



# OLD PORT SPECIALTY TILE C<sup>o</sup>

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## **TILE CARE AND MAINTENANCE**

\*Always follow manufacturer instructions. If instructions have not been provided to you please ask your sales representative for the proper information.

### **Natural Stone**

-Sealing is essential to protect the beauty and durability of natural stone products. It is recommended to seal natural stones prior to grouting to prevent grout colorants from staining the stone. The grout joints should also be sealed. As part of routine maintenance, all grout joints and natural stone products require resealing on a periodic basis in accordance with Miracle Products guidelines.

### **Ceramic & Porcelain Tile**

-Many glazed ceramic & porcelain tiles do not require sealing. However, ceramic tile with crackle glazes should be sealed prior to grouting to prevent grout colorant from staining the clay body. Grout joints should be sealed on all ceramic & porcelain tile applications, especially those in wet or high traffic areas. As part of routine maintenance, all grout joints and tiles with crackle glazes require resealing on a periodic basis in accordance with Miracle Products guidelines.

\*All ceramic tiles are subject to crazing. Crazing is crackling solely within the fired glaze due to tensile stresses, temperature fluctuation, or expansion and contraction of the tile body or setting bed. Crazing is not a defect, nor does it affect the durability of the products and is an inherent characteristic of the manufacturing process.

### **Terra Cotta**

-Most Terra Cotta tiles are to be sealed with a penetrating sealer prior to grouting. If the Terra Cotta tiles are unglazed they will require resealing on a regular basis. Grout joints should be sealed on all Terra Cotta tiles, especially those in wet or high traffic areas. As part of routine maintenance, all grout joints and many Terra Cotta tiles require resealing on a periodic basis in accordance with Miracle Products guidelines.

### **Glass & Metal**

-Most glass and metal tiles do not require sealing, but do require product specific maintenance and care. On frosted or matte glass tiles a topical sealer can be applied to reduce staining. Grout joints should be sealed on all glass and metal tiles, especially those in wet or high traffic areas. As part of routine maintenance, all grout joints require resealing on a periodic basis in accordance with Miracle Products guidelines.

**Daily care of your tile** – Old Port Specialty Tile Co. recommends Miracle Products for regular cleaning and sealing of your tile. These products can be purchased at our store. If you have questions regarding which products are appropriate for use on your tile installation please ask your sales representative.

\*It is recommended to not mix cleaning and sealing products from different manufacturers.

\*Always do a test patch in an inconspicuous area prior to applying any cleaning or sealing product on your tile.

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***\*Manufacturer's instructions will supersede the above information should the instructions differ\****