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#### Sealing With HP Sealer

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. After cleaning, the floor *must* be protected from dirt. It is best to keep traffic to an absolute minimum, and put down cardboard in areas where traffic is unavoidable.
3. Inspect the floor before sealing to ensure that it is clean, as dirt may have settled after the last cleaning operation. Dry dirt, i.e. dust, must be swept off of the floor before 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 re-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 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 enough sealer and cause bubbles. Suitable applicators are a sheepskin applicator, lint free cloth or a good quality paintbrush respectively. Do not disturb and allow to 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 to dry for 4 to 6 hours before trafficking the floor.
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 two coats of Maxi Shine, (not recommended for exterior floors).

#### Sealing with Natural Stone Sealer

##### Directions

1. Shake or stir well before use
2. Ensure that surface is clean and free from grout, cement, oil, wax, and other stains. (clean with the correct Tile & Floor Care product if necessary)
3. Ensure that the surface and grouting are uniformly dry before application. Wait 24 hours after washing before applying the sealer.
4. Using a suitable applicator apply an even coat of **Natural Stone Sealer** to the surface. Do not allow bubbles or pooling.
5. Allow to dry for 2 hours between coats, then apply another (thin) coat. A minimum of 2 coats is necessary.
6. Apply more coats at 2 hour intervals (if required), until a uniform even sheen is achieved.

##### Tips

Do not apply to hot tiles in direct sunlight as the sealer dries too quickly.  
Allow 7 to 10 days after tile installation before sealing.  
Do not apply to the tile if it is damp. Ensure the tile is dry.  
Allow 24 hours after last wetting the tiles before sealing and 48 hours after sealing before wetting.  
Only cement tiles may be pre-sealed before installation.  
Do not traffic for 6 hours after application. Full cure is achieved after 48 hours.

##### 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, contact **Tile & Floor Care** on 011 8226901.

# D.I.Y. Guide to Cleaning & Sealing Sandstone Tiles

## TOLL FREE

## ADVICE

## 0800 006173



**Cleaning, Sealing & Maintaining Sandstone 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 to remove all excess grout from the surface with clean water. Attempting to clean the grout off the surface with dirty water and/or a 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, since these 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. Follow the instructions on the labels. INSPECT the floor after grouting and cleaning and before sealing.

**Choosing a Sealer**

When sealing a natural stone, 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.

**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 protecting against wear and tear. **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** bonds and fills the substrate making it stronger and preventing stains from entering the surface. **HP Sealer** is a urethane sealer and will result in a matt finish and colour enhancement. To achieve a gloss finish with this seal, *Tile & Floor Care* **Maxi Shine** can be applied 48 hours after sealing.

**Natural Stone Sealer**

**Natural Stone Sealer** penetrates and bonds with the surface thereby strengthening the tile and protecting the surface whilst sealing. **Natural Stone Sealer** will colour enhance and provide a satin finish.

Name	Top Seal	HP Sealer	Natural Stone Sealer
Type	Acrylic	Urethane	Acrylic
Use	Interior & Exterior	Interior & Exterior	Interior & Exterior
Base	Water	Solvent	Solvent
Finish	Satin	Matt	Satin
Colour Enhancement	Minimal colour change	Considerable colour change	Considerable colour change
Coverage	Depends on porosity +- 12 to 20 m <sup>2</sup> per litre	Depends on porosity +- 7 to 15 m <sup>2</sup> per litre	Depends on porosity +- 7 to 15 m <sup>2</sup> per litre
Maintenance	Interior – <b>Maxi Shine</b> , Exterior – <b>Easy Seal</b> , Daily Cleaning – <b>Quick Clean</b>	Daily Cleaning – <b>Quick Clean</b>	Daily Cleaning – <b>Quick Clean</b>
Wash & Seal	Same day providing the tile has dried sufficiently	48 hours between washing & sealing	24 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 before sealing. After cleaning, the floor *must* be protected from dirt. It is best to keep traffic to an absolute minimum, and put down cardboard in areas where traffic is unavoidable.
3. Inspect the floor before sealing to ensure that it is clean, as dirt may have settled after the last cleaning operation. Dry dirt, ie dust, must be swept off of the floor before 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, propad or a good quality brush respectively. One litre covers 10 to 20 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 applicators as above.
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 too 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**. For daily cleaning, use *Tile & Floor Care* **Quick Clean**.
2. Whenever tiles that have 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**

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