

HOW TO CLEAN & MAINTAIN TILES

“After installation” clean must take place no more than 4-5 days after installation to ensure that grout hasn’t hardened. The earlier this clean takes place, after grout has dried, the easier it will be to remove any cement, slurry or grout residue.

This clean can take place with special acid based detergents designed to remove grout residue without affecting the tile. Refer to tile cleaning products – See Mapei Keranet.

After performing the above clean, it is necessary to wash the product with a basic or alkaline product, normally a degreasing detergent. Acid washes can leave greasy marks on the surface which tend to withhold dirt if they are not removed.

Note: if grouts used contain latexes, resins etc these must be removed immediately with a sponge and plenty of water. Also Epoxy grout removal must be carried out immediately and carefully with plenty of water and a sponge, as these grouts harden very quickly, in a matter of minutes. The alkaline clean can then take place the next day.

A perfect first clean will ensure future maintenance is easier. The use of dirty water, polishing products, or extra quantities of detergent can produce an invisible film, spots & salt marks. There is no need to use acids or harsh abrasives.

ON GOING CLEANING PROGRAM:

Daily or as required:

To remove dust or dirt Sweep or Vacuum

Weekly or as required:

Clean with warm water and ph neutral detergent, using mechanical equipment (rotary brush machines, floor cleaners, Doodle Bugs etc)

Spot clean with commercial detergent or abrasive cleaners such as Jiff or Gumption.

Please seek professional advice prior to any alternate cleaning methods being used.