

General

Ceramic tiles can be covered with a water soluble wallpaper paste, when grouting with non- water washable grouting mortars e.g. Habenit OS-1500 or Habenit ARX. Grouting should be done with a gun, trowel or in accordance with slurry method. Before applying the coating the tiles and the joints must be clean and free from water, grease, loose particles and dust.



1. The coating consists of water soluble wallpaper paste, water and water soluble colour pigment.



2. Mix the wallpaper paste in accordance to the directions given on the package. Normally 0.5 kg wallpaper paste to 5 l lukewarm water. Mix one uncoloured mixture and one coloured mixture (10 ml colour pigment to 5 l water). The mixture has to swell before the mixture is applied. We recommend the mixture to be prepared the day before it shall be used.



3. The application of the mixture shall be done with a short-haired roller – a so called mohair roller. Pour a suitable quantity of the mixture on a waxed paper. Rub a suitable quantity into the roller.



4. The tiles shall be treated two times with 2 hours drying time (at +20°C with good ventilation) between the treatments. The first treatment with uncoloured mixture and the second treatment with coloured mixture. Apply the mixture diagonally across the tiles. Move the roller gently without pressure to prevent the mixture flowing into the joints. Let it dry.



5. Apply the grout according to the respective product instructions i.e. with a gun, trowel or in accordance with slurry method. Remove as much grout as possible from the surface of the tiles.



6. Allow a minimum of 24 hours after grouting before cleaning is commenced. Earlier cleaning will discolour the joints. Flush the floor with water sufficient to keep the floor damp for about 2 hours. Clean the tiles with a cleaning machine with rotating scotchbrite. Smaller areas can be cleaned with a scotchbrite (pad) or a hard brush. It may be necessary to remove spots of excess grout by using a steel spatula.