

Cleaning and Maintaining Victorian Tiles

Victorian Tiles are extremely hard wearing and generally easy to maintain. But wiping these tiles with just water is not enough. The correct maintenance products are vital to maintaining these tiles' beauty for years to come.

1. Cleaning

Always test the products in an inconspicuous area prior to use. The quick test allows you to check the suitability, working times and general effect.

a) newly installed surfaces

After installing ceramic tiles there will always be cement residues that are left on the surface. This is especially true for rough and absorbent tiles. Pre-wet the surface with water and apply Lithofin KF Cement Residue Remover diluted 1:4 with water. Allow the product to work for a few minutes and support mechanically by scrubbing. Then remove the cleaning solution and rinse well with water.

Allow the grout lines to set for several days before cleaning in order to avoid damages.

Please note: coloured grouting materials may leave pigments on the surface that are very difficult to remove. Treating the surface with a protective impregnator before grouting helps reduce this risk. Please check the effectiveness of this treatment on a left over tile.

b) used and dirty surfaces

On used surfaces with dirt deposits, use Lithofin KF Tile Restorer. This basic cleaning will remove general dirt, care product residues as well as oily and greasy dirt. In very stubborn cases, use Lithofin WAX-OFF.

2. Protective Treatments

Protective treatments can be used to alter the surface appearance to your individual expectations and to facilitate everyday maintenance. These treatments can only be applied when the surface is clean, absorbent and completely dried out (drying times vary depending on installation methods used. Thick mortar bed: up to three months, thin bed: approx. eight days). Always test the product prior to use.

a) **Lithofin STAINSTOP >W<** This special impregnator renders the surface water and oil repellent. The formation of oil and grease stains is largely prevented and the surface becomes easier to clean. Lithofin STAINSTOP >W< does not change the appearance of the surface and is the ideal protective treatment for surfaces subject to heavy wear, such as kitchen floors, terraces, etc. This impregnator is free of organic solvents, nearly odourless and easy to use. Suitable for indoor and outdoor use. Treatment will be effective



for up to five years.

Coverage: approx. 10m² per litre.

b) **Lithofin MULTI-SEAL** leaves a satin sheen without changing the typical characteristics of the surface. The tiles will appear fresh and be much easier to maintain. Lithofin MULTI-SEAL also helps prevent premature wear of the tiles. This treatment is primarily suitable for indoor use. Outdoor surfaces that are protected from moisture can also be treated. The protective film should be touched up from time to time: simply add one cup of Lithofin MULTI-SEAL to the water used for regular cleaning on occasion.



Coverage: up to 20 m² per litre.

Please note: stone polishes containing wax, stone sealants and similar products leave layers on the surface that may affect the appearance as well as the properties of the tile.

3. Maintaining Floors

All ceramic surfaces should be regularly washed with a moist mop. Add one dash of Lithofin EASY-CARE to the water to clean and maintain the surface in one operation. Over time all surfaces will become more intense in colour and easier to maintain.

In areas with hard water (high calcium content) calcium may remain on the surface. These deposits help to bind dirt. Use Lithofin KF Ceramic-Clean as needed to remove these deposits.

Please note: avoid using leaching or strongly degreasing cleaning products as well as products that form layers.

The surfactants contained in LITHOFIN-Products are biologically degradable and are registered under the strict regulations of the German Office for Environmental Protection. The products pose no health concerns when dry. LITHOFIN is recommended by leading manufacturers of ceramic tiles and is available through specialised tile shops.

If you require advice or are in any way unsure about these instructions, please call our **Technical Support Line at (01962) 732126.**

This information should be considered to be informal and non-binding. The products must be used according to local conditions and materials. Instructions must be read carefully and followed closely. Always test the products in an inconspicuous area.

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