



TILE PRODUCT INFORMATION

TILE TYPES

Porcelain

Porcelain tiles are highly durable, resistant to staining and fireproof making them the safest choice for homes and offices. They can be used in both indoor and outdoor environments including wet areas.

Ceramic

Ceramic tiles are made from clay that is quarried, prepared and then poured into a mould. These tiles are available in diverse sizes, colours, textures, designs and styles to suit varied preferences. They are impervious to extreme temperatures and corrosion. A major differentiator of ceramic tiles is that they are environment-friendly and don't require harsh chemicals for cleaning.

Cement / Encaustic

The colour layer is approximately 3mm thick and made from granite powder and cement, colour pigment and cement. The back of the tile is a mix of gravel, sand and cement making up the bulk and the strength. The result is a slightly chalky appearance when new, and will wear beautifully to a smooth and silky patina. Colour variation within the tile is normal.

Natural Stone - Marble/Carrara/Thassos

Natural stones have variations in colour and design because they are mined from quarries in natural form. You can lay them on internal and external surfaces easily by using high-quality adhesive, grout and natural stone silicone. The most important advantage of most stones is that their beauty increases with ageing, wear and use.

Terrazzo

Terrazzo tiles are composed of marble and/or granite elements. These are bound with pure, highly resistant, coloured ultra-cement. These tiles can be used indoor and outdoor settings.

Terracotta

Our range of terracotta products are hand selected from the best artisan manufacturers in Spain. Hand-formed and fired using natural materials and traditional kiln-fire methods, our terracotta products feature variations in texture, colour, size and shape - these are purposeful, desirable characteristics of terracotta and are in no way flaws or defects in the materials. This includes small chips and cracks in the surface and on the edges of your tiles. We recommend randomly blending your tiles from different cartons and pallets. This enables you to understand the variation between batches and minimise any surprises during installation.

TILE EDGES

Pressed Edge

Pressed tiles are manufactured using a standard pressing and firing process in a mould. This means the size of these tiles varies slightly and allowance needs to be made while laying them. Larger grout joints are required when laying pressed tiles and it is because of this that their installation is faster and cheaper. These tiles hide imperfections in the substrate whereas rectified tiles highlight them. The ease of manufacturing makes pressed edge tiles generally a cheaper buy.

Rectified

Rectified tiles are mechanically trimmed during manufacturing, generally with a watered diamond blade allowing for smaller grout joints. The smaller grout joints give a seamless look to the floor and are easier to clean. Rectified tiles are of the same size and have rounded edges. They look very straight and square. These tiles are ideal when thin, clean and precise grout lines are required.



TILE PRODUCT INFORMATION (Cont.)

TILE FINISHES

Matt

Matt finish tiles are relatively less reflective and duller than gloss tiles. Their less smooth surface makes them ideal for floor and wall application creating a tranquil, soothing space in your home and office. Matt finish tiles are ideal for bathrooms, kitchens and entrance hallways. They can also be used in high foot traffic areas due to their durability and good slip resistance. The most important advantage of matt finish tiles is that they don't scratch easily and retain their look for a long time.

Gloss

Gloss tiles are glazed and have a reflective/mirror shine, making your rooms seem larger and brighter. The gloss finish gives a high-impact, glamorous look. The slippery nature of gloss tiles makes them ideal for use on kitchen splashbacks, bathroom walls and fireplaces. These areas tend to get grimy very fast and the surface of glossy tiles makes for easy and quick cleaning.

Natural

Natural finish tiles are versatile, modern looking and suitable for floor and wall application. Some commonly available natural finish tiles/stones are marble, travertine, granite, limestone and sandstone. Natural finish tiles also have the option for a higher slip resistance technology and can be used in different areas around the home. These tiles tend to match their surroundings very well and are ideal for use on the floors of bathrooms, bedrooms, living rooms and outdoor areas such as balconies and swimming pools. Natural finish tiles don't scratch as easily as gloss tiles.

Honed

A honed finish is used on natural stone to accentuate its organic texture. The process, which is similar to polishing, uses honing pads to grind the surface; however, it is less vigorous and the finish appears smooth and natural. Many natural stones are available in honed finish, including limestone, travertine, soapstone, granite and marble. Some varieties of quartz, porcelain and other engineered surfaces can also be given a honed finish. The smooth, velvety surface and higher slip resistance of these honed finish tiles make them ideal for floors in entrance hallways, bathrooms, kitchens and living rooms.

Important Notes

- Check that the tiles delivered to site are the correct quantity, colour, shade, surface finish and the actual working size of the tile as ordered (and selected).
- Check that the shade is consistent throughout the batch, and ensure that the batch is the same throughout the order.
- Do not start laying tiles until you have the required quantity. Ensure that there are enough tiles onsite for the project. If not, order more of the same batch (and size) before work commences.
- Shade variation can occur in all types of kiln-fired clay products including tiles. This happens because the tile production process takes natural clay elements, bakes them at very high heat and, depending on the materials and conditions, may generate slight changes from batch to batch. As such, samples may differ to the delivered product.
- We recommend sealing all cement, natural stone, terrazzo and terracotta tiles with a good quality sealer. Please contact us for our recommended sealer