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### Sealing With Deep Seal

1. Read the instructions on the label.
2. Wait 10 to 14 days after the tile has been laid and 48 hours after washing before sealing.
3. Inspect the floor before sealing to ensure that it is clean, as dirt may have settled after the last cleaning operation. If the floor is dirty and cannot be cleaned then phone **Tile & Floor Care** on 011 822-6901. 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 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 or a lint free cloth.
6. Do not disturb and allow to dry for 4 to 6 hours.
7. Apply a second coat of **Deep Seal** in the opposite direction as the first coat, as this will help to avoid streaking.
8. A third 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*.
9. Do not disturb and allow to dry for 4 to 6 hours before trafficking the floor.
10. Do not allow water on the tiles for 48 hours after sealing.

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### 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 two 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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# D.I.Y. Guide to Cleaning & Sealing Granite, Travertine & Marble

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## Cleaning, Sealing and Maintaining Granite, Travertine & Marble 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 all excess grout is removed from the surface immediately 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. 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.

**DO NOT USE GROUT OFF ON MARBLE & TRAVERTINE. GROUT MARKS ON MARBLE & TRAVERTINE MUST BE CLEANED OFF IMMEDIATELY AS YOU GROUT, SINCE USING ACID TO CLEAN AFTER THE GROUT HAS DRIED ON THE SURFACE WILL DAMAGE THE STONE.**

**Using Grout Off on Granite must be done very carefully. Incorrect application of the Grout Off will result in the stone being etched, and therefore a very expensive repair. The following directions must be followed exactly. Work on small, manageable areas at a time. Test on a small inconspicuous area first.**

1. The **Grout Off** must be diluted at least 30 parts water to one part **Grout Off**.
2. Before you begin applying the **Grout Off** to the floor, have a solution of water with a little **Easy Clean** in close at hand.
3. Apply **Grout Off** solution to the floor with a cloth, and then immediately neutralize with another cloth wet with the **Easy Clean solution**.
4. Rinse well with diluted **Easy Clean**, and then rinse repeatedly with fresh clean water until no chemical residues remain.

### Choosing a Sealer

When sealing granite, marble & travertine there are generally two types of sealers you may use; they are **Invisible 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.



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### Invisible Seal

Invisible Sealer is an invisible clear silicone sealer that will maintain the natural look of the tile. Invisible Sealer will repel water and most oils. Invisible Sealer is suitable for interior and exterior applications. Invisible Sealer penetrates into the tile and therefore maintains the anti-slip factors of the tile. Invisible Sealer is used on hard porous surfaces than can withstand relatively heavy traffic and that are hard enough to need surface protection.

### Deep Seal

**Deep Seal** penetrates into the tile and protects from within. **Deep Seal** bonds and fills the substrate making it stronger and preventing stains from entering the surface. **Deep Seal** is a urethane sealer and will result in a matt finish and colour enhancement.

Name Type	Invisible Silicone	Deep Seal Urethane
Use	Interior & Exterior	Interior & Exterior
Base	Solvent	Solvent
Finish	Natural	Matt
Colour Enhancement	No colour change	Considerable colour range. Should not be used on tiles that have a silver flash or glitter.
Coverage	Depends on porosity ±12 to 20m <sup>2</sup> per litre	Depends on porosity ±10 to 10m <sup>2</sup> per litre
Maintenance	Daily Cleaning — <b>Quick Clean</b>	Daily Cleaning — <b>Quick Clean</b>
Wash & Seal	48 hours between washing & sealing	48 hours between washing & sealing

### Sealing with Invisible Sealer

1. Ensure that the tile is clean and free from grout, cement, oil, wax and other stains. (Clean with the correct *Tile & Floor Care* product if necessary.)
2. Ensure that the tile is totally dry before applying the sealer. (Wait+- 48 hours after cleaning.)
3. Using a Sheepskin Applicator apply a thin even coat of **Invisible Sealer**.
4. Wait for the coat to dry for +- 2 hours.
5. Apply Seal to a test patch to see if a second and third coat are necessary, until you can see that the tile is no longer absorbing the seal.
6. Allow to cure before trafficking (+- 12 hours.)