

CTU Online Anytime Module 4.2 – Maintenance for the Life of the Tile

Key Takeaways

- Proper maintenance goes a long way towards preserving the customer’s investment
- Sealers can simplify installation and maintain the look of a tile installation, but require maintenance
- A proper maintenance program is critical to ensure maximum performance of a sealer. This translates into maximum performance in the look and function of the tile installation.
- A proper maintenance program consists of:
 - Specifying the correct products
 - Using the proper equipment
 - Adhering to the correct procedures
- The proper cleaning regimen is dependent on:
 - Tile materials
 - Contaminants
 - Traffic Levels
 - Method of cleaning
- A pH neutral cleaner should be used for everyday cleaning of tile installations. Common household cleaners can be either acidic or alkaline, which is harmful to the material in the tile installation.
- The proper cleaning equipment consists of a dry mop, wet mop and/or an auto scrubber for commercial installations. Remember to always use clean water to rinse floors.
- When cleaning floors, take care not to create hazards.
 - Rinse off all cleaners and do not leave residue on tile
 - Do not leave sticky footprints
 - Avoid slippery tiles and slip fall accidents. Block off wet areas if needed.
- Protecting the sealer when cleaning is critical. Harsh cleaners can cut the life of a sealer by up to 75%.
- The Aqua Mix[®] care and maintenance line is aimed at delivering safe, professional cleaning solutions that preserve the look and life of tile installations.
 - First water-based technology in the industry
 - Countless industry innovations through the years
 - Brand most trusted by contractors
 - Best resources and training available
 - Most effective for cleaning and maintaining tile installations
- The first products introduced by Aqua Mix were:
 - 100% solids sealer
 - Grout colorant

- Water-based aerosol sealer
 - Water-based abrasive safe for glass
- Aqua Mix® Professional Concentrated Stone & Tile Cleaner is an example of a neutral pH product suited for everyday cleaning.
- AquaShield® is an easy to use, residential spray for cleaning and resealing.
- For stubborn stains, an alkaline product such as Aqua Mix® Heavy-Duty Tile & Grout Cleaner should be used. It works to remove:
 - Grease and grime
 - Smog
 - Mildew and soap scum
 - Suitable for residential or commercial
- Aqua Mix offers full range of cleaners suited for commercial tile and stone installations
- Aqua Mix Professional Concentrated Stone & Tile Cleaner is best suited for commercial applications because 1 quart can make up to 128 gallons of cleaning solution
- Acidic cleaner can help resolve the following problems:
 - Efflorescence
 - Rust
 - Hard water stains
 - Grout residue
 - Mineral-based issues
- Solvent-based cleaners are used for:
 - Epoxy residue
 - Stripping sealers
 - Paints and inks
 - Adhesives
- Aqua Mix's® NanoScrub® is ideal for cleaning micro-textures and micro-pores
 - Water-based abrasive
 - Safe for glass and marble
 - Removes dirt and haze
 - Cleaning booster
 - No fumes

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