

CLASSICAL FLAGSTONES

Internal Stone Flooring and Tiling

Maintenance Guidelines

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Introduction

Once laid and sealed/impregnated in accordance with the Classical recommendations, your floor will require periodic aftercare in order to maintain an aesthetically pleasing appearance.

The following are guidelines only and should be tailored to the level of wear experienced and in consultation with the manufacturers instructions:

The sealants recommended by classical may not prevent stains, they act as a barrier that will enable spills to be cleaned up before staining may occur.

General Cleaning

Sweep up any dust and particles. Mop with warm water and Easy Care cleaner (1:50 or 1 capful to a 5 litre bucket). Remove excess water, but do not rinse. Use a stronger solution of Easy Care and water for stubborn marks. For rubber marks, oil & grease spots use Wexa Cleaner (1:10 with water). Leave for 2-5 minutes and brush. Once the mark is removed add more water and brush again. Rinse and leave to dry. When using Wexa the effectiveness of the surface sealant may be affected and therefore spot re-sealing may be required, see section on re-sealing. Although initial sealing was undertaken, acidic based solutions such as wine or juice must be wiped up immediately to prevent damage to the sealant and ultimate staining of the floor. NEVER use propriety brands of household cleaners on your floor, these will damage the sealant and cause excessive wear and tear to the floor.

Re-sealing/re-impregnating of floors

Re-sealing is required when the surface protecting the stone is worn away, either through cleaning or foot traffic. You may notice that the floor is slightly harder to keep clean or has a dull finish. The frequency of re-sealing will depend on the level of wear experienced and will therefore be unique to every household, as a general rule re-sealing should be undertaken at least once per year. Please note, spot re-sealing may be required to heavy wear areas such as around the cooker and sink in a kitchen, around toilets or in doorways.

Cleaning prior to re-sealing – All floor types

Sweep up any dust and particles. Apply Wexa cleaner, diluted with water (1:10) and clean comprehensively using a mop or soft brush if required, do not allow product to dry. Leave for 5-10 minutes add more water and brush again. Repeat if required.

Remove the product from the floor with plenty of water and leave floor to dry thoroughly (minimum 48 hours). Please note drying times may vary significantly depending on local conditions (i.e. seasons, air humidity, room temperature, ventilation etc). Humidity measurement on the surface will provide certainty and should not exceed 3%.

Re-Sealing – *Classical York*

- The surface temperature of the floor should not exceed 25°C, therefore under floor heating will have to be turned down in advance.
- Ensure the can is at room temperature and slightly shake before use as contents can separate resulting in inadequate protection.
- Use a new and clean heavy duty paint brush to apply CF1 Resin Sealant working into the riven textured surface.
- Re-work in any puddles to ensure they do not dry on the surface. Seal will be touch dry within 2-3 hours.
- Apply a second coat concentrating additional seal on heavy wear areas. Discard the paintbrush and any empty cans (unfortunately the paintbrush can not be cleaned).
- Although touch dry, the seal will require a minimum of 24 hours to harden prior to replacement of furniture and application of water.

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Re-sealing of *Classical Distressed White Limestone, Classical Celtic and Classical Pennant*

- The surface temperature of the floor should not be below +15°C.
- Use Multi Seal and apply evenly using a clean cloth, sponge or brush.
- Re-work in any puddles to ensure they do not dry on the surface.
- Seal will be touch dry within 1-2 hours.
- Apply additional coats as required to achieve a uniform appearance and sheen, concentrating on heavy wear areas.
- Wash cloths if desired and rinse container prior to disposal.
- Although touch dry the seal will require a minimum of 24 hours to harden prior to replacement of furniture and application of water.

impregnating of Limestone, Travertine or Slate

- The surface temperature of the floor should be between 10°C and 25°C, therefore any under floor heating should be turned off in advance. Ensure that when heating is turned back on this is done gradually in 5°C increments.
- Use Stain Stop and shake the bottle prior to use.
- Apply generously using a clean brush, roller or sponge. The product can also be applied using a garden sprayer and then distributing using a sponge.
- Re-work in any puddles to ensure they do not dry on the surface. .

Re-impregnating of dense Limestone or Basalt

- The surface temperature of the floor should be between 5°C and 25°C, therefore any under floor heating should be turned off in advance. Ensure that when heating is turned back on this is done gradually in 5°C increments.
- Use Stain Stop and apply thinly and evenly using a clean brush, roller or cloth. Large areas should be treated in smaller parts of 10-15m².
- Re-work in any puddles to ensure they do not dry on the surface.
- Repeat after about 5 minutes as applying several thin applications ensures better results. Concentrate on heavy wear areas.