



INFORMATION & GUIDELINES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE VENETO MOSAICS

RECOMMENDED INSTALLATION

The Veneto Collection is suitable for all interior and exterior vertical surfaces. It is also suitable for standing water applications, including fountains, pools and tub surrounds.

Note: this document contains only guidelines for the installation process. A professional installer should always be consulted to discuss the specific parameters surrounding your project.

SUBSTRATES

All substrates should be firmly fixed, flat, clean, dry and free of contaminants such as dust, oil, paint, sealers etc. to ensure proper adhesion. Painted surfaces must be scuffed or sanded for the product and adhesive to bond correctly. Wet areas need special attention and require appropriate substrates, e.g. concrete, cement boards (compressed sheet), and/or treated plywood.

WATERPROOF MEMBRANES

Waterproof membranes prevent leakage of water through to the sub-floor or framing and/or habitable spaces below. Particular attention must be paid to: carrying the membrane up the wall, outside shower boxes, installation of bond breakers, and sealing around penetrations. It is strongly recommended that membrane systems be used in all wet areas. Some systems may involve the use of a primer.

CUTTING

Cuts can be best done with a wet saw suitable for porcelain tile. The tiles are mounted to a flexible backing, which can also be trimmed with scissors or a blade.

ADHESIVE

Follow the adhesive manufacturer's instructions carefully. We do not recommend one brand of adhesive over another. Please check with your local tile supply store for alternative and comparable products.

The adhesive manufacturer's literature will explain if the adhesive product is suitable for interiors and/or exteriors, as well as walls and floors. Most thinset mortars (multi purpose and polymer modified thinsets) are adequate for installing ceramic tile. A cement-based adhesive is generally suitable on masonry substrates where no movement is anticipated. Where slight movement could occur through thermal or pedestrian loads, a modified cement adhesive should be used as a minimum. A 1/4" – 1/8" notch trowel is recommended for most applications.



GROUTING

Generally grout is not necessary for the installation of the Veneto Collection. For best results, we recommend a butt jointed installation. If small cracks or seams exist in between the mosaic sheets, a non-sanded grout similar in color to the porcelain can be used to fill the gaps. Offset each row to further prevent the appearance of seams.

SEALANTS

It is not necessary to seal this porcelain tile.

CARE & CLEANING

The Veneto Collection must be regularly cleaned and maintained to extend the life and beauty of the tile. The tile can be cleaned with a neutral mild detergent. Consequently, any spills should be cleaned quickly to lessen the degree of the stain. Do not use abrasive cleaners, powders, scouring pads, steel wool or sandpaper.