

# Crystalline Wall Tile



Radiating joy and energy, **Crystalline Wall Tile** is a celebratory porcelain collection in seven inviting hues with a gloss finish that evokes a global design sensibility. For vertical applications in two sizes, a decorative effect is mastered anywhere.

**Spec ID#'s listed are for 4" x 12"**



White - DSSRI032



Gray - DSSRI034



Eggshell - DSSRI035



Mustard - DSSRI037



Green - DSSRI033



Blue - DSSRI029



Chocolate - DSSRI036



#### Installation Photo

Featuring Crystalline Wall Tiles - DSSRI036

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#### SPECIFICATIONS

**SIZE:** 4" x 12", 8" x 24"; **Spec ID#'s are listed for 4" x 12"**

**THICKNESS:** 7mm

**FINISH:** Gloss

**APPLICATION:** Recommended for Vertical Application only

- GREENGUARD Gold Certification
- Can contribute to LEED®
- In Stock products are subject to availability
- Please note that variations in color and texture may occur due to the nature of the material

# INSTALLATION METHOD

## Laying

How a floor is laid is of great importance. A well-laid floor enhances all of the aesthetic qualities of the material used.

Check that the bed (concrete slab) is perfectly level and completely dry and smooth

Use a cleaning device, such as a vacuum, to carefully remove dust and residues.

After having chosen a suitable thin-set mortar and having prepared it to follow the manufacturer's instructions, spread the thin-set mortar with a smooth spatula and then comb it with the tooth part **(1)**.

**ASI strongly suggests the use of polymer-modified thin-set mortar. Polymer-modified thin-set mortar will increase the lifetime of your installation.**

For heavy traffic floors, a double layer of thin-set mortar is recommended **(2)**. Thus, wetting the back of the product itself with thin-set mortar **(2)**. This procedure prevents the possible creation of holes that could cause breakage (see the difference between spreading and double spreading) **(3)**. After approximately 24-48 hours, it is safe to proceed to grout. The laid floor must be cleaned carefully and then grouted all over its surface using a rubber spatula. It is advisable to use colors similar to the floor, in order to obtain a harmonious end result.



## How to cut

It is necessary to use suitable, professional tools, always checking their cutting capacity and replacing worn parts when necessary. For accurate cutting use a traditional cutter, checking the state of the cutting wheel before starting.

For circular cutting, after having made a template (that is to say a pattern of the part to be cut), lay it on the part in question and transfer the shape with a pencil. Using a diamond-cutting disk, cut without exerting excessive pressure **(4-5)**.



## INSTALLATION METHOD CONT.

### **How to make holes:**

It is necessary to use a water milling cutter or a continuous crown diamond-cutting disk for stoneware and granite tiles. After having penciled (6) – on the back of the product – the perimeter of a square within which the hole must be made, use the cutting tool to cut perpendicular and diagonal lines and then concentric circles towards the outside (7). The pictures at the side illustrate in detail the cuts to follow. When the central thickness of the hole has become very thin, turn the piece over and open up the hole by tapping lightly (8). For holes in tiles a diamond point's drill for granite must be used. It is important to remember to cool the points often while working.



## MAINTENANCE

### **Quality**

Crystalline Wall Tiles are produced using the highest quality standards and the finest available raw materials. Glazed and unglazed porcelain products marketed under the manufacture trademarks are fully vitrified, resulting in extreme durability, hardness, and low water absorption. Crystalline Wall Tiles are highly stain and wear resistant. However, as with every surface material, a basic cleaning and maintenance program should be followed to maintain a satisfactory appearance and an acceptable level of performance.

### **Care During Construction**

Crystalline Wall Tiles are classified as a finish material. As such they should not be installed until after any heavy construction work has been completed. In instances where the Crystalline Wall Tiles are installed prior to the completion of construction special care must be taken to protect the tile until it is put into normal service. The general buildup of dirt and debris present on any construction site may negatively affect the performance of the tile if it is left unprotected. The best way to protect the tile surface is to cover it with a protective layer of Kraft paper, carpeting, cardboard, plywood, or any other material that will not adversely affect the tile surface.

### **Initial Cleaning and Maintenance**

The most important cleaning operation is performed immediately after the tile has been set. This involves the complete removal of grout residue and construction dirt from the newly installed Crystalline Wall Tiles. Grout manufacturers provide directions for the cleanup of their products after installation has been completed. These directions should be followed. In many cases Crystalline Wall Tiles can be successfully cleaned by scrubbing with a mild detergent, combined with a thorough rinsing. It is critical that all rinse water be removed through wet vacuuming or dry toweling. Should any grout residue remain, this process can be repeated several times as necessary.

