



## How to correctly care for natural/raw finish porcelain tiles:

Natural (Raw, Textured, Matt, Glazed, Structured, Honed), finished porcelain tiles are extremely durable, none porous (unless specified by the manufacturer), offering an array of colours, finishes and often slip resistance. We keep a simple approach regarding the best way to maintain natural finish porcelain tiles:

1. They are easily maintained with the correct cleaning products and application methods
2. Seal cement based grout lines with Lithofin KF Grout Protector
3. Don't require sealing with an impregnating sealers
4. Not suitable for treatments with topical sealants or colour intensifying impregnating sealers
5. Cannot be mechanically polished or honed

These tiles don't require sealing with an impregnating sealer or topical sealant as the tiles surface layer acts like a protective skin shielding the tiles internal pours. Being a none porous tile the use of an impregnating sealer or colour intensifying impregnating sealer is not recommend. Topical sealants can't correctly adhere to the tile surface and therefor will lift in time, scratch and wear creating ongoing maintenance issues. Natural finish tiles are designed with a hard wearing surface which is easily cleaned and maintained with the correct porcelain cleaning products.

Customers often have trouble cleaning a textured surface when dirt develops in the troughs of the tile surface especially if the tile is light in colour, i.e. beige. With a textured surface gripping and holding dirt and the light colour showing up dirt mopping will not correctly clean these tiles. These few easy steps will keep natural finish porcelain tiles looking like new:

1. After installation use Lithofin KF Cement-Residue-Remover to remove grout residues and builders dirt preparing the tile for use.
2. For regular maintenance use Lithofin KF Vitra-Clean to remove general dirt and to maintain the appearance of the tile.
3. Protect grout lines from the penetration of water, oil, grease and general dirt with Lithofin KF Grout-Protector. This premium impregnating sealer is water-based, safe to handle, non-flammable, no odours, excellent penetration and very easy to apply and remove.
4. To remove heavy dirt residues from internal or external tiles and grout lines use Lithofin KF Intensive-Cleaner.

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With best regards,

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