of the product arising from such use. This does not affect your statutory rights.

Substrate Preparation Guide

Substrate	Sand and Cement Screed / Concrete	Timber Floorboards		Timber Floating Floors		Quarry, Clay, Natural Stone	Glazed Tiles	Vinyl Tiles, Flooring Grade Asphalt	Underfloor Heating	Anhydrite Screed
		Tongue and Groove	Butt Jointed	Plywood Installation	Flooring Grade Chipboard installation					
Watch Points	New concrete should be allowed to dry for at least 6 weeks and Cement: sand screeds at least 3 weeks	Must be screwed down to joists and noggings and be free from deflection	Overlay with plywood, minimum 15mm. Countersink screws at 150mm centres	Overlay with minimum 15mm thick plywood	Overlay with flooring grade chipboard (in dry areas only) prior to installing Fleximat.	Existing tiles must be well fixed; any hollow spots should be made good and filled.	Existing tiles must be well fixed; any hollow spots should be made good and filled.	Any loose vinyl tiles should be removed together with their adhesive residues.	Fit in accordance with manufacturers instructions. Specifications may vary according to substrates	The screed must be fully dry in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and lightly sanded to remove all traces of laitance/dust
Preparation	If dusty or porous, seal with Fired Earth Primer diluted 1: 4 with water	Seal with Fired Earth Primer. Install Fleximat over boards (see instructions)	Seal back, face and edges of plywood with Fired Earth Primer	Seal plywood with Fired Earth Primer. Install Fleximat (see instructions)	No primer is necessary for flooring grade chipboard which is pre-sealed. Install Fleximat (see instructions)	All surfaces must be degreased and thoroughly cleaned to remove old polish residues etc. Prime with Fired Earth Primer	All surfaces must be degreased and thoroughly cleaned to remove old polish residues etc. Brush apply a slurry bonding coat consisting of 2 Fired Earth adhesive to 1 part Fired Earth Primer and allow to dry.	All surfaces must be degreased and thoroughly cleaned to remove old polish residues etc. Prime with Fired Earth Primer before tiling	Fit in accordance with manufacturers instructions. Specifications may vary according to substrates	Prime using progressively stronger coats of primer. Initially apply a 1:4 parts water dilution and when dry follow with a 1:3 dilution applied at 90° to the first coat. If the screed is still absorbent apply a 1:2 dilution and leave to dry
Priming (PRIMER1L)	Diluted 1:4, 1 litre covers approximately 60m ²	Use neat, 1 litre covers 12m ²				Use neat, 1 litre covers approximately 12m ²	n/a	Use neat, 1 litre covers approximately 12m ²	n/a	Diluted 1:4 1 litre covers 60m ² Diluted 1:3 1 litre covers 48m ² Diluted 1:2 1 litre covers 36m ²
Priming as a Slurry Bond Coat	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Mix with Fired Earth flexible standard set or fast set adhesive to create a slurry coat, 1 litre covers 3m ²		n/a	n/a	

Please note, all coverage recommendations are approximate.

Adhesive Coverage

Description	Adhesive Colour	Tile Range										
		Terracotta		Encaustic	Stone		Slate		Porcelain and Geometric		Wall Tiles	
		Romana and Reclaimed Terracotta	Other		Up to 30 x 30cm	Over 30 x 30cm	Urban	Uncalibrated slate	Up to 30 x 30cm	Over 30 x 30cm	Up to 30 x 30cm	Over 30 x 30cm
Thickbed adhesive	All	6.7kg per m ²		n/a	n/a	6.7kg per m ²	5kg per m ²	6.7kg per m ²	n/a	6.7kg per m ²	n/a	
		Thickbed adhesive can be used with all the above tile types up to a depth of 20mm should the floor substrate be uneven. For coverage guidance please refer to the levelling compound coverage chart included within this booklet										
Flexible Standard set and Fast-set adhesive	All	n/a	3.5kg per m ²	3.5kg per m ²	3.5kg per m ²	n/a	n/a	3.5kg per m ²	3.5kg per m ²	n/a	2.7kg per m ²	3.4kg per m ²

Please note adhesive coverage will depend on the size of tile, depth of adhesive required and to some extent the substrate. The above recommendations are based on an average tile size, adhesive bed of 4-5mm and should be considered as a guideline only.

