



Cimenterie  
de la Tour

## Cement tiles – surface treatment

To ensure a service second to none, Cement Tiles of Tour has partnered with the company Sodéra Equipment, who are specialists in surface treatments.

In the case of cement adhesive fixing, surface treatment should be left until **at least a week** after laying the tiles; **in the case of tiles laid on a concrete screed the ideal waiting method is one month**. This permits the completion of the process of carbonisation, which results in a white surface film. Delaying the treatment even longer does not give rise to any problems.

### Stage 1 : Decarbonisation

Apply an appropriate decarbonising product to the tiles, strictly following the manufacturer's recommendations. Different brands vary in concentration. Cement Tiles of Tour recommends and uses "S4", diluted with water (250 ml for 15 liter minimum) and applied to small areas at a time with a disposable pad, such as green Scotch Brite. For small surfaces a scrubbing brush will do. The scrubbing action, combined with the acid solution, will eliminate the white residue of the cement. It will also make the surface smoother, for easier cleaning in the future.

Rinse the surface two or three times with clean water. Leave to dry at least 24 hours. **USE THE DECARBONISING PRODUCT ONCE ONLY !** If there are still some traces of white, remove them with fine glass paper or Scotch Brite

### Stage 2 : Preparation for Kitchen Surfaces only

Apply a coat of "Oleosealer", which increases resistance to oil and grease stains, beyond waterproofing. The product should be applied using a squeegee or a brush and allowed to dry. 1 litre is sufficient for approximately 8m<sup>2</sup>.

### Stage 3 : Permanent waterproofing

Cement Tiles of Tour uses "terrazo sealer".

Ensure the surface to be treated is clean, dry and free from grease or oil. Then apply the micro-porous product with a squeegee or a wool fleece roller (8 to 16mm). 1 litre will cover 10m<sup>2</sup>. In most cases a single coat will suffice. If a second coat is required, wait 24 hours between coats. In the case of floors do not walk on them for 24 hours.

(Optional) To speed the formation of a satin-like patina on the surface of the tiles, two coats of a patina surface treatment may be applied.

### Stage 4 : Daily Care

After the above waterproofing, use normal cleaning products for kitchen or bathroom tile surfaces. No special care need be taken. **IMPORTANT** : It is very important not to clean the tiles before their treatment with soft soap containing linseed oil, otherwise the pores of the tiles.

After application keep the surface protected from water for at least two weeks. The surface will become blocked with the oil. In such a case it will be necessary to always use linseed oil-based soft soap for cleaning the tiles.

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