

INSTALLATION GUIDE:

Please use the following information as an overview of the tile installation process. It is not meant as a step-by-step instruction manual, but rather as a way to familiarize yourself with the basic process. It is especially important that you follow all the instructions provided by the setting material manufacturer to ensure a successful installation.

Have the right tools and installation products before you begin your tile installation. Some of the supplies you may need are a wet saw, tile nippers, safety glasses, trowels, sponges, grout, tile spacers, thinset, gloves, a grout float, and a few buckets.

Make sure you check to confirm that all your tile is of the same shade (tone) and Caliber (size).

Plan your layout by measuring carefully to minimize cuts, and dry lay your tiles for fit.

Work from multiple boxes while installing. Most tiles have a natural graphic and tone variation and by working from multiple boxes this will help blend this feature throughout your installation.

Ceramic and porcelain tile should be installed on a sound and rigid floor that is clean and level. If your floors flex or have uneven areas, these areas must be repaired prior to installation.

Spread thinset with the notched edge of a trowel. Larger tiles require more thin set and a larger notched trowel.

Clean up any excess thinset immediately and reference the setting material manufacturer's instructions.

After a few rows of tile are installed, set them with a tile level and a mallet.

Follow the installation material manufacturer's instructions on how long to wait for the thinset to set up before starting the grouting process. Once the correct wait time is confirmed and followed start the grouting process.

Clean the tile surface with a damp sponge and clean water.

MAINTENANCE:

As with any flooring material, general cleaning techniques of porcelain and ceramic tile depend on the surface, texture and condition of the surface. Water and a soft sponge will usually be enough to clean the surface of most ceramic and porcelain products.

If you clean with something other than water, opt for a neutral pH cleaner that will not affect the finish. You can find neutral cleaners at most home centers and tile showrooms. Always test the cleaner on a small area first. If tile or stone is heavily soiled, we recommend that a professional cleaning company determines the proper cleaning technique.