Universal Levelling Compound Coverage

Description	Adhesive Colour	Coverage	Depth							
			3mm	5mm	10mm	15mm	25mm	40mm	50mm	Underfloor heating
Universal Levelling Compound	n/a	kg per m ²	5kg	8.4kg	16.7kg	25kg	40kg	67kg	100kg	5kg
		m ² per 20kg bag	4m ²	2.4m ²	1.2m ²	0.8m ²	0.5m ²	0.3m ²	0.2m ²	4m ²
Thickbed Adhesive	All	kg per m ²	5kg	8.4kg	16.7kg	25kg	n/a	n/a	n/a	5kg
		m ² per 20kg bag	4m ²	2.4m ²	1.2m ²	0.8m ²				4m ²

The above recommendations are approximate and should be considered as a guideline only.

Suitability and Coverage Chart – Porcelain and Geometric

Product range	Tile Colour	D.I.Y Installer		Professional Installer		Grout	Tile Size	Grout Coverage				
		Up to 30 x 30cm	Over 30 x 30cm	Up to 30 x 30cm	Over 30 x 30cm							
Porcelain												
Moderna	All	FE Standard set White or Grey Adhesive	FE Thick-bed White or Grey Adhesive	FE Fast-set White or Grey Adhesive	FE Thick-bed White or Grey Adhesive	All suitable	39.7 x 39.7	0.4kg per m ²				
Travertino	All						59.7 x 59.7	0.3kg per m ²				
							39.7 x 79.7					
Neutrals	All						59.7 x 119.7	0.2kg per m ²				
							30 x 30cm mosaics	3.6kg per m ²				
Terrano	All						9.7 x 9.7	1kg per m ²				
							9.7 x 59.7	1kg per m ²				
							30 x 30	0.5kg per m ²				
Encaustic	All						FE Standard set White Adhesive	n/a	FE Fast-set White Adhesive	n/a	30 x 60	0.4kg per m ²
											40 x 40	
Arboreto	All						FE Standard set White or Grey Adhesive	FE Thick-bed White or Grey Adhesive	FE Fast-set White or Grey Adhesive	FE Thick-bed White or Grey Adhesive	30 x 30cm mosaics	2.6kg per m ²
											Umbria	All
Geometric	All											
		Sardinia	All	30 x 30cm mosaics	2.6kg per m ²							
Siena	All			40 x 40cm	0.5kg per m ²							
		Verona	All	20 x 20cm	1.4kg per m ²							
Sahara	All			9.7 x 39.7	0.8kg per m ²							
		Forma	All	9.7 x 119.7	0.7kg per m ²							
Mono	All			14.7 x 119.7	0.5kg per m ²							
		Cotto	All	19.7 x 119.7	0.4kg per m ²							
Cotto	All			30.3 x 30.3	0.7kg per m ²							
		Cotto	All	45.6 x 45.6	0.5kg per m ²							
Cotto	All			9.9 x 9.9	1kg per m ²							
		Cotto	All	45.6 x 45.6	0.4kg per m ²							
Cotto	All			30 x 60	0.4kg per m ²							
		Cotto	All	50 x 50	0.4kg per m ²							
Cotto	All			30 x 30	0.4kg per m ²							
		Cotto	All	30 x 30	0.6kg per m ²							
Cotto	All			30 x 30	0.4kg per m ²							
		Cotto	All	30 x 30	0.4kg per m ²							

The above recommendations are approximate and should be considered as a guideline only.

