



Sealing With HP Sealer

1. Read the instructions on the label.
2. Wait 10 to 14 days after the tile has been installed and 48 hours after cleaning before sealing.
3. Inspect the floor before sealing to ensure that it is clean, as dirt may have settled after the last cleaning operation. Dry dirt can be swept or vacuumed before sealing, but it is important to protect the floor from wet dirt between cleaning and sealing. Do not seal if there are any grout residues or any other type of dirt on the floor.
4. If it is necessary to clean the floor before sealing remember that you will have to wait 48 hours before sealing with **HP Sealer**.
5. Now that the floor is clean and dry, apply a thin even coat of **Tile & Floor Care HP Sealer** so that the grouting is also sealed. DO NOT use a roller of any type, as they do not deposit the sealer evenly and cause bubbles. Suitable applicators are a sheepskin applicator, lint free cloth or a good quality paintbrush respectively. One litre covers 5 to 10 square meters, depending on porosity. Do not disturb and allow too dry for 4 to 6 hours.
6. Apply a second coat of **HP Sealer** in the opposite direction as the first coat as this will help to avoid streaking.
7. A third coat may be necessary. Remember that **HP Sealer** is a penetrating sealer and is designed to sit within the tile, and not on top. Therefore you should *stop applying the sealer when it begins to sit on top of the tile*.
8. Do not disturb and allow too dry for 4 to 6 hours.
9. Do not allow water on the tiles for 48 hours after sealing.

Choice Of Finish

- Matt – Once you have applied the final coat of sealer, leave to cure and matt down.
- Gloss – Once the final coat of sealer is cured apply 2 coats of **Maxi Shine**, (not recommended for exterior use).

Maintenance

1. For daily cleaning clean with **Tile & Floor Care Quick Clean**.
2. Heavy duty dirt and grime – use **Tile & Floor Care Easy Clean** diluted with water to the correct strength to remove dirt & grime
1-50 for mild cleaning,
1-20 for medium dirt,
1-10 for heavy dirt.
ALWAYS rinse with fresh clean water after cleaning with **Easy Clean**.



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CLEANING & SEALING CEMENT TILES USING 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 off the surface with dirty water and/or dirty 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. **INSPECT** the floor after grouting and cleaning.

PLEASE NOTE: Cement tiles *cannot* be cleaned with acidic chemicals. These will damage the tiles irreparably. Grout must be scrubbed off gently, so as not to damage the tiles.

CHOOSING A SEALER

When sealing cement or concrete tiles there are generally two types of sealers you may use; they are **Top Seal** and **HP Sealer**. The sealers give different finishes to the tile and protect the tile in a different manner. It is imperative to check the features of the sealers before choosing.

NB: Always test the sealer on a loose tile first to ensure that the pigment is colour-fast before treating the floor.

Top Seal

Top Seal as the name suggests, protects the tile from the top. Part of the sealer penetrates in order to bond with the substrate, but the sealer is designed to form a protective layer on the surface thereby giving the sealer a sheen finish. **Top Seal** is an acrylic. The sealing and maintenance procedure follows.

HP Sealer

HP Sealer penetrates into the tile and protects from within. **HP Sealer** is a urethane and will result in a matt finish and colour enhancement; the sealing and maintenance procedure follows.

Name	Top Seal	HP Sealer
Type	Acrylic	Urethane
Use	Interior & Exterior	Interior & Exterior
Base	Water	Solvent
Finish	Sheen	Matt
Colour Enhancement	Minimal colour change	Considerable colour change
Coverage	Depends on porosity ± 10 to 15 m^2 per litre	Depends on porosity ± 5 to 10 m^2 per litre
Maintenance	Interior – Maxi Shine , Exterior – Easy Seal , Daily Cleaning – Quick Clean	Daily Cleaning – Quick Clean
Wash & Seal	Same day providing the tile has dried sufficiently	48 hours between washing & sealing



Sealing With Top Seal

1. Read the instructions on the label.
2. Wait 10 to 14 days after the tile has been installed and at least 8 hours after the last wash before sealing.
3. Inspect the floor before sealing to ensure that it is clean, as dirt may have settled after the last cleaning operation. Dry dirt can be swept or vacuumed before sealing, but it is important to protect the floor from wet dirt between cleaning and sealing. Do not seal if there are any grout residues or any other type of dirt on the floor.
4. Now that the floor is clean and dry, apply a medium coat of **Tile & Floor Care Top Seal** so that the grouting is also sealed. Avoid pooling and DO NOT use a roller of any type, as they do not deposit enough sealer and cause bubbles. Suitable applicators are a sheepskin applicator, pro-pad or a good quality brush respectively. One litre covers 10 to 15 square meters, depending on porosity. Do not disturb and allow to dry for 2 to 4 hours. Apply a second coat and a third coat if necessary.
5. Do not disturb and allow to dry for 4 hours.
6. **INTERIOR** – Apply two medium coats of Tile & Floor Care **Maxi Shine** allowing 4 hours between coats. Use the same type of applicators as above.
7. **EXTERIOR** – Apply one liberal coat of Tile & Floor Care **Top Seal** (using the same method as above). Never apply in direct sunlight or on hot tiles as the sealer dries too quickly and will not have a chance to penetrate and adhere to the tile, allow to dry for 2 hours and then apply a second thin coat.

Maintenance

INTERIOR

1. Heavy duty dirt and grime – use **Tile & Floor Care Easy Clean** diluted with water to the correct strength to remove dirt & grime
1-50 for mild cleaning,
1-20 for medium dirt,
1-10 for heavy dirt.
ALWAYS rinse with fresh clean water after cleaning with **Easy Clean**.
2. Whenever tiles that have been treated with **Maxi Shine** are looking dull or showing signs of wear in high traffic areas, they need another coat of **Maxi Shine**. You only need to apply **Maxi Shine** to the areas that are showing signs of tracking.

EXTERIOR

Whenever there are signs that water penetrates and darkens the tile rapidly, then apply a liberal coat of **Tile & Floor Care Easy Seal**. DO NOT apply in direct sunlight or on hot tiles as the sealer dries too quickly and will not have a chance to penetrate and adhere to the tile.