

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

The Armor-Tile Herculite Series Replaceable Cast in Place Detectable Warning Tile is unique in its visual and tactile properties and requires a slight variation in cleaning procedures. Due to the undulation and texture of the tile surface, it is necessary to reach the grime that rests on the low parts of the tile.

Standard wet mopping will not be completely effective in cleaning these textured surfaces. A major benefit of the Herculite composite tile is that the composition is virtually non-porous, and prevents liquids, dust and from grime seeping into the body of the tile. The unique, non-porous nature of the tile therefore lends itself to regular and frequent cleaning in order to maintain and enhance the visual contrast each color provides. Visual contrast is an essential safety feature of the tactile tiles, and this contrast must be rigorously maintained with regular cleaning in order to provide the contrast that the visually impaired rely on for their safety. The use of general purpose commercial floor cleaners or machine bristle scrubbing will not harm Armor-Tile Herculite Series. However, as these cleaning practices may weaken or dissolve the adjacent floor finish, careful attention must be paid to the selection and application of the cleaning solution. It is advisable to check with the manufacturer of the cleaning solution in order to be certain that the product intended to be used will not harm the Armor-Tile Herculite Series, grout, or the adjacent surface finish in any way.

Regular Maintenance

Many neutral general purpose cleaners are effective for the regular maintenance and cleaning of Armor-Tile Herculite Series. It is important that the cleaner to be used has a non-oil, non-animal fat, non-soap base. Cleaners with these bases may cause problems due to oil residues which tend to trap dirt in the cleaning process. Please remember to treat any cleaning product you wish to use on a small, out of the way test area of the tactile surface and adjacent floor area before applying it to the entire Armor-Tile surface. This will ensure that it performs as desired, not only on the Armor-Tile surface but also on the adjacent areas surrounding the tile.

Avoid Surface Coatings

Armor-Tile Herculite Series does not require the use of sealants or waxes. Adding surface coatings increases the number of unnecessary steps in maintenance procedures without improving either the appearance of the tile, or the resistance to dirt build-up. In fact, using a surface coating turns a low maintenance polymer composite finish into a high maintenance tile. In addition, surface coatings will actually diminish the unique performance characteristics that make Armor-Tile Herculite Series exceptional among tactile tiles. Such surface coatings create a thin barrier that may modify the skid resistance and visibility properties, thereby reducing an important safety feature of the tile.



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