Suitability and Coverage Chart – Natural Stone

Product range	Tile Colour	D.I.Y Installer		Professional Installer		Grout	Tile Size	Grout Coverage							
		Up to 30 x 30cm	Over 30 x 30cm	Up to 30 x 30cm	Over 30 x 30cm										
Stone															
Jericho Limestone	Lime stone	FE Standard Set White Adhesive for limestone, FE Standard Set Grey Adhesive for grey product	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive for limestone, FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive for grey product	FE Fast-set White Adhesive for limestone, FE Fast-set Set Grey Adhesive for Grey product	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive for limestone, FE Thick-bed Set Grey Adhesive for grey product	We recommend limestone or cream with these tiles	30 x 30	0.8kg per m ²							
							45 x 45	0.5kg per m ²							
							60 x 60	0.4kg per m ²							
30 x 60	0.6kg per m ²														
Venetian Stone Mosaics	All	FE Standard Set White Adhesive	n/a	FE Fast-set White Adhesive	n/a		2.3cm mosaics	4.1kg per m ²							
							10 x 10	1.4kg per m ²							
							4.8cm mosaics	2.2kg per m ²							
Breton Limestone	All	n/a	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive	n/a	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive		40x40	0.9kg per m ²							
							60x40	0.5kg per m ²							
Cathedral Limestone	Lime stone	FE Standard Set White Adhesive	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive	FE Fast-set White Adhesive	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive		20 x 20	2kg per m ²							
							20 x 40	1.8kg per m ²							
							40 x 40	1.4kg per m ²							
							40 x 60	1.1kg per m ²							
Cathedral Limestone	Antique						FE Standard Set White Adhesive	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive	FE Fast-set White Adhesive	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive	20 x 20	1.6kg per m ²			
											20 x 40	1.3kg per m ²			
						40 x 40					1.2kg per m ²				
						40 x 60					1kg per m ²				
Old Tuscan Travertine	All					FE Standard Set White Adhesive					FE Thick-bed White Adhesive	FE Fast-set White Adhesive	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive	20 x 20	1.3kg per m ²
														20 x 40	1.1kg per m ²
														40 x 40	0.9kg per m ²
														40 x 60	0.8kg per m ²
Artesh Travertine	All	FE Standard Set White Adhesive	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive	FE Fast-set White Adhesive	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive									20 x 20	0.9kg per m ²
														20 x 40	0.8kg per m ²
														40 x 40	0.6kg per m ²
														40 x 60	0.5kg per m ²
							30 x 30	0.8kg per m ²							
							30 x 60	0.6kg per m ²							
							10 x 10	1.2kg per m ²							
							20 x 20	0.9kg per m ²							
10 x 40	0.9kg per m ²														
Piazza Limestone	n/a					n/a	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive	n/a	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive	45x45	0.4kg per m ²				
										Campagne	All	70 x 40	1.2kg per m ²		
Bastide Flagstones	n/a											40 x 58	1.3kg per m ²		
				58 x 87	0.9kg per m ²										
Foundry Art Insets - apply slurry bond coat to the reverse of the tile before installation															
Foundry Art	n/a	Select adhesive and grout appropriate to base tile type as specified on this chart													

Product range	Tile Colour	D.I.Y Installer		Professional Installer		Grout	Tile Size	Grout Coverage
		Up to 30 x 30cm	Over 30 x 30cm	Up to 30 x 30cm	Over 30 x 30cm			
Stone								
Jericho Limestone	Lime stone	FE Standard Set White Adhesive for limestone, FE Standard Set Grey Adhesive for grey product	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive for limestone, FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive for grey product	FE Fast-set White Adhesive for limestone, FE Fast-set Set Grey Adhesive for Grey product	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive for limestone, FE Thick-bed Set Grey Adhesive for grey product	We recommend limestone or cream with these tiles	30 x 30	0.8kg per m ²
							45 x 45	0.5kg per m ²
							60 x 60	0.4kg per m ²
							30 x 60	0.6kg per m ²
Venetian Stone Mosaics	All	FE Standard Set White Adhesive	n/a	FE Fast-set White Adhesive	n/a		2.3cm mosaics	4.1kg per m ²
							10 x 10	1.4kg per m ²
							4.8cm mosaics	2.2kg per m ²
Cathedral Limestone	Lime stone	FE StandardSet White Adhesive	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive	FE Fast-set White Adhesive	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive		20 x 20	2kg per m ²
Cathedral Limestone	Antique						20 x 40	1.8kg per m ²
							40 x 40	1.4kg per m ²
							40 x 60	1.1kg per m ²
Old Tuscan Travertine	All						20 x 20	1.6kg per m ²
							20 x 40	1.3kg per m ²
							40 x 40	1.2kg per m ²
							40 x 60	1kg per m ²
							20 x 20	1.3kg per m ²
							20 x 40	1.1kg per m ²
Artesh Travertine	All						40 x 40	0.9kg per m ²
							40 x 60	0.8kg per m ²
		20 x 20	0.9kg per m ²					
		20 x 40	0.8kg per m ²					
		40 x 40	0.6kg per m ²					
		40 x 60	0.5kg per m ²					
Roman Mosaics	All	FE Standard Set White Adhesive	n/a	FE Fast-set White Adhesive	n/a	30 x 30	0.8kg per m ²	
						30 x 60	0.6kg per m ²	
						10 x 10	1.2kg per m ²	
Piazza Limestone	n/a	n/a	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive	n/a	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive	20 x 20	0.9kg per m ²	
Campagne	All					10 x 40	0.9kg per m ²	
Bastide Flagstones	n/a					40 x 40	0.4kg per m ²	
						70 x 40	1.2kg per m ²	
						40 x 58	1.3kg per m ²	
						58 x 87	0.9kg per m ²	
Foundry Art Insets - apply slurry bond coat to the reverse of the tile before installation								
Foundry Art	n/a	Select adhesive and grout appropriate to base tile type as specified on this chart						

