

# tiento

## Italia Terrazzo Installation guide

Tiento Italia Terrazzo is an agglomerate cement bonded marble. This should be treated as a natural stone and therefore porosity is to be considered. Please use the guide below for best results.

A chalky residue & small salt crystals may appear on the tile which is a result of the production process. Some light shadowing will remain after installation and cleaning, and is an inherent part of the tile. Tiles retain moisture from the manufacture process and will dry to their correct colour a few days after installation, pending site conditions. Exterior applications may experience some fading over time due to UV exposure and this is more obvious in brighter colours.

Installation of the tiles must always be carried out by a capable and experienced professional. Laying of the tiles constitutes acceptance of the goods.

### STEP BY STEP Installation Instructions

#### **Adhesive:**

PRIOR to adhering the tiles they need to be blended (as per a natural stone) so that they are laid to distribute the colour variations evenly across the space. Tiles should be adhered to the substrate using a glue such as Mapei GRANIRAPID or equivalent.

#### **Grout:**

Tiles should be grouted with non-pigmented grout. Grey or Off-white sand cement are recommended. Using pigmented/coloured grouts could stain the tile.

#### **Clean:**

After grouting, to remove the chalky residue & excess pigment/grout/dirt on the surface of the tile, wash the tile using Aqua Mix® Concentrated Stone & Tile Cleaner with a white non-abrasive pad. The surface should then be thoroughly cleaned with water to remove any residue. The tiles MUST be completely clean & dry prior to the next step, sealing. If there are contaminates still present on the surface of the tile you must clean them again. If not cleaned thoroughly the dirt will be sealed into the tile. The sealant is not designed to be stripped making it extremely difficult to remove any dirt once once the sealer is applied.

#### **Sealer:**

After cleaning & drying the tiles apply a penetrating sealer. We recommend Aqua Mix Sealers Choice Gold (penetrating sealer) - minimum 2 coats. Allow each coat to dry in between. For further information see product packaging.

#### **Normal Maintenance:**

The tiles should be cleaned with Aqua Mix Concentrated Stone and Tile Cleaner. Use a sponge mop for general cleaning and if required a white non-abrasive pad to remove heavier build up.

**IF THERE ARE ANY QUERIES PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL THE SHOWROOM ON (03) 9510 5055.**