



# Wausau Tile, Inc. Care & Maintenance for Cement Terrazzo Tile Commercial Floors

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## Initial Cleaning

### **Purpose:**

To clean and remove construction and installation contaminants from the surface prior to sealing.

### **Product:**

Aqua Mix “Heavy-Duty Tile & Grout Cleaner”

### **Equipment:**

Cylindrical autoscrubber fitted with soft to medium-bristle brushes and or scrub brush on long-handled pole and microfiber mop with bucket and wringer

### **Coverage:**

Approximately 300 - 700 sq. ft. per gallon depending on concentration

### **Procedure:**

1. Read entire label prior to use. Sweep or vacuum surface to remove loose debris.
2. Mix 1 part “Heavy-Duty Tile & Grout Cleaner” to 2 parts water. A stronger solution can be used if needed up to full strength.
3. Apply solution onto tile surface with microfiber mop rated for heavy duty use or autoscrubber.
4. Allow to dwell 5 to 10 minutes. Increase dwell time and mix dilution if needed.
5. Agitate with medium-bristle brush on long-handled pole if needed for grout and or stubborn areas or with autoscrubber fitted with soft to medium-bristle brushes.
6. Pick up dirty solution with mop and bucket with wringer or with autoscrubber.
7. Rinse thoroughly with clean water and allow to dry.

### **Notes:**

For full instructions on these products and where to buy, as well as products and systems for the installation of cement terrazzo tile, visit our website at [www.custombuildingproducts.com](http://www.custombuildingproducts.com)

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## Sealing - Natural Look

### **Purpose:**

To protect and reduce potential staining of the terrazzo and reduce ongoing maintenance requirements

### **Product:**

Aqua Mix “Sealer’s Choice Gold” (See Notes A, B, C & D below)

### **Equipment:**

Microfiber or rayon mop, roller, paint tray and microfiber or cotton towels

### **Coverage:**

Approximately 800 – 1,000 sq. ft. per gallon



### **Procedure:**

1. Read entire label directions prior to application.
2. Ensure surface is clean and dry.
3. Allow grout to cure a minimum of 48 hours prior to sealing new installations.
4. Pour sealer into paint tray.
5. Apply 1 coat of “Sealer’s Choice Gold” using a microfiber or rayon mop or 3/8” knap roller on long-handled pole.
6. Allow sealer to dwell for approximately 5 minutes. Work manageable areas of up to 25 square feet. Do not allow sealer to dry on surface.
7. Using microfiber or cotton towels, polish completely dry any sealer remaining on the terrazzo or grout.
8. Keep installation dry for 12 hours and free of contaminants for 24 hours to allow for full cure.

### **Notes:**

Note A - Use neutral pH cleaner such as Aqua Mix “Concentrated Stone & Tile Cleaner” to maximize sealer life and prevent damage to the tile and grout.

Note B - Sealer will not prevent etching or surface wear.

Note C - The expected wear/life of the sealer will vary based on use, maintenance requirements, etc. A simple water test can help determine the need to reseal. If the tile or grout darkens when wet with water, this is the best indicator that resealing is needed.

Note D - For full instructions on this product and where to buy, as well as products and systems for the installation of cement terrazzo tile, visit our website at [www.custombuildingproducts.com](http://www.custombuildingproducts.com)

## Routine Maintenance (Daily)

### **Purpose:**

Help create a clean surface to preserve the installations appearance and texture

### **Product:**

Aqua Mix “Concentrated Stone & Tile Cleaner”

### **Equipment:**

Cylindrical autoscrubber fitted with soft to medium-bristle brushes or rayon/microfiber mop and bucket with wringer

### **Coverage:**

Approximately 20,000 sq. ft. per gallon



### **Procedure:**

1. Read entire label prior to use. Sweep or vacuum surface to remove loose debris.
2. Mix approximately 1 ounce of cleaner per 10 gallons of water into chemical mixing tank reservoir for autoscrubber or add 1 ounce of cleaner per gallon of water in bucket with wringer.
3. Autoscrubber should be fitted with soft to medium-bristle brushes and clean floor per established cleaning procedures with autoscrubber or mop and bucket.
4. For heavily soiled areas, an additional pass over with a new tank of fresh water only may be required

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## Routine Maintenance (Weekly or as needed)

### **Purpose:**

Help create a clean surface to preserve the installations appearance and texture

### **Product:**

Aqua Mix “Heavy-Duty Tile & Grout Cleaner”

### **Equipment:**

Cylindrical autoscrubber fitted with soft to medium-bristle brushes and or scrub brush on long-handled pole and microfiber mop with bucket and wringer

### **Coverage:**

Approximately 800 – 1,000 sq. ft. per gallon depending on concentration

### **Procedure:**

1. Read entire label prior to use. Sweep or vacuum surface to remove loose debris.
2. Mix 1 part “Heavy-Duty Tile & Grout Cleaner” to 5 parts water. A stronger solution can be used if needed up to full strength.
3. Apply solution onto tile surface with microfiber mop rated for heavy duty use or autoscrubber.
4. Allow to dwell 5 to 10 minutes. Increase dwell time and mix dilution if needed.
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