

TREATMENT AND MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CRACKLE GLAZE TILES

Pre-treatment

Prior to grouting crackle glaze tiles it is recommended that they are sealed; this may be done using a temporary sealer such as Fila PRW200.

This is a water based pre-grouting solution which makes the application of grout and cleaning off easier, without altering the material's appearance.

Application

Shake well before use; remove any surface dust from the tiles. Apply one coat of Fila PRW200 to the surface of the tiles with a flat paint brush or fleece. It can also be applied with an airless spray pump for larger areas. Avoid pooling of the product. Grouting can be undertaken after 24hours after application; once completed the treatment can be washed off with a suitable detergent for the tiles.

Alternatively;

The surface of the tiles can be treated, before grouting, with an application of Fila MP90 Eco Plus. 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.

Application

Ensure that the tile surface is clean and dry. Once the tiles have been fixed, and before grouting, apply one coat of sealer to the surface with a brush or fleece pad. Allow to dwell for 10 minutes and then buff into the surface with a separate lint-free cloth soaked in the product to ensure that the application is uniform and has penetrated the surface. This should be done until all excess is removed. Allow product to dry before grouting.

Please note that grouting with dark or strongly coloured pigmented grouts carry more of a risk of staining than using lighter coloured grouts, which, even after the use of a protector could still stain the surface of the tile. It would be prudent to use a lighter coloured grout which is less likely to discolour the surface of the crackle glaze.



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