PRE-SEALING TEXTURED UNPOLISHED/UNGLAZED PORCELAIN

Pre-sealing textured unpolished/unglazed porcelain tiles using below-surface penetrating sealers like Aqua Mix® Penetrating Sealer or Aqua Mix® Sealer's Choice® Gold will ease grout clean-up and seal the micro-texture of the tile surface.

Penetrating Sealer and Sealer's Choice Gold are both water-based, low VOC, impregnating sealers that are effective when applied approximately 2-4 hours before grouting (depending on humidity levels and weather conditions). Both products ease grout clean-up and help prevent grout staining.

As differences exist in the manufacturing of porcelain tile from company to company, variations in the tiles' porosity, absorption and texture exist. Always do a test mock-up of the job to ensure that desired results are achieved.

1. Ensure that the surface is dry and clean.

2. Apply one coat of Aqua Mix Penetrating Sealer or Sealer's Choice Gold using a dense sponge mop or paint pad applicator.*

3. Using white cotton towels, microfiber or paper towels, completely wipe the surface DRY within 5 minutes of each application.

4. Allow a minimum of 2-4 hours drying time prior to grouting. Longer drying times may be necessary in cold, humid or wet climates.

5. Clean grout per manufacturer's instructions ensuring that no grout residue is left on the surface.

6. Add Aqua Mix® Grout Haze Clean-Up to each bucket of rinse water during grout clean-up to reduce the number of rinses and ensure that no grout haze is left on the tile surface.

   *Aqua Mix® Ultra-Solv® or Pro-Solv® may be used as alternative sealers for pre-sealing polished porcelain tile.

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