



CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE OF FLOORS AND FACINGS

A floor or wall facing by **Casalgrande Padana**, whether natural, lapped, lucida or polished, is synonym with beauty, strength and a long life.

These surfaces are low maintenance and only need be cleaned as described below.

First clean

Usually done just once before using the floor/facing and mandatorily after the installation of the floor/facing.

The aim is to remove any concrete or plaster that may have been left on the joints.

Proceed as follows:

- Sweep the floor/facing to remove the coarser dirt.
- Wet the surface with water until the joints are soaked so they are protected from the corrosive effect of the detergent indicated below; avoid any contact between the acid detergent and any steel, aluminium or natural marble surface near the floor/facing.
- Use the detergent in the recommended concentration (mixed with water) and apply it with a brush (**for the Metallica series, use highly diluted acid detergents and make sure to rinse thoroughly before leaving the floor to dry completely**).
- Leave it as long as needed depending on the condition of the floor, then rub any stubborn dirt away (such as mortar, plaster, etc. ...).
- Rinse the floor/facing with water and immediately mop up all the dirty water (by hand or with a washer/drier).
- The recommended detergents for removing any plaster residues are the following:
 - Joints with cement based grout
Deterprimo plus (Casalgrande Padana), Deterdek (Fila), Keranet (Mapei), Deltaplus (Kerakoll), Viakal (Procter&Gamble), Solvacid (Geal) or similar.
 - Joints with epoxy based grout
FUGA-SOAP ECO (Kerakoll), KERAPOXY CLEANER (Mapei), TILE CLEANER (Faber), CR10 (Fila), LITHOFIN RESIN-EX (Lithofin), EPOSOLV (GEAL).Follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Repeat the first clean as needed.

If the first clean takes place after using the floor/facing, remove any grease or similar substance with a specific alkaline detergent (degreaser) before applying the acid detergent (see Routine cleaning).

Polished, lucida, and lapped surfaces

As everybody knows, with time any surface will lose its gloss. Because of their unique technical specifications, in **Casalgrande Padana** products such process takes longer than for any natural material (marble, granite, stone...). However, to keep the floor as glossy as possible for as long as possible, protect the entrance to the room, especially if it is connected with an outdoor area, with a doormat that may trap as much dust or abrasive substance as possible out of the floor.

A slight dulling of the gloss after the first acid wash of the floor is to be expected, as it is due to the removal of the abrasives used to polish the surface.



Routine cleaning

For the routine cleaning of the floor/facing, just wash it with water mixed with a common detergent for ceramics (use cleansing gel for facings).

The surface of **Casalgrande Padana** products cannot be attacked by any substance, so it does not need to be treated with any protective wax and/or silicon product, which should actually never be used (they can form a film on the surface, which may alter the natural features of stoneware).

The floor is only clean once it regains its original appearance.

However, should there be any stubborn stain that cannot be removed by routine cleaning, use a more concentrated detergent and leave it there for long enough, then rub deeper until the tiles are back to their original condition. Note that stoneware is resistant to any chemical, **except hydrofluoric acid, which eats into any ceramic, so it must never be used.**

To clean the floor of a public area, wait until the place is closed, so the floor will be dry when the place is reopened; otherwise, fence off the cleaned floor until perfectly dry.

Textured surfaces

These surfaces are normally used in industrial or work environments and require specific measures for their maintenance.

In larger environments, it is advisable to use a washer/drier to ensure perfect cleanliness and hygiene. Another commonly used method is the high pressure washer.



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REMOVING PERSISTENT AND STUBBORN STAINS FROM STONEWARE TILES

SMEAR TYPE	DETERGENT CATEGORY	RECOMMENDED COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS
Blood Oil and animal or vegetable fat Sole marks Pencil Marker Ink Coffee Coca Cola Red wine Engine oil Car tyres	Alkaline	BLEACH CIF AJAX MASTRO LINDO PS 87 (FILA) RADIANT (ZEP) COLOURED STYLE REMOVER (FABER) NITRO THINNER CHITONE (MADRAS) TURPENTINE GRUNDREINIGER (PATINA-FALA)
Cement residues Coloured grout residues Rust Scale	Acid	DETERPRIMO (CASALGRANDE PADANA) DETERDEK (FILA) KERANET (MAPEI) DELTAPLUS (KERAKOLL) TERFOX (ZEP) VIAKAL (NELSEN) CEMENT REMOVER (FABER) KUKU (LITHOFIN) ACID-TECH (PATINA-FALA) RAS KLINKER (MADRAS) NORDECAL FORTE (NORD RESINE)
Resin Paint Silicon Nicotine - Tar	Solvent	FILASOLV (FILA) F-CH (MADRAS) SOLVENT STRIPPER (FABER) NEUTREX (GENERAL)