



Tile & Floor Care

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**D.I.Y. Guide to
cleaning and
sealing Granite,
Marble and
Travertine tiles**

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Cleaning and sealing of Granite, Marble and Travertine tiles with Tile & Floor Care Products.

After laying:

During grouting make sure all excess grout is removed from the surface with a damp clean cloth or sponge and fresh clean water. Washing grout and residues off the surface with dirty water and / or cloth or sponge does not clean the surface. Any grout residues will impair the finish after sealing and will result in a very expensive repair. Clean with Tile and Floor Care Easy Clean (neutralizer) to ensure a residue free surface.

Choosing a sealer:

When choosing a sealer, one would need to ensure that the sealer you choose will give you the desired finish e.g. matt, satin, gloss or natural with colour enhancement or not. Each sealer gives a different finish to the tile and protects the tile in a different manner. If in doubt phone Tile and Floor Care for free advise on 0800 006173 / 011 822 6901

INVISIBLE SEALER:

Invisible Sealer is an invisible clear silicone sealer that will maintain the natural look of the tile. Invisible sealer may be used on LOW POROSITY tiles only (eg: low porosity terracotta, granite, marble, travertine and porcelain), and will repel water and most oils. Invisible Sealer is suitable for interior and exterior applications. Invisible Sealer impregnates the tile and therefore maintains the anti-slip properties of the tile.

Directions:

This product is flammable. Keep away from open flames and sources of ignition.

1. Read all instructions and tips before the application so that you can plan the application correctly.
2. Mask off any adjacent surfaces that need to be protected during the application.
3. Test for desired results in an inconspicuous area before continuing the application.
4. Ensure that the tile is clean and free from all residues, detergents, grout, cement, oil, wax and other stains. (Prepare with the correct Tile & Floor Care products).
5. Ensure that the tile is totally dry before applying the sealer (if unsure wait +- 48 hours after cleaning).
6. Shake or stir well before use.
7. Using a suitable applicator, apply a thick, even coat of Invisible Sealer. **BUFF ANY EXCESS SEALER FROM THE SURFACE AFTER 5 MINUTES.** Use a clean terry/mutton cloth or paper toweling.
8. Wait for the sealer to dry for +- 2hours.
9. After 2 hours test to determine if surface is totally sealed by applying water droplets to the surface. If water is absorbed (tile darkens), apply an additional coat. Wait 2 hours and repeat test.
10. Apply coats as determined by the rule above if necessary.
11. Allow to dry before trafficking. (+2 hours). Cure time is 48 hours.
12. Clean applicator tools with turps/mineral spirits after each use.

Tips & Tricks:

1. Do not use applicators that cause bubbles like paint rollers.
2. Use a lint free cloth, "paint pad" or a sheepskin applicator to apply Invisible Sealer.
3. Do not apply while the floor is still damp.
4. Allow 2-4 days after laying the tile before sealing.
5. Store and use between temperatures of 5°C – 30°C.
6. If pre-sealing tiles when using Invisible Sealer:
 - Do not allow spillage down the sides of the tile.
 - Do not allow water on the floor for 24 hours after sealing.

NANO SEAL:

Tile & Floor Care Nano Seal is developed using the latest Nano-technology. It is perfectly suited to treat Nano sealed tiles and other hard, low porosity tiles. Nano Seal will not damage the natural look and features of the tile. What you see is what you get except now with extra protection.

Uses:

Nano Seal is used on Nano treated tiles and hard, low porosity surfaces that can withstand relatively heavy traffic. Nano Seal may be used on Nano porcelain, polished porcelain, marble, granite, travertine and quartzite tiles that are hard enough to not need surface protection. If you have any doubt as to suitability for your tile, please contact Tile & Floor Care for advice on 0800 00 6173.

Directions:

1. Read all instructions and tips before the application so that you can plan the application correctly.
2. Test for desired results in an inconspicuous area before continuing the application.
3. Ensure that the surface is clean and free from grout, cement, oil, wax, and other stains. (Clean with the right Tile & Floor Care product if necessary.)
4. Ensure that the tiles are totally dry before applying the sealer. (Wait ± 48 hours after cleaning.)
5. Using a suitable applicator, apply a thin, even coat of Nano Seal. Buff any excess sealer from the surface after 5 minutes. Use a clean terry cloth, mutton cloth or paper toweling.
6. Wait for the sealer to dry for ± 2 hours.
7. Apply a second and a third coat if necessary.
8. Allow to cure before trafficking. (± 12 hours)

Maintenance:

To prolong the life of the sealer only clean the floor with mild and neutral detergents like Tile & Floor Care Quick Clean. Clean spillages immediately.

Tips & Tricks:

1. Do not use a paint roller.
2. Use a lint free cloth or sheepskin applicator to apply Nano Seal.
3. Do not apply while floor is still damp.
4. Allow 2 - 4 days after laying the tile before sealing.
5. Do not allow water on the floor for 24 hours after sealing.
6. Do not dilute.

Name	Invisible Seal	Nano Seal
Type	Silicone	Refined Silicone
Base	Solvent	Solvent
Use	Interior & Exterior	Interior & Exterior
Finish	Natural	Natural
Colour Enhancement	No Colour enhancement	No Colour enhancement
Coverage	± 12 - 20m ² per 1L	± 20 to 50m ² per 1L
Maintenance	Interior: Maxi Shine (gloss finish) Daily Cleaning: Quick Clean	Daily Cleaning: Quick Clean
Wash & Seal	48 hours between washing & sealing	48 hours between washing & sealing