

# SEALING

Sealing is not required for Solid Glazes.

**Sealing is mandatory for Crackle Glazes.** We recommend to seal our tiles with a penetrating sealer before and after grouting.

1. The sealer penetrates the fine, hairline fissures in the glaze and prevents dirt and dusk darkening the crackle over a period of time.
2. Sealing the crackled glaze makes it easier to maintain and clean.
3. The sealer is wiped off the glazed surface of the tile and will not harm it or change its appearance.
4. **We do not recommend the use of contrasting grouts with this type of glaze.**



**We recommend the following products and procedures:**

Once the tile is mounted on the wall and before grouting, the tile surface must be clean and free of dirt and dust. Use the **FILAMP90 – Natural Look Penetrating Sealer** (available from your ADEX USA DEALERS) which is a solvent based sealer. Apply an even coat of FILAMP90 with a paintbrush or lambs wool applicator pad. Wait 24 Hours to allow the product to cure. Apply grout with a sponge evenly distributing grout over joints. **Do not use a grout float.**

*NOTE: Although not recommended, if you choose to use Contrasting Color Grouts, it is imperative that the tiles are thoroughly sealed to avoid the discoloration from the grout pigment. Please follow the mixing grouting instructions of the Grout Manufacturer.*

Once the grouting is completed and allowed to dry, the surface of the tiles must be cleaned using **FILA CLEANER – Neutral Cleaner** (available from your ADEX USA DEALERS): Dilute to 1:30. Clean the surface with a cloth and scrubbing brush. Remove any residue and rinse thoroughly.

After the thorough cleaning of the surface and grout residue, the tile will need to be resealed using the **FILAMP90 – Natural Look Penetrating Sealer** (available from your ADEX USA DEALERS) observing the following guidelines: Apply an even coat of FILAMP90 with a paintbrush or lambs wool applicator pad. Wipe off product excess after 15 minutes, making sure to rub the product and help its complete penetration into the material. Wait 24 Hours to allow the product to cure.

*NOTE: Future Sealing of the product should be done if you see any discoloration/darkening in the body of the tile. This will vary by end usage, care and maintenance products and tools used.*

**If you use any other sealer, please check with the manufacturer for the proper instructions and products to use for sealing crackled glaze ceramic tile.**

## PLEASE NOTE

We assume no responsibility for installation. This information is to be used as a guideline only and should be discussed with a professional and accredited tile installer.