

Tate Porcelain Panel: Care & Maintenance

Tate's porcelain panels are designed for years of service with minimum maintenance. Adherence to the guidelines below allows maximum life to be obtained from this tile. The panels should not be exposed to construction traffic and must be protected just as any finished floor coverings.

Do:

1. Provide protection from sand and chemicals tracked in on shoes by providing "walk-off mats" at entrances.
2. Rotate panels in high-use areas to areas of low traffic to spread years of wear over the entire system.
3. Keep the floor clean by light damp-mopping with a mild multi-purpose floor cleaner or mild detergent.

Don't:

1. Flood the floor or use anything other than a damp mop.
2. Use strong abrasives, steel wool, nylon pads or scrapers to remove stains.
3. Use wax and/or similar products

Cleaning Procedures:

Initial care can be carried out with a damp microfiber mop or a scrubber drier. For either option, the first step is to sweep and vacuum any loose dust, dirt or debris from the floor. It is important not use excessive water or flood the floor.

Microfiber floor mop

Use a slightly damp mop with a high proportion of microfibers (at least 50%). For lightly textured floor tiles, use a deep-pile microfiber mop. If desired, add a small amount of mild detergent or vinegar to the water. Make sure that the cleaning product is suitable for unglazed floor tiles.

http://www.uline.com/BL_8823/Microfiber-Wet-Mops

Scrubber drier machines

Wash the floor with water and detergents suitable for ceramic surfaces. Add a small amount of mild detergent or vinegar to the water in the machine. The cleaning product should be low-lather so that it can be used in scrubber drier machines and suitable for use on unglazed floor tiles. For smooth tiles, use at most a red scrubbing disc. Minimal water should be used. Once cleaning is completed, isolate the cleaned floor until it has completely dried.

<http://www.clarkeus.com/products/autoscrubbers/vantage14.aspx>



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Regular Maintenance

Regular vacuuming or wiping prevents the accumulation of dust and dirt. The floor will need to be cleaned regularly to remove more tenacious dirt. Prior to cleaning, first remove loose dirt by vacuuming or sweeping. Use a slightly damp mop with a high proportion of microfibers (at least 50%). For lightly textured floor tiles, use a deep-pile microfiber mop. If desired, add a small amount of mild detergent or vinegar to the water. Make sure that the cleaning product is suitable for unglazed floor tiles.

The surface of porcelain is basically non-absorbent and does not require the use of wax and/or similar products, which, conversely, should never be used. It should be pointed out that porcelain is resistant to any chemicals with the exception of hydrofluoric acid, a very aggressive agent for ceramic products that should never be used.