

Roberts Designs

HOW TO SEAL SLATE

RECOMMENDED SEALING PRODUCTS

Slate Seal (Surface Sealer): Gloss/Satin look. Repels Oil & Water (2-3 coats) *Please note:*

Slate Finish (Surface Sealer): Gloss look. Repels Oil & Water (2-3 coats)

Aqua Guard (Water Based Surface Sealer): Natural look/Sheen coating (2-3 coats)

Heritage Finish (Penetrating): Natural Look/No Sheen coating (2-3 coats)

We recommend diluting the first coat of Heritage Finish with 50% Slate Seal to increase penetration and adhesion on extremely dense slate & stone

The number of coats required is dependent on porosity of the substrate being sealed. More coats may be required for more porous substrates.

INITIAL CLEANING

- Once new tiles are laid and grouted it is important to remove all grout and cement residues. An initial clean should be done with Tasman Lift Off then a final clean with Tasman Tile Kleen to ensure surfaces are neutralised prior to any sealing work.
- Existing slate should be cleaned with Tasman Tile Kleen (for light staining). A concentrated Tile Kleen solution will remove most problem stains. For heavy stains, or efflorescence, first clean with Tasman Lift Off followed by Tile Kleen to ensure surfaces are neutralised prior to any sealing work.
- A special floor-washing machine with liquid suction will produce best results.
- After cleaning ensure floors are rinsed thoroughly (2-3 times) with clean warm water.
- Ensure floor is completely dry before sealing.

SEALING

- All of the above sealers can be re-sealed without stripping, if the previous sealer is in sound condition.
- Sealing can be applied with a clean brush or lamb's wool applicator.
- Ventilate well.
- Do not allow any excess product to dry on the surface.
- Do not use a paint roller to apply sealer.
- Do not allow sealer to come in contact with painted trim.

ALWAYS TEST

- Because every type of tile/paver is different we recommend that a small test area is done to ensure that the appearance and protection is satisfactory.
- Allow sealers at least 24 hours to cure before testing, depending on weather conditions.