

DEX Concrete Tile- Dimensions Wall Tiles

Large Format Installation Method

Concrete tile offers inherent variations in texture and color. It is recommended that you work from several open boxes to ensure a good blending of material.

- 1) Thoroughly mix Mortar per manufacturers instructions.
 - **Acceptable Products:**
 - MAPEI *Ultraflex LFT, large format tile mortar with polymer.*
 - For fast setting applications
 - MAPEI, *Grani/Rapid System consisting of Granirapid powder and Granirapid latex additive*
- 2) Use appropriate notched trowel to set bed.
- 3) Set tile with maximum ¼” inch grout joints.
- 4) To assure good bonding, all tiles should be 100% Back Buttered.
- 5) Press tile into fresh mortar bed with a slight back and forth motion to ensure maximum possible contact.
- 6) While the tiles are factory sealed to protect during installation, you must immediately remove any surface glue or mortar from the face of the tile. Clean the surface with clean water and change the water periodically. **CLEAN TILE'S SURFACE AS YOU INSTALL**
 - a. Do not use ACID or any high PH cleaners of any kind as it may alter the finish
 - b. Never leave a 'cement haze' on the concrete tile's surface overnight which is often done when installing ceramic tiles, because you will be unable to remove it the next day.
- 7) Use a grout bag to apply grout if available. Use grout specified for use in joints 1/4” and smaller. Remove all grout haze from tile ASAP, do not allow haze to form or set overnight as staining may occur.
 - **Acceptable products**
 - MAPEI *Ultracolor, fast-setting, polymer-modified, color-consistent, nonshrinking, efflorescence-free grout.*
 - For groutlines less than 1/8”
 - MAPEI *Kericolor U, unsanded grout.*
- 8) **SEALING** DEX concrete tiles are factory sealed with a penetrating sealer. This process will help to protect the tile during installation, **HOWEVER, THE TILE MUST STILL BE SEALED AFTER INSTALLATION.** To complete the job, seal the entire installation including grout with a good solvent base penetrating sealer. Seal tile per manufacturers recommendation.
 - **Acceptable products**
 - Aquamix *Pro-solve penetrating sealer*
 - Miracle Sealants *511 penetrating sealer*
- 9) Follow product directions of all other products associated in this installation.