



# CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS



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## CLEANING AFTER INSTALLATION

It is recommended to clean the surface with water immediately after the installation to prevent that the grouting or adhesive material residues will be adhered to the surface of the ceramic tiles. If the grouting or adhesive material residues remain adhered clean with an acid detergent or a diluted acid (Ex. Vinegar) and then rise with plenty of water. Do not use pure products. They could attack the surface of the ceramic tiles.

## REGULAR CLEANING

It is recommended to sweep or vacuum and then wash the surface with water or dilute solution of detergent. Do not use acid or alkaline detergents.

## EXTRAORDINARY CLEANING OF STAINS AND INCRUSTATIONS

Due to the spillage of certain products on the surface of the ceramic tiles that can cause stains or incrustations and cannot be eliminated by the usual cleaning, it is recommended the use of cleaning agents and specific cleaning procedures whose choice must be made according to the type of stain.

Before proceeding to clean it is recommended to check its effect on a small area of the surface of ceramic tiles to check the chemical degradations. The following table lists show the cleaning products most suitable for each type of stain:

TYPE OF STAIN	CLEANING AGENT(PRODUCT)
Cement and lime-based residues (lime)	Diluted organic acids (vinegar)
Rust oxides	Phosphoric acid
Oils	Ethanol
Grease	Bicarbonate and water. Trichloroethylene
Tar or bitumen	Trichloroethylene
Paint	Dissolvent
Polish	Dissolvent
Rubber	Organic dissolvent
Beer or wine	Alkaline Detergents
Iodine	Hydrogen peroxide
Blood	Hydrogen peroxide. Diluted bleach
Coffe, tea or juice	Detergent in hot water followed by hot water
Dye or mercurochrome	Diluted bleach