

# Instruction Guide 14 ENCAUSTIC TILES

Encaustic tiles have been used on floors and walls for centuries. As with all natural materials, they do require a certain level of care. The following instructions are a guide to help ensure that your tiles will remain protected and easy to clean for many years.

**NOTE:** Ensure that surfaces are sealed before grouting.

## THE 3 STEP INSTRUCTION OVERVIEW (see page 2 for more information)

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**LTP Grimex**  
Coverage 1 litre/50m<sup>2</sup>



### INITIAL CLEANING OF NEWLY INSTALLED SURFACES IF REQUIRED (used surfaces see page 2).

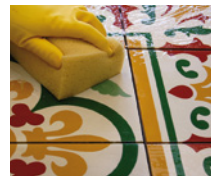
**LTP GRIMEX:** Conditions the surface of the tile before sealing.



Dilute LTP Grimex 1:10 with water.



Apply solution to the surface with a mop or sponge. Under floor heating must be off.



Agitate and rinse well with plenty of clean fresh water.



Do not use acidic cleaners such as LTP Grout Stain Remover.



Allow the surface to dry.

**EQUIPMENT:** Bucket, mop, scrubber or scrubber dryer machine if available.

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**LTP Mattstone H20, LTP Mattstone or LTP Colour Intensifier & Stainblock**  
Coverage 1 litre/15m<sup>2</sup>



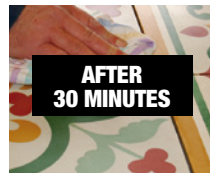
### PROTECT AGAINST STAINS (for more information see page 2).

**LTP MATTSTONE H20 or LTP MATTSTONE:** invisible finish – protects against water, oil, grease dirt, grime and aids maintenance (3-4 coats required).



**CLEAN & DRY**

Apply the product to the surface evenly using a sponge, brush or soft cloth Under floor heating must be off.



**AFTER 30 MINUTES**

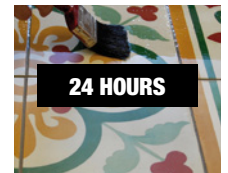
Buff away any excess sealer using a soft cloth or buffing machine after 30-40 minutes.



Grout the joints using a good proprietary grout.



Clean away any residual grout thoroughly.



**24 HOURS**

When dry apply final coat of sealer covering the joints. Buff excess after 30-40 minutes.

### ENHANCE THE APPEARANCE

**LTP COLOUR INTENSIFIER & STAINBLOCK:** Enhanced natural finish – used as an alternative to LTP Mattstone – helps to deepen the colour, enhance the appearance and protect against water, oil, grease, dirt, grime and aid maintenance.

**EQUIPMENT:** Bucket, applicator, grout float, sponge, brush, cloth.

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**LTP Waxwash**



### REGULAR MAINTENANCE (for more information see page 2).

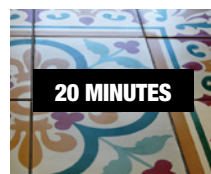
**LTP WAXWASH:** Maintains sealed natural tile surfaces.



Add one capful of product per litre of water in a bucket.



Wipe surface with the solution. Do not rinse.



**20 MINUTES**

Allow to dry. Do not walk on the surface during drying time – 20 minutes.

A one litre LTP Waxwash will wash a 20 sq.m floor 40 times.

**EQUIPMENT:** Bucket, mop.

Always read the product label before proceeding.

**NEWLY INSTALLED SURFACES**

**BEFORE GROUTING:** Encaustic tiles should be fully saturated and sealed with LTP Mattstone or LTP Colour Intensifier & Stainblock before grouting.

**1 CLEANING AND REFURBISHING – Used and heavily soiled surfaces**

- Before sealing the tiles must be thoroughly cleaned. Old layers of sealer, residues from aftercare products and deposits must be removed from the surface and pores of the tile. Any film forming layers of sealer should be removed with LTP Solvex before washing with LTP Grimex.
- Dilute LTP Grimex 1:3 with water, apply to the surface with a sponge or water brush and leave to sit on the surface of the tiles for as long as it takes for the dirt to release. 5-30 minutes depending upon the level of dirt.
- Agitate the surface with a nylon pad or scrubbing brush and leave for a further 5 minutes (scrubber machines can be used).
- Continue to scrub while adding clean water. Remove residues from the surface using a cloth or scrubber dryer machine.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean fresh water to remove all remaining residues.
- Allow the surface to dry for a minimum of 24 hours before applying the protective seal.
- For the removal of other types of dirt refer to the table below.
- Do not use acid based cleaners on encaustic tiles. If you are unsure please call our helpline for advice.

**OTHER TYPES OF DIRT**

Care product residues, oil, grease and dirt	LTP Grimex or LTP Power Stripper
Wax and acrylic layers, tar, paint, bitumen residues	LTP Solvex and then LTP Grimex
Deeply engrained oil stains	LTP Spot Stain Remover and LTP Fullers Earth

**2 PROTECTIVE SEAL TREATMENTS**

- LTP Mattstone H20, LTP Mattstone and LTP Colour Intensifier & Stainblock will render the surface water and oil repellent.
- These products prevents staining, aid cleaning and simplify the removal of surface stains.
- LTP Mattstone H20, LTP Mattstone provide an invisible barrier of protection that will not greatly alter the surface character.
- LTP Colour Intensifier & Stainblock will provide a barrier of protection with an enhanced matt finish.
- There are no health concerns once the product has properly cured.
- LTP Mattstone H20, LTP Mattstone and LTP Colour Intensifier & Stainblock are micro porous and so can be used on surfaces that have no damp proof course.
- Suitable for internal and external use.
- If surfaces are properly maintained we recommend touching up the protective treatment every 3-4 years.

NB. Always test the product on an inconspicuous area. Wet or non absorbent surfaces cannot be treated. LTP Mattstone H20, LTP Mattstone and LTP Colour Intensifier & Stainblock are impregnators which need to fully absorb. Do not allow the product to dry on the surface. Carefully buff with a soft cloth or machine to remove any excess. Remove unabsorbed impregnating sealer, if left to dry on the surface, by rubbing over with a little more sealer. Some tiles may be darker after application. Acidic substances, if left on the surface, may damage the tiles.

**3 MAINTENANCE**

**LTP WAXWASH (for floors)**

Formulated for use on unglazed tiles such as quarry and encaustic tiles. Ideal for washing floors sealed with LTP Mattstone H20, LTP Mattstone and LTP Colour Intensifier & Stainblock. Use routinely in place of a normal detergent.



NB. Always follow the detailed instructions on the product labels. Protect encaustic tile surfaces from contact with acidic substances. Do not use abrasive cleaning materials. Avoid using normal detergents or strong bleach cleaners on sealed surfaces as they will gradually remove the protective seal.

This information is offered without guarantee. The material should be used so as to take account of the local conditions and the surfaces to be treated. In case of doubt, the product should be tried out in an inconspicuous area.  
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