

Recommendations for Cleaning and Care of Coverings and Claddings made from Jura Limestone and Solnhofen Natural Stone Slabs and Tiles

1. Overall Information

1.1 To avoid damaging the surface of the floor, please use acid-free, non-corrosive, alkaline-free and nonabrasive cleaning agents.

1.2 For rough edged, honed, sand blasted, bush hammered etc. surfaces, mechanical cleaning methods can also be applied. For example, using the Fibre pad method.

2. Initial Cleaning

After installation, the floors are generally cleaned with normal tap water. Cleaning agents may be applied as needed. Please comply with the manufacturer's instructions when using such products. Cleaning agents must be certified for floor type.

3. Cleaning During the Drying Period

Cleaning should be done using only tap water for approximately six months after installation. If needed, an alkaline-free soap can be used. Drying period could take longer in unfavorable conditions.

4. General Care

4.1 Regular cleaning should be started only after the drying period is completed.

4.2 For the cleaning of interior floors, non-coating routine cleaners are often used. They must be wax, fat and alkaline free and protect as well as clean the floors. Dosage is according to manufacturer's instructions.

5. Special Instructions

5.1 The introduction of scratching debris, road salt and de-icing agents must be avoided by using doormats and grids. If needed, specific waterproofing measures can be applied but only after the completed drying period.

5.2 Due to moisture absorption, newly installed tiles may become darker or duller in color. This will decrease in its appearance during the drying process. It also applies in case of exposure to wetness in future situations, for example, during cleaning or bathing.

5.3 Surface applications will facilitate the cleaning process. They can, however, only be applied in completely dried surfaces.

5.4 Structured surfaces can be treated with stone waterproofing agents for preventative protection.

a) Waterproofing using products with water and oil repellent effect. This protects the stone without changing its appearance and can be applied on all surfaces.

b) Color enhancing agents will intensify the color giving the stone an overall vivid look without creating a shiny finish. Not suitable for polished surfaces.

c) Sealants will intensify the color and produce a satin finish. Not suitable for polished or finely honed surfaces.

6.0 Maintenance

Cleaning and scrubber machines can be used on large surfaces. Stability and load capacity of the floors should, however, first be checked before implementation.