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TERRACOTTA – PREPARE, PROTECT & CARE – DEEP FINISH

CONDITIONING CLEAN, SEAL, WAX & AFTER CARE GUIDE

The following is a cleaning and sealing guide for terracotta floor tiles. The products and methods specified should ensure that the surfaces are suitably conditioned before sealing. Future cleaning and aftercare made easier following the application of a natural oil-based impregnating sealer and finishing the surface with a clear natural wax.



CLEANING....

1. CONDITIONING & CLEANING PREPARING THE SURFACE (before sealing & grouting)



INTENSIVE CLEANER

Our Intensive Cleaner is a high performance product for stripping and cleaning of vitrified glazed ceramics, porcelain, travertine, natural stone, sandstone, slate, marble, granite, terracotta, quarry, brick, concrete, external paving, terrazzo and other mineral floors & walls.

APPLICATION	1ltr	5ltr	25ltr
Surface Cleaning	60 M² Per Bottle	300 M² Per Bottle	N/A
Deep Stripping	30 M² Per Bottle	150 M² Per Bottle	N/A
In Extreme Cases	15 M² Per Bottle	75 M² Per Bottle	N/A

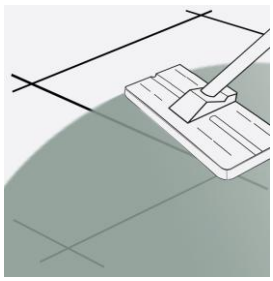
TECHNICAL FEATURES

- Non hazardous
- High performance
- Fast acting
- Easy to use
- Walls & floors
- Interior & exterior use
- Deep cleaning

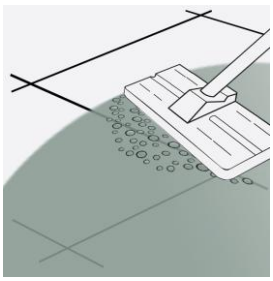
DIRECTIONS FOR USE



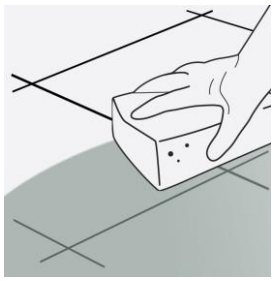
STEP 1.
Dilute solution 1 : 5 with cool water.



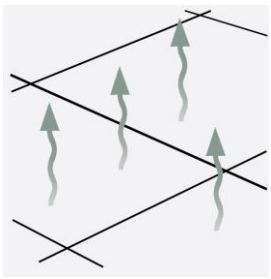
STEP 2.
Working in manageable areas at a time. Apply the solution over the surface.



STEP 3.
Gently agitate the surface to remove any dust and grime.



STEP 4.
Sponge up to extract released residues. Rinse with water a second time and extract again.



STEP 5.
Allow surfaces to dry before allowing traffic or sealing.

This information is offered without guarantee. The material should be used so as to take account of the local conditions and the surfaces to be treated. In case of doubt, the product should be tried out in an inconspicuous area.

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FURTHER INFORMATION – INTENSIVE CLEANING:

Try to work in manageable areas at a time and make sure to rinse well with plenty of water after each application. Rinsing should be repeated at least 2 times after cleaning.

USEFUL EQUIPMENT: White pad, pad holder, 4pc pole, scrubbing brush, buckets, sponges, absorbant towels (for spillage control), Plastic film and masking tape for covering and protecting any surfaces not to be cleaned. Mop and bucket for rinsing.

Ensure that any sensitive surfaces not to be cleaned are properly covered and protected before beginning. Ensure that gloves and eye protection and suitable waterproof clothing are worn at all times. If potable water is used for rinsing we would suggest changing the water after every 5 M².

SEALING....

