



Sealing With Deep Seal

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 **Deep Seal**.
5. Now that the floor is clean and dry, apply a thin even coat of **Tile & Floor Care Deep Seal** so that the grouting is also sealed. DO NOT use a roller of any type, as they do not deposit enough sealer and cause bubbles. Suitable applicators are a sheepskin applicator, lint free cloth or a good quality paint brush respectively. One litre covers 5 to 10 square meters, depending on porosity. Do not disturb and allow to dry for 4 to 6 hours.
6. Apply a second coat of **Deep Seal** in the opposite direction as the first coat as this will help to avoid streaking.
7. A third & fourth coat may be necessary. Remember that **Deep Seal** 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 to 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**.

GENERAL

If spillage occurs, then clean up as soon as possible. If staining occurs, then contact **Tile & Floor Care** on 011 822-6901.



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CLEANING, SEALING AND MAINTAINING YOUR COTTA SIENNA & COTTA RUSTICO TILES WITH TILE & FLOOR CARE PRODUCTS

Remember Always

1. If in doubt phone *Tile & Floor Care* for **free** advice on 011 822-6901.
2. Understand that you have purchased a natural product and that it needs to be sealed AND maintained. Maintenance prolongs the life span of all types of tiles.
3. The sealing and maintenance differs for interior and exterior applications.

Cleaning after laying the tile

During grouting make sure that all excess grout is removed from the tile surface with clean water. Attempting to clean the grout off the surface with dirty water and/or dirty cloth or sponge does not clean the surface. After the grout has dried use **Grout Off** diluted to the correct solution to remove any residues. Any grout residues will impair the finish after sealing and will result in a very expensive repair. Two types of cleaners are needed to prepare the floor for sealing. The first to be used is **Grout Off** (for removal of grout and cement residues). The second is **Easy Clean** to remove any grease and oil type stains and to neutralize the surface before sealing. It is vital to neutralize the floor before sealing. Follow the instructions on the labels. INSPECT the floor after grouting and cleaning and before sealing.

Choosing a Sealer

When sealing a natural clay tile there are generally two types of sealers you may use; they are **Top Seal** and **Deep Seal**. 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.

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.

Deep Seal

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

Name	Top Seal	Deep Seal
Type	Acrylic	Urethane
Use	Interior & Exterior	Interior & Exterior
Base	Water	Solvent
Finish	Sheen	Matt
Colour Enhancement	Min 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 applicator is a sheepskin applicator. 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. Easy Seal can also be applied in an interior application if a sheen finish is required as opposed to a high gloss finish.
7. **EXTERIOR** – Apply one liberal coat of Tile & Floor Care **Easy 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.

GENERAL

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