

Ceramic Tile & Glass Products

Installation Guide

GENERAL GUIDELINES TO TILE INSTALLATION IN INTERIOR AREAS

Carefully follow all instructions provided by the manufacturers of installation materials to ensure success.

1. SURFACE PREPARATION

- Make sure the installation surface is flat, solid, and clean of all debris, dry, free of wax, soap scum and grease.
- Any damaged, loose, or uneven areas must be repaired, patched, leveled and completely dry prior to installation.

2. WALL LAYOUT

- Determine the height at which you want to place the tile pieces, using a level to draw a plumb line in the wall's center.

3. CUTTING

- If you need to cut the decorative tile, use a tile cutter or wet saw to cut it to the desired size.
- Follow all safety precautions and wear protective glasses.

4. INSTALLATION

- It is recommended to use a white thinset mortar with a flexible acrylic additive or a white polymer fortified thinset mortar.
- Apply adhesive in accordance the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Apply adhesive to the surface of the wall and to the back of each tile.
- Avoid getting adhesive on the surface of the tile, which should be cleaned off before it dries.
- The decorative tiles do not need spacers between them since the designs are continuous and they have the rectified ends facilitating the installation without spaces.

5. APPLYING GROUT

- Grout color is a matter of personal taste and care should be taken in color selection before grouting.
- The setting material must be fully dry before attempting to grout. Consult the instructions for your setting material to find the recommended drying time.
- Apply grout in small sections using a rubber float.
- Before applying the grout, cover the surface of the decorative tile with masking tape to avoid staining and make clean-up easier.

6. FINISHING INSTALLATION

- With a dry, lint-free cloth, remove excess grout from the surface of the tile. Lightly dampen a sponge with warm water and continue to clean grout off of the tile. Once it appears to be clean, wipe it down again with a fresh, lightly damp sponge to remove any grout film.
- After about 15 minutes, buff the tile with a soft cloth.
- For optimal performance, avoid exposing the glass products to excessive moisture before installation.
- It is recommended to use a nonabrasive cleaners and materials to protect the tile finish.