

## Cleaning and Maintaining Metal Glazed Tiles

Porcelain tiles with metal glazes change their appearance depending on the angle from which they are seen. The metallic sheen will be altered with time as the tile ages.

In addition to its aesthetic properties, these tiles feature a high resistance to staining. The following advice is intended to help you keep your tiles looking their best for a long time.

### Please Note

Please note that metal glazes may react with acidic, alkaline and/or abrasive substances. The result may be light or matt stains. Always test cleaning products for suitability prior to use.

### Initial cleaning of newly installed surfaces



On most metal glazes you will not be able to use an acidic cleaner to remove cement residues and general builder's dirt. It is therefore important to carefully wash off the grouting material whilst grouting. General builder's dirt is best removed with Lithofin KF Intensive Cleaner. Dilute approx. 1:10 and apply generously to the surface. Use a white pad (on large surfaces with a polishing machine) to work over the surface. Remove the solution from the surface and rinse at least once with plenty of water.

### Protective treatment

Glazed tiles cannot be treated with an impregnator and generally do not need any protective treatment. Cement based grout lines are, however, porous and will absorb water and oil borne dirt. Treating the grout lines with Lithofin KF Grout Protector (or Lithofin KF Stain-Stop) will effectively protect them and facilitate every-day maintenance.

Please Note: wax or acrylate based products are not suitable because they build up layers that will bind dirt.

### Maintaining floors



For a well-maintained appearance you should wipe the surface regularly with a moist mop. Add a squirt (approx. 20ml) of Lithofin KF Vitra-Clean to the water in order to remove any surface dirt and maintain the surface sheen.

Advice: Do not leave vinegar bottles, wine bottles or other containers with acidic substances on the surface for too long. Liquids that have run down the bottle neck may react with the tile and cause discolouration.

### Cleaning used or extremely dirty floors

Use Lithofin KF Power-Clean for a thorough cleaning. Dilute the product 1:10 and apply it to the surface. After approx. 10 min. scrub the surface, then remove the solution. Rinse well with plenty of clear water. This operation will remove stubborn general dirt, care product residues, greasy or oily dirt deposits.

### Other, stubborn types of dirt

oil, grease, care product residues	Lithofin KF Power-Clean
tar, wax, lacquer, sealants	Lithofin WAX-OFF
mould and mildew	Lithofin KF Mildew-Away

If you require advice or are in any way unsure about these instructions, please call our

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△ 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. Where no previous experience is available, or in cases of doubt, test the product in an inconspicuous area. (AUS/NZ5.16gps/1.14)

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