



CLEANING



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1. EVERYDAY CLEANING

To remove environmental dust, use a dry dust mop. It is not advisable to use wax-based products or self-shining wax. To care for the surface, a slightly acid detergent like Deterdek by Fila or AKEMI Acid Cleaner or natural vinegar should be used the first time it is cleaned, diluting a small amount in water.

In the course of time, after continuous use of the tiled surface, it can be given a thorough clean if necessary by following the cleaning process used when it was first laid.

It is important not to drag any heavy object directly on the surface so as not to cause unnecessary scratches.



2. CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS BY TYPE OF STAIN

NATURAL AND BUSH-HAMMERED SURFACES

Stains should be cleaned away as soon as they occur to prevent them from drying. Before any kind of cleaning product is used on the surfaces, test it out on an area that is not very visible to check that the shine or colour are not affected by the product.

Type of stain	Step 1	Step 2
Cement, pencil marks, lime scale, scratches by metal objects, rust	Wash with water as soon as possible and rub the area gently with a cloth.	AKEMI Acid Cleaner, Deterdek by Fila, commercial cement remover
Epoxy grouting residues	Wash with water as soon as possible and rub the area gently with a cloth.	AKEMI Epoxy Remover, Fila CR10, Grease remover
Fat, grease, food, rubber, ink, felt tip pen, blood, nicotine, vomit, urine, etc.	Wash with water as soon as possible and rub the area gently with a cloth.	AKEMI Stone Cleaner, AKEMI Intensive Cleaner, Fila PS/87
Graffiti, paint, varnish	Wash with water as soon as possible and rub the area gently with a cloth.	AKEMI Graffiti Remover, Fila NoPaint Star, commercial solvent
Coffee, tea, juice, soft drinks	Wash with water as soon as possible and rub the area gently with a cloth.	AKEMI Algae and Moss Remover POWER, Fila SR/95
Candle wax or wax for repairing scratches, tree resin, remains of adhesive tape	Wash with water as soon as possible and rub the area gently with a cloth.	AKEMI Wax Stripper, AKEMI AFIN Acryclean, Filasolv, commercial solvent
Silicone	Wash with water as soon as possible and rub the area gently with a cloth.	AKEMI AFIN Acryclean, Fila Zero Sil, acetone
Dirty tile joints, wax-based care products	Wash with water as soon as possible and rub the area gently with a cloth.	AKEMI Intensive Cleaner, Fuganet
Rust	Wash with water as soon as possible and rub the area gently with a cloth.	AKEMI Rust Remover
Marks made by suction pads or polishing rollers	Wash with water as soon as possible and rub the area gently with a cloth.	AKEMI Liqui Polish Marble
Stains caused by plants, leaves, flowers/ Ink	Wash with water as soon as possible and rub the area gently with a cloth.	AKEMI Algae and Moss Remover POWER
Hairspray, shoe polish	Wash with water as soon as possible and rub the area gently with a cloth.	AKEMI AFIN Acryclean
Soot	Remove with a vacuum cleaner	AKEMI Stone Cleaner

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2. CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS BY TYPE OF STAIN

POLISHED SURFACES

As with natural and bush-hammered surfaces, the stains should be cleaned away as soon as they occur to prevent them from drying. Before any type of cleaning product is used on the porcelain tiles, test it out on an area that is not very visible to check that the shine or colour are not affected by the product.

To clean surfaces with a polished finish, remember that their chemical resistance is lower than that of other finishes and so some substances might affect their appearance.

Do not use scouring pads or other cleaning materials that might be too rough for the surface. Inalco recommends cleaning utensils suitable for glassware (AKEMI Cleaner for Glass and Plastics / AKEMI Techno Ceramic Daily Cleaner).

Clean the surface with a damp cloth and soapy water and then dry it with an absorbent cloth. If the stain persists, moisten it with hot water, leave it to act, and then dry the surface with a clean dry cloth.

Suitable cleaning products for polished surfaces include solvents, grease removers and ammonia. Cleaning products to avoid include abrasive cleaners or sponges, FERROKIT, hydrofluoric acid and other concentrated acids, bleach and products with a pH of more than 11.

Although in thermal shock tests the polished finish was found to withstand extreme temperatures, it is better to use protective objects like coasters, table mats and napkins.

Likewise, do not cut anything directly on the countertop surface, throw objects onto it or drag them across it. Polished finishes should not be used in areas with sinks due to the greater likelihood of wear and tear from everyday use.



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