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Maintenance and Care

For Terrazzo

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MAINTENANCE AND CARE
FOR TERRAZZO

Our terrazzo tiles & slabs are manufactured using specialised techniques that produce a high density & low porosity material featuring a variance of natural stones in a cement or resin matrix. Whilst each piece is not identical, they share the same common structure, colour and overall look to achieve harmonious applications.

SEALING

On completion of a terrazzo installation we recommend sealing with the penetrating sealer **Aqua Seal Gold +** which does not change the appearance of the material or leave a film on the surface. For the ultimate finish and increased longevity of your stone, a sealing contractor or stonemason should be engaged for a professional result.

It is critical that the floor, wall and/or benchtop is professionally cleaned prior to sealing, allowing adequate time to dry prior to application.

Consider re-sealing every 1- 2 years for floor and wall applications & every 12 months for benchtop applications.

PRE -SEALING

Dip Sealing (six sided) with Sealers Plus Ultra Block is applicable to areas exposed to water such as shower walls and floors, pool and pond coping. Note: Sealing on completion with **Aqua Seal Gold +** is still a requirement.

SPILLS & ETCHES

Spills should be cleaned promptly. As penetrating sealers provide no surface protection, that is, spillages of acidic substances; alcohol, citrus juice etc., will leave an etch mark on the surface.

An etch is not a stain; like a scratch it effectively changes the surface of the stone. It generally appears as a light, dull mark. The more acidic the liquid the faster and deeper the etching occurs. Note: Penetrating Sealers cannot stop etching as they are beneath the stones surface and not a physical barrier between the acidic liquid and the stone.

Some materials are more forgiving of such marks due to colour, movement and pattern. If you are uncertain what material will be suitable for your specification please discuss with one of our showroom consultants.

WET AREAS

In some parts of Western Australia, the water supply is “hard” due to a high mineral content and if left of the stone surface may result in etching of the surface.

In this case, surfaces should be wiped down after use to ensure no water left on the surface. This will also help minimize any build-up of calcite or minerals on the stone surface. If calcite or mineral build up can accumulate over a period it may become necessary for the stone to be re surfaced by an experienced stonemason or sealing contractor.

WASHING AND CLEANING

Washing for general maintenance purposes should be carried out using warm to hot potable water. The use of specialty cleaning fabrics, such as Enjo, allows washing or wiping with less risk of streaks or wash marks

It is recommended that benchtops are cleaned with **Sealers Plus Re Fresh +**, a spray & wipe type cleaner for a rinse & streak free solution to killing odours, bacteria and germs, plus disinfecting and sanitising.

Or **Sealers Plus Aqua Guard** a new generation ready to use one step cleaner & re-sealer. Use on all sealed Stone, Tile, Grout and other water safe surfaces to clean surface and prolong the performance of the existing sealer. Helps to remove surface dirt, grease & grime plus inhibit growth of mould, mildew and odours. Boosts the performance and longevity of existing natural look penetrating sealers.

Floor and Walls can be cleaned with **Sealers Plus EzyClean +** a everyday cleaning & commercial grade disinfectant If regularly used this rinse & streak free cleaner can help prevent soap scum & hard water deposit build up whilst not affecting the sealer's performance.

For periodic heavy duty clean then **Sealers Plus Stone Wash +** can be used to remove dirt, grease, grim & soap scum.

Always test first in an inconspicuous area to determine ease of application, dilution rate, colour stability & desired results. End user to determine the suitability of the product for their own use.

REJUVENATION

Over time Terrazzo will show signs of general wear and tear creating a patina that is highly sort after. Alternatively it can be rejuvenated by a reputable sealing contractor or stonemason who will mechanically clean, removing stubborn stains & repair scratches & blemishes in the material. Please contact our office for a list of suitable contractors.

PRODUCTS

All sealing and cleaning products are available to purchase directly from our showroom at 29 Harris Rd Malaga (08) 9294 1929

- Sealers Plus **Aqua Seal Gold +**
- Sealers Plus **EzyClean +**
- Sealers Plus **Stone Wash +**
- Sealers Plus **Re Fresh +**
- Sealers Plus **Aqua Guard**

For further assistance with cleaning, sealing and maintenance please do not hesitate to contact our showroom representatives.