

Cleaning Tips

About the tile

Cleaning after finishing the laying works or first cleaning

It is important to clean the floor immediately after the laying of the tiles, as excess pointing compound may otherwise leave soilings and undesirable cement film on the tiles. After having removed the coarse dirt by sweeping, the thorough cleaning follows by adding the appropriate cleaner to the water. To find out which cleaner is appropriate, please read the packaging of the pointing compound used. For the removal of cement films, i.e. residues of hydraulically hardening laying and pointing materials, exclusively acid cleaning agents,

Regular cleaning

The regular cleaning is unproblematic and will be required at different intervals, depending on the degree of soiling and utilization of the covering: weekly, daily, several times a day in very heavily frequented areas. In general, it is sufficient to use water with commercially available cleaners for the regular cleaning. Cleaners

Stain removal and special basic cleaning

Stains and considerable soilings require a particularly careful interim cleaning. By using special cleaners, by leaving them on the tiling for a longer time and by increased mechanical support by brushing, the covering is thoroughly cleaned. For the removal of the most common stains, the following agents are suitable:

Calcareous deposits, urine scale, rust stains and metal residues

For these types of stains, exclusively acid cleaners are suitable. Thoroughly pre-wet the cement joints, apply the acid cleaner, leave it on the covering for sufficient time and then completely remove it with clear water or by neutralizing.

Oil, grease, wax

With highly alkaline cleaners it is possible to dissolve and to remove these substances. In case of extreme soiling, the effect can be supported by solvents. Unglazed ceramics without surface upgrading or impregnation may possibly show a

so-called cement film removers, are appropriate. Such acid cleaning agents, however, attack cement joints. Therefore, the joints must be protected by pre-wetting; after the use, the covering must be thoroughly rinsed with clear water, neutralized by an alkaline cleaner and after that thoroughly rinsed with clear water again.

General dirt, on the other hand, can be removed best with alkaline or neutral cleaners.

containing care agents are not necessary and may possibly even be problematic in the long run: sticky grease, wax and synthetic layers may form on the covering, which have a negative influence on the look, the hygiene, the slip resistance and the cleaning.

discolouration caused by oil, grease or coloured liquids, which cannot be completely removed any more.

Tar and bitumen stains, paint drops and residues, residues from expansion joints and media with synthetic resin additives

Stains of this kind are best removed with organic solvents such as e.g. naphtha, acetone or so-called caustic pastes. Remove the agent with sufficient clear water and after that clean the covering as in the case of the regular cleaning.

Epoxy resins

They can be removed with caustic pastes or special cleaning agents, which also have to be thoroughly washed off again.

Rubber marks, pencil strokes

A chemical dissolving by means of cleaning agents is not possible. In this case, only a mechanical removal by rubbing or brushing, possibly supported by scouring powder, is effective.

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