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SANDSTONE GUIDE

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SAWN FINISH & ROCK FACE

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CLEANING

For all types of Sandstone finishes:

Grout Smear, Rust & Oxide

- **Spirit Phosphoric Acid** can be used; the tile should always be rinsed thoroughly with **Spirit Neutral Cleaner** to neutralize the acid.

Heavy Soiling, Oils & Soap Scum

- **Spirit H.D.C** can be used to remove heavy soiling from the grout and stone.

Efflorescence, Salts & Minerals

- **Spirit Efflorescence Off** should be used to remove stubborn salts and minerals.

Mould, Mildew, leaf marks, Tannin, animal droppings

- **Spirit Bright As** should be used to remove these organic substances.

Scuff marks

- **Spirit Porcelain Crème Cleaner** should be used to remove these types of marks.

Removing paint

- **Spirit Safe Stripper** is best at removing acrylic paint from the tiles.

General everyday cleaning

- **Spirit Neutral Cleaner** or **Spirit Rejuvenate** is the ideal maintenance cleaner.

CLEANER & SEALERS FOR THE TILING INDUSTRY

CLEANING AND SEALING OF SANDSTONE

Sandstone is a very durable formation of quartz grains (sand). Quartz grains are bound together by other minerals such as silica, calcium, clay and iron oxides. These minerals combined with quartz and pressure form Sandstone which will vary in colour from white to reds to brown.

Much Sandstone looks and behaves differently because of grain size and varying bonding agents combined with extreme pressure to form high density Sandstone.

When Sandstone is used in areas where soiling or staining are a problem, sealing the stone is the best way to ensure that the stone can be maintained. Spirit Marble and Tile Care suggest the following procedure to clean and seal Sandstone.



PRE-SEALING

Once the Sandstone is fixed and dry **Spirit Pre-Seal** can be applied, pre-seal requires 24 hrs to dry and cure prior to which any cleaning can commence. Once the seal has cured the cleaning process can begin. **Spirit Pre-Seal** can also be used to seal the Sandstone prior to laying using the dipping or spraying method. **Spirit Pre-Seal** is a water-based seal that cannot be affected by general acid or cleaning chemicals. It stops chemicals and water from soaking into the Sandstone and allows the stone to be cleaned and dried very quickly.

GROUT SMEAR REMOVAL

If grout smear is on the face of the sandstone then **Spirit Phosphoric Acid Cleaner** should be used to clean the surface to remove excess grout, rust, minerals and other construction debris. After cleaning with **Spirit Phosphoric Acid Cleaner**, all areas should be rinsed and left to dry, providing the pre-seal has cured the stone will dry quickly.

FINAL SEALING

Once clean and dry the final sealing can commence. Using a suitable sprayer, lambs wool applicator or roller, apply **Spirit Premium Seal** or **Water-Based Premium Seal** in two coats to achieve a final seal that will protect against oil, food stains and most other staining that can occur. If a wet look is preferred than **Spirit Uni-Seal** can be used to achieve a wet glossy look, however Spirit Uni-Seal is a surface coating and may alter the slip resistance of the Sandstone. **Spirit Uni-Seal is NOT recommended around swimming pools.**

Please Note: This is a general guide only. For detailed information please contact Spirit www.spiritsealers.com