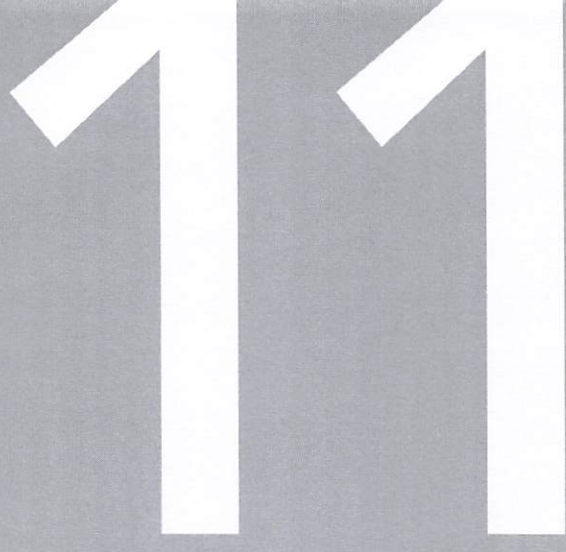




Apartment Tiling

Tile type: Floor tiles – 600x300x8mm Dublin 174-19

Supplier: Signorino

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Tile type: Floor tiles – 600x300x8mm New York 71C4R

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Tile type: Balcony Floor tiles – 300x300mm Zanibar Black

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Tile type: Wall tiles – 600x300x8mm Dublin 174-19

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Ceramic Tile and Coloured Grout maintenance

Best method for cleaning tiles with colored grouts (floor or wall tile):

Everyday cleaning:

Immediately wipe up spills and messes. Use pH balanced cleaners and soap less detergents for daily cleaning. Agitate grout joints with a soft bristled brush to loosen debris. Thoroughly rinse, dry, and polish cleaned areas.

Acidic cleaners will eventually erode the grout in the joints making cleaning and maintenance more and more problematic. This is especially true if using acid cleaners on sanded grout installations.

This is due to the tendency of acid cleaners to eat away at the smaller aggregates first leaving the larger stain attracting aggregates behind.

Colored grout pigment can be permanently damaged by using acidic cleaners. This is especially true if used on a daily basis.

Heavy duty cleaning:

Again try to solve the heavy duty cleaning needs with pH balanced cleaners. These can include scouring cleaners and poultices manufactured for this purpose. Be sure to take advantage of a soft bristled brush to agitate the cleaners in the grout joints.

A good practice is to allow the cleaner to rest upon the surface to gain the full potential of the cleaner.

If these results are not acceptable, then proceed to the more aggressive high alkaline "heavy duty" or "deep clean" type cleaners available from good Manufacturers.

Commercial floor buffers or cleaning machines are perfectly suited to large areas of tile and grout. The biggest question here is the selection of the cleaning solution.

Again, it is very important to rinse the tile and grout thoroughly to remove any remaining cleaner.

If the result is not satisfactory using the PH balanced cleaners, it may be necessary to use a acidic solution to solve a particular problem.

Sulfuric and phosphoric acids are the safest and most used acids used in solving tile and grout cleaning problems. These two acids have very specific mixing and application recommendations that must be followed to the letter.

Wetspot also recommends the Lithofin care and maintenance system for Porcelain and Ceramic Tiles. A care and maintenance data sheet for both Porcelain and ceramic tiles has also been included in this manual. (Please see pages 3 to 5 of this manual).

Wetspot Waterproofing system

Wetspot has carried out all waterproofing to internal wet areas in accordance with AS3740-2010 (waterproofing of wet areas within residential buildings) & have used the appropriate membrane supplied by Aquadefence in accordance with AS4858-2004 (Wet area membrane). Porcelain and ceramic tiles have been installed in compliance with AS 3958 1-2007 (Guide to installation of ceramic tiles)

Wetspot has carried out all works in accordance with Contract Documentation, Aconex Directions, current Australian Standards and regulations.

Maintenance of membrane under tile:

Mapei Aquadefence has passed all necessary tests to comply with AS4858-2004. In order for the membrane to pass these tests, it is passed through numerous chemical tests including Bleach tests. Most times, the bleach tests that are carried out on membranes is far more concentrated than a normal household product. Wetspot would recommend that a normal household product or non citric cleaner such as the Lithofin product range be used on the tiles to prevent any damage occurring to the under tile membrane.

Bluestone, Granite & Marble Tile Maintenance

Bluestone, Granite or marble are natural products, so variations in colour, veins and grain are common.

Some granites/marbles might have an open or pitted surface. This is a natural feature of the stone and it's not a flaw in the stone. This can be more prevalent in some types and less to non-existent in others.

Sealers are applied to stone bench tops, however it does not protect against acidity.

Oil, fat or butter if absorbed by the stone can cause it to darken. Some granites/ marbles are more porous than others and this is not a reflection on the quality of the stone. There are products the market can help in the removal of stains if they occur.

Please do not use or do any of the following on your granite or marble bench tops:

1. Do not use vinegar, harsh, thinners, turpentine, acids or cleaners that contain acidity such as citric acid.
2. Do not use Scourers or abrasive products.
3. Do not sit or stand on the stone as stone is not flexible and could crack under the pressure.
4. Do not place hot items such as roast trays or boiling pots onto the stone.

Clean with methylated spirits or a mild detergent that has an ammonia base or similar.

You may, every 6 to 12 months apply a sealer depending on the amount of traffic your bench tops are exposed to.

Reconstituted Stone Maintenance

Maintenance

- On polished materials, especially if very light, uniform colour, protective treatments are recommended to make maintenance even simpler
- This treatment is easy to carry out and involves applying products specifically developed for stoneware to perfectly clean stone surface.
- These products, distributed by a large number of specialists companies are easy to obtain and the packs specifically state that they are “ for Stoneware”
- The reconstituted stone bench tops are easy to look after and do not require any special care.
- The maintenance procedures simply have to be adapted to the way the floor / walls are used
- For effective maintenance you are advised
 - not to leave dirt or food remnants on the surface for too long
 - always to use neutral or alkaline detergents
 - to rinse with clean water

Extra Ordinary Maintenance

- Extra ordinary maintenance is only necessary when the routine maintenance has not been carried out correctly and/or is in a setting with high dirt or food acid levels

- In these cases, professional detergents specifically developed for the type of dirt must be used
- If concentrated chemicals are applied, take suitable precautions and follow all instructions provided by the manufacturer.
- We decline all responsibility for injury and or damage due to improper use of detergents and or chemicals
- Although the advice provided above is reliable to the best of our knowledge, it is still purely a guideline.



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1.0 Caesarstone Spray Cleaner

Caesarstone is pleased to announce the release of a new Spray Cleaner which is now available to purchase [online](#) or in person at any of our [showrooms around Australia](#).

Our recommended retail price for Caesarstone Spray Cleaner is \$8.00 per bottle. Our trade price is \$6.35 per bottle with a minimum purchase of 12 bottles.

Caesarstone Spray Cleaner has been specially formulated to keep your stone surfaces in pristine condition and the convenient 500ml trigger spray pack is ideal for everyday cleaning of stains and spills.

For more information on Caesarstone cleaning products including our Cream Cleanser and Cleaning Wipes, please speak to your account manager or contact us on 1300 119 119.



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