

Useful Information

Dimensions

Nominal dimensions for all Original Style tiles shown in this brochure are given in the introduction to each range. Owing to their deliberately rustic character, actual dimensions will vary from these figures.

With respect to 200 x 200mm (8" x 8") tiles, however, you will need 20 tiles per square yard or 25 tiles per square metre plus a 5% allowance for wastage. All dimensions are subject to a tolerance of +2.5mm or 3/32".

Technical Specification

Original Style tiles conform to BS 6431 Part 9

– the specification for tiles with a water absorption of E>10% (Group B3).

Shading

The distinctive yet subtle variations in shade within each tile and between individual pieces give a wonderful impression of depth to tiled areas. It is important, therefore, to spend some time to achieve the most pleasing distribution of shades before fixing.

Installation

Detailed installation methods for internal applications are specified in BS5385 Part 1 and ANSI A108.

Original Style wall tiles are not recommended for exterior use.

For detailed advice on the particular adhesives to use in a variety of circumstances, please ask your supplier for the Original Style leaflet Ceramic Wall Tiles – Fixing and Cleaning Instructions (applicable in the United Kingdom only).

In the USA please follow the recommendations of a reputable adhesive manufacturer and always comply with American National Standards Institution (ANSI) specifications as set out in the Handbook for Ceramic Tile Installation published by the Tile Council of America.

Use of tiling on floors

The use of matt glazed tiles on floors is only recommended within residential properties and should NOT be used in commercial premises. Under the BSI accredited test prEN13552 pendulum method, the matt glazed floor tiles are in the marginal to dangerous risk category for slippage when they are wet. This test covers when the tiles are permanently wet, such as shower cubicles or swimming pools. With respect to resistance to surface abrasion, under the accredited BSI test prEN154 dark coloured tiles are recommended for Class II use and lighter colours for Class III use. This means that the darker colours may be used in living areas of homes but, to avoid small amounts of scratching, this should not include entrance halls, kitchens and locations with a lot of traffic. Lighter colours, on the other hand, can be used for hallways, corridors and kitchens.

Grouting

In all installations, seal joints with an impervious grout such as BAL Supergrout. If joints are not completely watertight, moisture can be absorbed into the tile body causing stains to show through the glaze.

Use an average grout space of at least 3mm to allow for the variations in tile dimensions.

Cleaning

Wash down tiled surfaces with either clean water or a neutral (i.e. not acidic or alkaline) detergent. Dry off and polish with a dry duster.

Crazing

Highly glazed ceramic tiles may craze with time, and no guarantee can be given against this occurring. Tubelined tiles, in particular, are more prone to this natural process and additional care should be taken as to where these are used.

Limits of Liability

Original Style accepts no liability for the faulty installation of its tiles. In the case of any claim relating to the tiles themselves Original Style's liability, to the extent permitted by law, is limited to either the replacement of the product or a refund of the cost of the product, and does not extend to cover any consequential loss. Tiles must be inspected prior to installation and claims cannot be considered after the tiles have been installed.

Please be advised that installation constitutes acceptance of the quality, colour, texture, shade and size of tiles.

Original Style warrants that its tiles conform to their description and are fit for their purpose.

Original Style makes no other express or implied warranty as to fitness or suitability of the products for particular installations. We extend no guarantees, express or implied, as to wear resistance or maintenance procedures.

Please note, the use of certain acid based cleaning products may cause some of the tiles to react and change in character.

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