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Suitability and Coverage Chart – Lapidida and Architectural Stone Collections

Product range	Tile Colour	D.I.Y Installer		Professional Installer		Grout	Tile Size	Grout Coverage
		Up to 30 x 30cm	Over 30 x 30cm	Up to 30 x 30cm	Over 30 x 30cm			
Exclusive Stone Collections								
Lapidida Exclusive Limestone Collection	All	FE Standard Set White Adhesive	n/a	FE Fast-set White Adhesive	n/a	We recommend cream or limestone for pale coloured stones, with the light and dark grey more suited to the dark tones	Viscount	1kg per m ²
		n/a	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive	n/a	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive		40 x 60	
							50 x 50	1.2kg per m ²
							50 x 100	0.9kg per m ²
Archititectoral Stone	All	FE Standard Set White Adhesive	n/a	FE Fast-set White Adhesive	n/a		20 x 40	1.2kg per m ²
		n/a	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive	n/a	FE Thick-bed White Adhesive		40 x 40	0.9kg per m ²
							40 x 60	0.8kg per m ²
							20 x 60	1.1kg per m ²
							7.5 x 7.5	1.9kg per m ²
							7.5 x 15	1.3kg per m ²
							15 x 15	1kg per m ²
							15 x 60	0.7kg per m ²
						30 x 30 finger mosaics	3kg per m ²	
						30 x 30 square mosaics	2.1kg per m ²	
						Off-set mosaics	2.9kg per m ²	

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Suitability and Coverage Chart – Slate

Product range	Tile Colour	D.I.Y Installer		Professional Installer		Grout	Tile Size	Grout Coverage
		Up to 30 x 30cm	Over 30 x 30cm	Up to 30 x 30cm	Over 30 x 30cm			
Slate								
Pale Classic Quartz	n/a	FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive				We recommend light or dark grey with this tile	30 x 30	1kg per m ²
Silver Blue Slate		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					40 x 60	0.8kg per m ²
		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					15 x 15	2kg per m ²
		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					15 x 30	1.5kg per m ²
		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					20 x 30	1.2kg per m ²
		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					30 x 30	1.1kg per m ²
		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					28 x 40	1.2kg per m ²
Imperial Slate		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					40 x 60	1.2kg per m ²
Slate Flagstones		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					30 x 30	1.2kg per m ²
Urban slate		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					40 x 60	1.6kg per m ²
		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					40 x 40	0.5kg per m ²
		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					40 x 60	0.4kg per m ²
		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					60 x 60	0.4kg per m ²
Multicoloured Slate		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					60 x 90	0.4kg per m ²
		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					30 x 30	1.3kg per m ²
Welsh Mountain Slate		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					30 x 40	1.3kg per m ²
		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					20 x 20	1.7kg per m ²
		FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive					20 x 40	1.4kg per m ²
	FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive				40 x 40	1.1kg per m ²		
	FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive				40 x 60	1kg per m ²		
	FE Thick-bed Grey Adhesive				30 x 30	1.5kg per m ²		
						40 x 70	1.2kg per m ²	

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Suitability and Coverage Chart – Terracotta

