

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING OF THE FLOORING AND WALL COVERINGS

A **Casalgrande Padana** flooring or wall covering, 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

The purpose of first-time cleaning is to remove any trace of cement or plaster used to close the joints.

The flooring/wall covering is normally cleaned once before use. This must be done after installation and before use.

Proceed as follows:

- 1) Sweep the floor/covering to remove the coarser dirt.
- 2) Dampen the surface with water so as to soak the joints, thereby protecting them from the corrosive action of the acid detergent (descaling product).
- 3) Apply the detergent (see note A) in the concentration (water mixing ratio) indicated by the manufacturer using a manual or motorised brush. **With regards to the Metallica series, use very diluted detergents (1-5 dilution i.e., 1 part acid to 5 parts water), rinse thoroughly, and leave the floor to dry completely.**
Avoid any contact between the acid detergent and the steel, aluminium, and natural marble components near the flooring/wall covering.
- 4) Leave it as long as needed depending on the condition of the floor, then rub any stubborn dirt away (such as mortar, plaster, etc. ...).
- 5) Rinse the flooring/covering with water and mop up the dirty water immediately (manually or with a washer/drier).

If the flooring/wall covering is cleaned for the first time after being used, it is important to use appropriate alkaline detergents (degreasing agents) before applying the acid detergent to remove any greasy or similar substance (see Routine Cleaning).

If necessary, you can repeat the first-time cleaning operations described above.

Polished, lucida and lapped surfaces

A slight loss of shine after the first acid wash must be considered normal, as it is due to the removal of the abrasive residues used for processing the surface.

A) Here are a few detergents recommended for removing plaster residues:

Cement plaster joints – acid detergents (descaling products)

Deterprimo Plus (Casalgrande Padana), Deterdek (Fila), Keranet (Mapei), Deltaplus (Kerakoll), Solvacid (Geal) or similar detergents (follow the manufacturer's instructions).

Epoxy plaster joints – alkaline detergents

Fuga-Soap Eco (Kerakoll), Kerapoxy Cleaner (Mapei), Tile Cleaner (Faber), CR10 (Fila), Lithofin Resin-Ex (Lithofin), Eposolv (Geal) or similar detergents (follow the manufacturer's instructions).



Routine cleaning

For everyday cleaning, all you have to do is wash the flooring/wall covering with water and normal neutral detergents suitable for ceramic surfaces (for wall coverings use a neutral gel detergent gel).

Make sure that the detergents do not contain waxy substances. The surface of **Casalgrande Padana** products are practically non-absorbent; therefore, the use of wax and/or silicone cleaners is not required. These should never be used, as they create a superficial film that changes the natural characteristics of porcelain stoneware.

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

Floors of public areas should be cleaned when the place is closed, so the floor will be dry when it reopens; otherwise, fence off the cleaned floor until perfectly dry.

For larger places, use a washer/drier to ensure perfect cleanliness and hygiene.

The flooring is to be considered clean when it returns to its original appearance!



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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)