
BACK BUTTER PREPARATION:

Prior to installation, apply a key coat (also known as back-buttering) to the rear of each tile. This enhances adhesion between the tile and the substrate. Allow this slurry to cure and dry completely before proceeding with installation.

TILE SEALING – PRE-INSTALLATION:

The tiles are to be sealed with either TFC or Akemi on the sides and face of the tile before installation takes place.

ADHESIVE APPLICATION:

Use a high-quality white flexible tile adhesive, ideally one suitable for natural stone and large-format tiles. White adhesive is recommended to avoid discoloration through the light granite.

TILE CLEANING – POST INSTALLATION:

Once the tiles have been laid and are secure, clean any surface residue using TFC Eezi Cleaner. Always follow the product instructions carefully to avoid damage or streaking.

DRYING BEFORE GROUTING:

Allow tiles to dry thoroughly before applying grout. Moisture trapped behind tiles can affect grout adhesion, curing and picture framing.

GROUTING:

Apply the grout evenly, using a rubber spatula, ensure the joints are fully packed and compacted (no voids). For added strength and reduced water absorption, you may add a bonding agent to the grout mix (if compatible with the chosen grout system), it is important to apply the grout neat and tidily.

Excess grout should be wiped off with a wet sponge immediately to avoid the grout from drying to the tile. TFC Eezi Clean can be used for cleaning up, before sealing.

SEALING – POST-INSTALLATION:

After the grout has cured fully, re-seal the surface of your tiles using TFC Invisible Sealer or Akemi Stain Repellent Nano-Effect. These products help protect the granite from stains and moisture ingress while maintaining its natural appearance. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for best results.

These guidelines are provided as general best practice for natural granite tiles. Final installation methods remain the responsibility of the installer.

