

Yeomans Slate Wholesalers - Maintenance Advice

The following information is intended as a general guide only, if in doubt, please contact your supplier or distributor.

Laying Slate - Concrete Slab (Using Fixcrete)

- (1) Mix 1/2 bag at a time of pre-mix adhesive with water until a smooth and heavy pasted is formed.
- (2) With a flat trowel, apply a layer of adhesive on the surface to be tiled.
- (3) Tap the slate down to the correct level with a rubber mallet making sure the adhesive is in contact with the entire tile.
- (4) Align with a string line or straight edge ensuring it is also level.
- (5) Allow 24 hours for the tiles to set then grout ensuring all spaces are filled then clean off excess grout with a sponge.

Laying Slate - Timber floors

- (1) Tack a moisture proof barrier to the areas to be slated eg: Plastic sheeting
- (2) Fix an expanded metal sheet to the timber floor with clouts or staples around the sheer perimeter.
- (3) Mix 3 parts of sand to 2 part cement and apply to the back of the tile and prior to bedding into a mortar base
- (4) Grout after 24 hours with a 3 to 1 mix of sand and cement.

Slate Cleaning

Slate should be left for one week after laying before cleaning using water and a scrubbing brush to remove flakes.

We do not recommend sealing slate straight after laying as the slate needs to rise out of the mortar first.

Seal using a propriety product such as " Slate and Pebble Seal" etc.

Slate Resealing

If waxes or polishes have been used mix up the following:

1 cup of cloudy ammonia to 1 tablespoon of caustic soda in a bucket of hot water.

Leave on the floor for 10 minutes then scrub with a heavy brush until all grim, dirt or polish has been lifted.

Allow to dry before resealing.

Sealers - Aqua Glaze

This keeps the slate looking lighter.

Pour the sealer into a plastic bucket then mop over two coats within an hour between each coat until touch dry.

Sealers - Xylene Sealer

This darkens the slate as when wet.

Pour the sealer into a metal paint tray and apply the sealer with a lambswool applicator.

Two or three coats are required within one hour between each coat.

For general maintenance, simply vacuum and mop the floor with water.