Product range	Tile Colour	D.I.Y Installer		Professional Installer		Grout	Tile Size (cm)	Grout Coverage
		Up to 30 x 30cm	Over 30 x 30cm	Up to 30 x 30cm	Over 30 x 30cm			
Terracotta - tiles must be fully dry before installation commences								
Black terracotta	n/a	Fired Earth Standard Set Grey Adhesive	Fired Earth Thick-bed Grey Adhesive	Fired Earth Fast-set Grey Adhesive	Fired Earth Thick-bed Grey Adhesive	We recommend light or dark grey with this tile	40 x 40	1.8kg per m ²
							30 x 30	2.1kg per m ²
							14 x 30	2.6kg per m ²
Romana	n/a	Fired Earth Thick-bed Grey Adhesive	n/a	Fired Earth Thick-bed Grey Adhesive	n/a	We recommend sandstone with these tiles	12 x 25	3kg per m ²
Reclaimed Terracotta	n/a	Fired Earth Thick-bed Grey Adhesive	n/a	Fired Earth Thick-bed Grey Adhesive	n/a		12 x 12	2.8kg per m ²
							7.5 x 30	3.7kg per m ²
							15 x 15	3.5kg per m ²
San Genis	n/a	Fired Earth Standard Set Grey Adhesive	n/a	Fired Earth Fast-set Grey Adhesive	n/a		15 x 30	3.3kg per m ²
St James							30 x 30	2kg per m ²
Pre-sealed terracotta	n/a	Fired Earth Standard Set Grey Adhesive	n/a	Fired Earth Fast-set Grey Adhesive	n/a		24 x 24	3kg per m ²
							30 x 30	2.5kg per m ²
							15 x 30	3kg per m ²
Handmade Classic	n/a	Fired Earth Standard Set Grey Adhesive	Fired Earth Thickbed Grey Adhesive	Fired Earth Fast-set Set Grey Adhesive	Fired Earth Thickbed Grey Adhesive		20 x 20	2.4kg per m ²
							40 x 40	2.1kg per m ²
							30 x 30	2.5kg per m ²
							15 x 30	3kg per m ²
							20 x 20	2.4kg per m ²
Antiqued Terracotta	n/a	Fired Earth Standard Set Grey Adhesive	n/a	Fired Earth Fast-set Grey Adhesive	n/a		10 x 10	2.5kg per m ²
						30 x 30	2kg per m ²	
Old Terracotta	n/a	Fired Earth Standard Set Grey Adhesive	n/a	Fired Earth Fast-set Grey Adhesive	n/a	15 x 30	2.5kg per m ²	
						22.5 x 22.5	3kg per m ²	

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Sealants and Finishes

Product	Preparatory Product	Impregator / Sealant	Finishing Product	Day to Day Cleaner	Occasional / Intensive Cleaner	Comments
Stone	MN Power Clean	MN COLOUR Intensifier (if desired) and MN Stain Stop.ECO	MN Cobble Wax (If desired) Excludes Roman Mosaics	Easy Care	Wexa	If a sheen is required, finish with MN Cobble Wax. This finish is not suitable for Roman Mosaics, external or wet areas. If colour intensifier is required apply MN Colour prior to MN Stain Stop. MN ECO is not suitable for use with MN Colour
Slate	MN Builder's Clean	MN COLOUR Intensifier (if desired) and MN Stain Stop.ECO	Multi Seal if desired	Easy Care	Wexa	If a sheen is required, finish with Multi Seal. This finish is not suitable for wet or external areas. If colour intensifier is required apply MN Colour prior to MN Stain Stop. MN ECO is not suitable for use with MN Colour
Terracotta	KF Cement Residue Remover (if required)	TC Classic Primer	TC Classic Wax (and TC Eversheen if desired)	Easy Care	Wexa	Apply TC Eversheen over TC Classic Wax for easy maintenance. Initial sheen will dull over time
Pre-Sealed Terracotta	Not required	Not required	TC Classic Wax (and TC Eversheen if desired)	Easy Care	Wexa	Apply TC Eversheen over TC Classic Wax for easy maintenance. Initial sheen will dull over time
Unglazed Porcelain	KF Cement Residue Remover (if required)	FZ Protective Impregnator	Not required	FZ Conditioning Cleaner	FZ Intensive Cleaner	Unglazed porcelain tiles - Travertino, Moderna, Neutrals, Terrano, Siena, Arboreto, Sahara and Forma
Glazed Porcelain	Not required	Not required	KF Grout Protector	FZ Conditioning Cleaner	FZ Intensive Cleaner	Glazed Porcelain Tiles - Sardinia, Verona, Sicilian, Umbria, Strata, Mono and Cotto
Encaustic	Not required	Fila Fob	Fila Satin (Satin effect) or Fila Matt (Matt finish)	Fila Cleaner	Fila PS87	
Geometric	Not required	KF Stain Stop	Not required	Easy Care	Wexa	
Glass	Not required	Not required	KF Grout Protector	Easy Care	Not required	
Wall Tiles	Not required	KF Stain Stop	KF Grout Protector	Easy Care	Not required	Please see Wall tiling guide for more information.