2. PROTECTING THE TERRACOTTA AFTER CLEANING (Before grouting)



BOILED LINSEED OIL

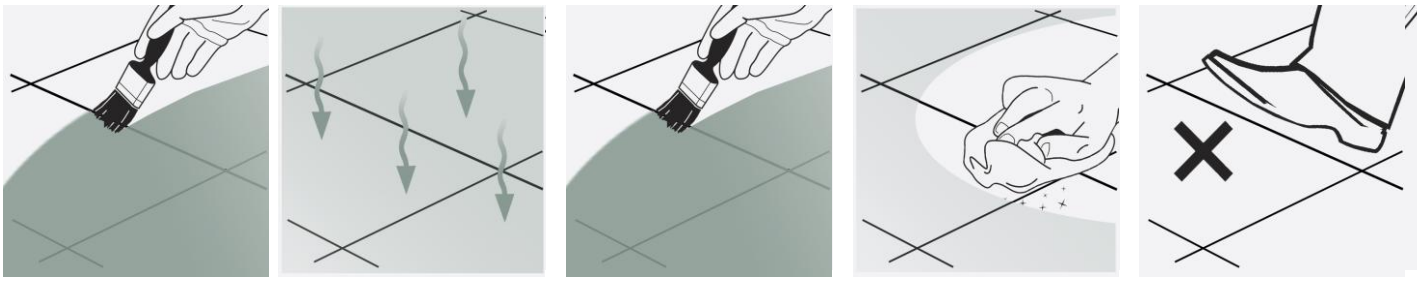
A traditional oil based impregnating sealer. Dries to leave surfaces an enhanced natural finish. Offers mechanical strength to low fired terracotta's. Helps protect against staining. Treated surfaces strongly repel water, oil and grease. This product should be fully absorbed by the terracotta. Do not allow it to dry onto the surface. Excess that is still visible after one hour should be worked off of the surface between coats.

APPLICATION	500 ml	2 ltr	5 ltr
Low porosity surfaces	N/A	30 M² Per coat	75 M² Per coat
Higher porosity surfaces	N/A	15 M² Per coat	25 M² Per coat

TECHNICAL FEATURES

- Oil based
- Hard wearing
- Enhanced finish
- Easy to apply
- Interior & exterior use
- Not Breathable

DIRECTIONS FOR USE – APPLYING SEALER TO TERRACOTTA SURFACES (Before grouting)



STEP 1.
Apply impregnating sealer to the surface and spread out evenly using a sealant applicator or paint brush.

STEP 2.
Allow impregnating sealer absorb naturally and leave to dry overnight to dry

STEP 3.
Apply further coats at 2 hourly intervals until saturation has been achieved.

STEP 4.
Remove any unabsorbed excess from the surface after 2 hours.

STEP 5.
Newly sealed surfaces should be left to dry for a minimum of 12 hours before allowing traffic or finishing with a wax.

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FINISHING THE SURFACE....

3. PROTECTING THE SURFACE AFTER SEALING (Before & after grouting)



CLEAR WAX

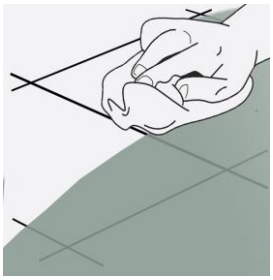
A paste clear wax blended from three types of wax which gives treated surfaces an excellent traditional sheen. It provides a resilient protective layer against water, dust, dirt and a variety of commonly found household spillages. Suitable for use on all types of terracotta and natural stone. This product is film forming.

APPLICATION	1 ltr	2.5 ltr
Low porosity surfaces	10 M² Per coat	25 M² Per coat

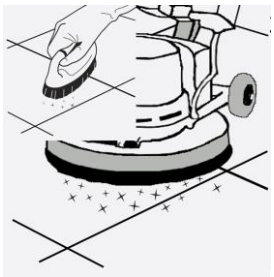
TECHNICAL FEATURES

- Solvent based
- High performance
- Natural sheen
- Easy to apply
- Interior use

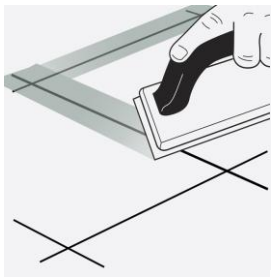
DIRECTIONS FOR USE – APPLYING WAX TO TERRACOTTA SURFACES



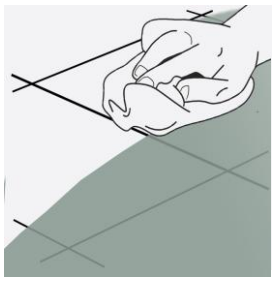
STEP 1.
Apply generously and work into the surface using a cloth.



