

Instruction Guide 9

# TERRACOTTA (TRADITIONAL METHOD)

Hand or machine made low fired clay tiles.

Terracotta has been used on floors and walls for centuries. As with all natural materials, it does 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.

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

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### LTP Boiled Linseed Oil



### LTP Grout Stain Remover

Coverage 1 litre/25m<sup>2</sup>

### INITIAL SEAL AND CLEANING OF NEWLY INSTALLED SURFACES (used surfaces see page 2).

LTP BOILED LINSEED OIL and LTP CLEAR WAX: Helps prevent staining from cement and grout residues.



Saturate with LTP Boiled Linseed Oil. Remove any excess that remains on the surface an hour after each application.



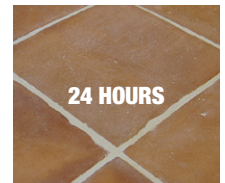
Leave to dry for 24 hours. Apply a light coat of LTP Clear or Antique Wax using a soft cloth. Buff with a soft brush.



Grout the joints.



When thoroughly dry remove any remaining grout residues with LTP Grout Stain Remover.



Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry.

**EQUIPMENT:** Brushes, paint brush, sponge, grout float, abrasive nylon pad. Buffing machines can be used.

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### LTP Clear Wax or LTP Antique Wax

Coverage 1 litre/10m<sup>2</sup>



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

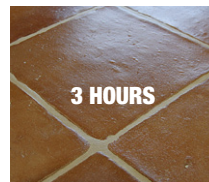
LTP CLEAR WAX (traditional finish): Will help to protect against water, oil, grease, dirt, grime and aid maintenance.



Surfaces must be clean and dry. Under floor heating must be off.



Apply LTP Clear Wax to the surface evenly using a soft cloth. Buff to a shine with a brush.



Allow wax to dry. Do not walk on the surface for at least 3 hours.



Protect from water for 24 hours and do not wash surfaces for at least 3 days.

**EQUIPMENT:** Soft cloth, soft brush or buffing machine.

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### LTP Waxwash



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

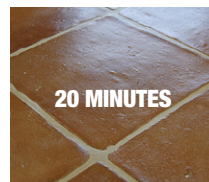
LTP WAXWASH: Maintains surfaces finished with LTP Clear or Antique Wax.



Add one cap full of product to one bucket of water.



Wipe surface with the solution. Do not rinse.



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

**AFTER GROUTING:** Residual grout will sometimes remain on the surface of the tiles. For best results use LTP Grout Stain Remover to wash the surface and leave to thoroughly dry before applying the final seal.

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

- Before sealing the surface must be thoroughly cleaned. Old layers of sealer, residues from aftercare products and deposits must be removed from the surface and pores of the tiles.
- Firstly, remove any old layers of wax with LTP Solvex. Apply the solution undiluted to the face of the tile and spread around evenly with a paint brush or soft cloth. Leave for 5-10 minutes and then rub with a cloth to remove the old layers of wax. Do not allow the solution to dry on the surface.
- Remove any remaining residues with LTP Grimex. Dilute 1:5 with water and apply to the surface with a sponge or cloth.
- Agitate the surface with a nylon pad or scrubbing brush and leave for 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.
- If you are unsure please call our helpline for advice.

### OTHER TYPES OF DIRT

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| Care product residues, oil, grease and dirt  | LTP Grimex or LTP Power Stripper             |
| Old wax 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 Boiled Linseed Oil and then LTP Clear Wax or LTP Antique Wax will render the surface water and oil repellent.
- These products prevent staining, aid cleaning and simplify the removal of surface stains.
- LTP Boiled Linseed Oil and Clear Wax will deepen the colour and alter the surface character.
- There are no health concerns once these products have properly cured.
- For older surfaces that have no damp proof course use either LTP Mattstone or LTP Colour Intensifier & Stainblock. They are micro porous and will allow the tiles to breathe.
- LTP Mattstone or LTP Colour Intensifier & Stainblock are suitable for internal and external use. LTP Clear or Antique Wax are for internal use only.
- 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 Boiled Linseed Oil, LTP Mattstone and LTP Colour Intensifier & Stainblock are impregnators which need to fully absorb. Do not allow them to dry on to 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. Over applied boiled linseed that is difficult to remove should be rubbed over with a little white spirit. This should be done while it still soft on the surface. If LTP Boiled Linseed Oil has dried to form a patchy lacquer remove with LTP Solvex.

## 3 MAINTENANCE

### LTP WAXWASH (for floors)

Formulated for use on unglazed tiles such as travertine, stone, limestone, slate, terracotta and quarry. Ideal for floors sealed with LTP Mattstone, LTP Colour Intensifier & Stainblock and LTP Clear or Antique Wax.



NB. Always follow the detailed instructions on the product labels. 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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