



Making Dream Surfaces Attainable

Porcelain/Ceramic Care and Maintenance

➤ What is Porcelain/Ceramic?

Versatile, affordable and elegant, porcelain and ceramic surfaces are innovative products that are gaining popularity amongst homeowners, builders and interior designers. Created from super-fine clay and fired at a high temperature (higher temperature in case of porcelain tiles), the surfaces are dense and tough enough to stand up to today's demanding applications both indoors and out. Available surfaces come in a range of glazed/unglazed, highly glossy/refined and in rough textures, not only to emulate natural stones, but bring a contemporary or modern feel to any scene.

➤ Daily Maintenance

Both porcelain and ceramic tiles are easy to clean and require low maintenance.

Following are some of the common guidelines for day to day maintenance of ceramic/porcelain surfaces :

- Remove all debris using an untreated dust mop, soft bristle broom or vacuum
- Follow by damp mopping with clean warm water
- On polished surfaces, dust mop floors frequently in order to avoid surface abrasion from the grit of the dust particles

For moderately soiled floors,

- Use neutral cleaners to agitate surface
- Avoid cleaning solutions containing oils, fats or acids
- Follow directions provided by the manufacturer of cleaners for proper application and dilution
- Allow the cleaner to properly suspend the dirt

For heavily soiled floors,

- On an isolated part of the surface to be cleaned, use a natural-bristle brush, nylon scrubbing pad or floor machine
- Use a degreaser in areas where necessary
- Thoroughly rinse the surface with clean warm water using a mop or a wet-vac
- Towel dry or buff tiles to prevent spots/streaks and to enhance the surface sheen

Note - The suggestions mentioned above are for general practice. In case of a particular project, it is recommended that a professional installer/fabricator/restorer is consulted. It is also recommend that cleaning solutions are tried in an isolated area to check for desired results. MSI disclaims any liability towards the use of any care & maintenance products.

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