

# TREATMENT AND MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CRACKLE GLAZE TILES



## **Pre-treatment:**

Due to the inherent nature of Crackle Glaze finishes, they require an additional step in the installation and cleaning process. Once installed and prior to grouting, the tiles should be sealed with a clear impregnating sealer, such as MP90 Eco Extreme. This water-based, stain proofing protector, impregnates and protects. It is a longer term protector which will protect the tiles and make future cleaning easier.

It basically seals the glaze cracks to ensure that the grout does not penetrate them during application.

**NOTE:** be sure to seal the surface of the tiles evenly and thoroughly. If using a contrasting colour grout, it may be advisable to do the initial sealing, prior to grouting, twice.

## **Application:**

For crackle glaze surfaces, apply an even coat of MP90 Eco Extreme over the surface using a brush or fleece pad and allow to dry. After 4 hours remove all the residues with a clean cloth soaked with the same product and allow product to dry before grouting.

## **Cleaning:**

After the tiles have been grouted, allow the grout to sufficiently harden and proceed by washing the surface with a neutral detergent such as Cleaner Pro, diluted 1:30 in water. Spread over the tiles and allow approx. five minutes acting time; work with a white emulsifying pad over the surface then use a clean cloth to remove residues and then rinse thoroughly with clean water.

## **Post Cleaning Protection:**

Once the tiles are dry, a second protective coat of MP90 Eco Extreme is required; apply an even coat, leave for 10 minutes, work into the surface and remove all the residues with soft lint free cloth and allow 4 hours drying time.

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