

Mosaic Tile Laying Advice



Preparation of the Surface

The surface base must be perfectly smooth, uniform and white or light in colour as a dark colour will damage the aesthetic look of the final result. Custom Buildings Products **EasyBoard** or **EasyMat** is recommended for preparing the surface.



Adhesive Application

Use only white adhesive for fixing. Custom Building Products **CEG 2000 100% Solids Commercial Epoxy Grout, MegaLite, ProLite, VersaBond Flex** or **VersaSet** is recommended. Use the smooth side of the trowel to spread the adhesive uniformly on the surface base (2 m² approximately), then use the jagged side of the trowel (2 or 3 mm.) to comb the adhesive out



Laying of Mosaic Tiles

To ensure the mosaic sheet adheres to the surface evenly apply overall pressure to it with a rubber trowel. Ensure that the distance between each sheet is the same as the one among the tesseras (individual mosaic pieces) to ensure that all the joints are the same width apart. Remove all surplus adhesive while it is still fresh (soft).



Grouting

Once the adhesive has completely set (allow 24 hours) the mosaic tiles will be ready for grouting. Ensure that all joints are clean, dry and free from dust prior to grouting. Non Sanded Grouts or Fine Grout is strongly recommended such as Custom Building Products **CEG 2000 100% Solids Commercial Epoxy Grout, Polyblend** or **Prism SureColor** is recommended. Spread it with a rubber trowel and ensure all the joints are evenly filled.



Cleaning

Allow the grout to dry until it has a dulled dusty appearance before proceeding to clean it with a solution of water mixed with **Aqua Mix Grout Haze Clean Up**. Apply the solution with a grouting sponge, and when the grout is dry remove any remaining surface haze with a dry cloth.

Care and Maintenance

For protection of the grout joint apply **Aqua Mix Same Day Grout Sealer** or **Grout Sealer**. These products are easy to apply and simplify ongoing maintenance. Thereafter, **Aqua Mix Concentrated Stone & Tile Cleaner** is strongly recommended for cleaning ONIX Mosaics.