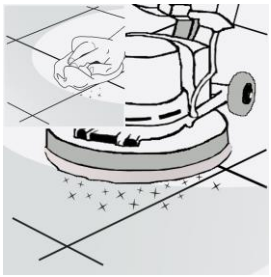
STEP 2.
Leave wax for 20 minutes and then buff to a shine using a stiff scrubbing brush or machine.



STEP 3.
Leave wax to cure for 1 hour and then grout in the joints.



STEP 4.
Once residual grout has been removed and the joints have firmed off (min 12 hrs) apply a further coat of wax covering the joints as well.



STEP 5.
Leave wax for 20 minutes and then buff to a shine using a stiff brush. Allow light traffic for the first 12 hours and do not wash surfaces for 3 days.

FURTHER INFORMATION – SEALING & FINISHING :

Ensure that any surfaces not to be treated are properly covered and protected before beginning. Ensure that gloves and eye protection are worn at all times.

Boiled Linseed Oil will make surfaces darker following treatment.

In areas of high traffic it may be necessary to apply a top up coat of wax protection every 3 – 4 years. If Ph Neutral General Cleaner is used for the daily/weekly aftercare then a top up coat of wax can be applied without the need to strip the surface back.

Any future blemishes should they appear can be buffed out following the application of a little more wax.

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AFTERCARE.....

4. DAILY/WEEKLY CLEANING...



Ph NEUTRAL GENERAL CLEANER

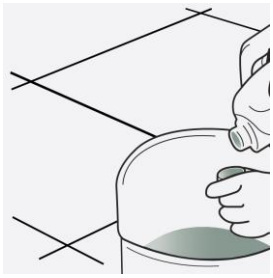
A highly effective aftercare cleaner for tiled surfaces. Lifts and removes daily dirt and grime without compromising protection. For use on sealed and unsealed surfaces. This cleaner is non film forming and does not leave a residue. Concentrated formula 1ltr will provide up to 40 washes.

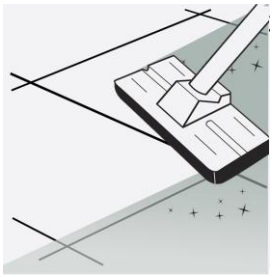
APPLICATION	1 ltr	5 ltr	25 ltr
20 M² surface	40 washes approx	200 washes approx	N/A

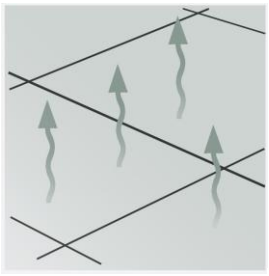
TECHNICAL FEATURES

- Environmentally friendly
- Gentle cleaning
- Protects protection
- Non film forming
- Commercial & domestic
- Sealed and unsealed surfaces
- Fresh clean fragrance
- Interior & exterior use

DIRECTIONS FOR USE...









Concentrated Formula Up to 40 Washes From 1 litre

STEP 1.
Dilute 1 capful of cleaner per litre of water.

STEP 2.
Mop surfaces with the solution.

STEP 3.
No need to rinse. Leave surfaces to dry.

STEP 4.
Keep off of surfaces until they are completely dry.

FURTHER INFORMATION - AFTERCARE:

One litre of product, when diluted correctly will provide up to 40 washes. Always follow detailed instructions on the product labels.

Avoid using steam cleaners and strong alkali or acid based cleaning detergents on sealed terracotta surfaces, as they can compromise protection. Many ordinary detergents including washing up liquid can dry on the surface after cleaning and gradually build up a slight residue. When this residue is made wet it can sometimes be very slippery.

Cleaning surfaces routinely with Ph Neutral General Cleaner should ensure that surfaces remain clean and free from any residue.

Neglected or grubby looking surfaces can be restored by intensively cleaning with Intensive Cleaner in which case a top up coat of Clear Wax should be applied after the cleaning.

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