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For highly textured products, or when using a dark colored grout with a light-colored tile, a grout release may be used prior to grouting to assist in the removal of the grout from the surface of the tile. Before grouting, the contractor should test a small area of the tile to determine if the chosen color grout will discolor the surface of the tile, in which case a grout release should be utilized. Please follow the specific manufacturer's instructions for the use of any grout release product.

### **Surface Coatings**

The inherent density and low water absorption of all Crystalline Wall Tiles ensure a product that is easy to maintain. Crystalline Wall Tiles do not require the use of sealers or waxes. These surface coatings may negatively affect the performance of the tile.

In some instances where an unglazed, polished porcelain product is used in an area subject to excessive exposure to dirt, a penetrating type sealer may be used. A penetrating sealer is designed to fill the microscopic pores created during the polishing process. It is not designed to coat the surface of the tile.

We recommend that all sealers be tested in a small inconspicuous area before general use on the floor. Please ensure you follow the manufacturer's instructions when using a penetrating sealer and do not allow the sealer to dry on the surface of the tile.

### **Regular Maintenance**

The inherent technical characteristics of Crystalline Wall Tiles ensures that they will be relatively easy to maintain and should provide years of enjoyment. Many general-purpose cleaners that are readily available are acceptable for use on Crystalline Wall Tiles. It is important that the cleaner has a non-oil, non-animal fat, non-soap base. These components can leave behind an invisible residue with can trap dirt. It is also important that the tile receive a thorough rinsing with clean water after the cleaning process has been completed.

The general cleaning steps for Crystalline Wall Tiles can be summarized as follows:

1. Remove all loose debris from the tile by sweeping with a soft bristle broom or vacuuming.
2. Any spills should be wiped up as quickly as possible.
3. Apply the recommended amount and dilution of the appropriate cleaner to the tile. Allow the cleaner to remain on the tile for short period of time (at least 5 minutes).
4. For unpolished tile, scrub with a nylon pad or soft bristle brush. For more heavily soiled floors a floor machine equipped with a nylon pad or bristle brush may be used. For polished tile, wipe or mop with a nonabrasive mop or cloth.
5. Remove the dirty cleaning solution and water with a wet vacuum or mop. Thoroughly rinse the tile with clean water and remove with a wet vacuum, mop, or towel. It is essential
6. for all detergent residues to be completely removed from the tile. Any remaining detergent residue can dry on the tile and form a coating which can trap dirt and be very difficult to remove. The tile should be rinsed several times if necessary, to remove all detergent residue.

The frequency and timing of any maintenance program is dependent on the specific characteristics of each tile application. Factors such as foot traffic, environmental conditions and product color should be considered when planning your maintenance schedule. In high traffic areas, or in areas subject to excessive exposure to dirt, a more frequent cleaning schedule may be necessary.

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### A Word About Cleaners

There are many excellent cleaners on the market today which should provide you with satisfactory results. All-purpose household cleaners such as Soft Scrub, Top Job, Mr. Clean, Ajax Liquid, Dow Bathroom Cleaner, Liquid Comet, and Fantastik are all suitable for general purpose cleaning of Aegean products. Soap less detergents such as Spic & Span and 409 may also be used. For the removal of stains on unpolished tile, scouring powders such as Comet, Bon Ami, or Ajax may be used. These may be used in conjunction with a nylon pad or soft bristle brush. Steel wool is not recommended.

For heavier cleaning requirements or commercial applications, products manufactured by Aqua Mix, Hillyard Industries, Walter G. Legge Co., or CeramaSeal may be used. These products are available through your local ceramic tile dealer. In all cases please ensure you follow the manufacturer's instructions. We also strongly recommend that all cleaners be tested first in a small, inconspicuous area before general use on the floor.

## WARRANTY

1 year limited Commercial and or Residential warranty

- ASI warranty that its products meet or exceed the performance specification outlined in ANSI A137. Our porcelain is first quality product that is provided through the production facility.
- Approved use for Commercial and residential projects and installations
- Our products should be examined prior to installation
- Missuses of the product by the purchaser including; negligence, physical or chemical abuse is not covered thy this warranty
- Installation defects are not covered by this warranty
- Visual defect or non-conformities apparent prior to installation are not covered thy this warranty
- This warranty will cover our products purchased by a residential or commercial user for up to 12 months from the date material is shipped
- Certain factors on a jobsite are beyond our control; installation, structural design & environmental conditions
- In the event of latent defects caused by improper manufacture, defined as tiles not conforming to industry standards, ASI will either refund the price for the defective pieces or provide replacement material of the same kind. ASI will not be responsible for any costs of labor, installation and/or removal of our products.
- ASI does not warrant that our glazed and unglazed porcelain will not scratch, chip or show signs of wear.

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