



## Installation Guide

*\*Please Read Thoroughly Prior to Installation\**

- **LiLi Cement Tiles** must be installed on a level, clean, dry surface. Humid subsoil can cause deposits on the surface of the tiles.
- Do not let the boxes get wet. You should store the material in a dry area. Moisture can cause staining on the surface of the tiles.
- **LiLi Cement Tiles** are products of natural materials, therefore slight tonal variations may be present from tile to tile. It may be necessary to mix tiles from different boxes during installation in order to disperse the slight variations.
- If the tiles are to be laid on a concrete slab, ensure the slab is completely cured to prevent white efflorescence spots from appearing on the surface later as water evaporates through.
- It is recommended to use an uncoupling membrane such as Schluter®-DITRA to prevent cracking caused by shifting foundations
- Adhesive must be applied on the floor or wall surface evenly and thoroughly using a large toothed trowel.
- Adhesive must also be applied evenly on the back of each tile.
- Lay the tiles without hammering, leveling them using hand pressure. **This is especially important since there can be slight variations in the thickness of the tiles. Cement tiles MUST be leveled on thinset using hand pressure.** If you choose to install with space, leave a thin gap - a joint of 1/16" thickness between the tiles for grouting.
- **LiLi Cement Tiles** must only be cut with a wet saw.
- Installed tiles should be left to dry completely before sealing.
- After installation, wash tiles with a neutral detergent. Any extra residue or mortar should be removed immediately. Do not allow water or other liquids to spot, pond, or ring on the surface of the installed tiles. Do not leave spillages, drips, wet buckets, cups, footmarks, etc. on the surface at any time prior to sealing.
- **LiLi Cement Tiles** come pre-sealed for handling purposes. **If installed with one of the below listed grouts, tiles can be sealed after installation and grouting is complete.**
- Use **ONLY Dry-Treat STAIN-PROOF Original™** sealer to seal LiLi Cement Tiles, apply a minimum of 2-3 coats. Apply 4 or more coats for backsplashes where hot oil may be present.
- **DO NOT USE standard grout, which contains color pigments that have been proven to stain cement tiles.**  
Please **ONLY** use one of the below grouts:
  - Mapei Flexcolor™ CQ Grout
  - TEC® InColor™ Advanced Performance Grout
  - Bostik TruColor® RapidCure™ Grout
  - Laticrete®Ready-to-Use™ Grout
  - Laticrete® SPECTRALOCK® 1 Pre-Mixed Grout
- Fill the joints between the tiles using a fine plastic scraper without spreading the grout on tiles. Use a rubber grout float for clean spreading.
- Any extra grout must be cleaned immediately with a wet sponge.
- Never use acidic or alkaline cleaners, do not use ammonia or bleach. Use only pH neutral cleaners.
- **LiLi Cement Tiles** will not be held responsible for improper installation of cement tiles. Please consult with a professional contractor who is familiar with installing cement tiles.
- For more information please visit [www.lilitile.com](http://www.lilitile.com).