### Fixing & Maintenance Instructions

# **Fabric**





Fixing	Before Grouting	Grouting	Cutting	After Grouting	After Care
Powder adhesive	Protective Sealer	Fine Smooth Grout	Flat Bed Cutter	Remove Excess Grout Immediately	Neutral Cleaner
Solid Bed Fixing	Crackle Glaze Protector	New Float & Sponge	Electric Cutter		Warm Soapy Water
					No Abrasive Cleaners

# Checking

Firstly, check the tiles are the correct size, colour/ shade and quantity. Installation will constitute your acceptance and therefore Tileasy Ltd (Craft) will not accept responsibility for any colour/size variations or defects once tiles have been cut or fixed.

We recommend that sufficient tiles/mosaics are purchased all at once to complete the project & that they are mixed to achieve the desired effect before installation begins. The manufacturing process may lead to slight variations in size & shade.

# **Cutting**

The nature of glass tiles is such that they can be a little more difficult to cut than ceramic tiles. Therefore ensure a little extra time is taken, as it will be rewarded with better results.

When cutting glass, stone or ceramic elements of these ranges, cuts can be achieved using a Tileasy flatbed cutter. Angle cuts can be made using a Tileasy electrically powered cutter (code EC450) fitted with a diamond glass blade (code DGB).

If the product being cut has a laminate backing, then in addition to the score & snap of glass, you may be required to separate the pieces by carefully cutting the backing with a Tileasy utility knife (UKN).

When cutting metal tiles/mosaics, it is recommended they are cut using a hacksaw with a fine blade. Following cutting, any rough edges can be smoothed off using a Tileasy diamond pad (code DHP) or fine wet & dry sandpaper.

### **Fixing**

Fixing can be completed using either a S1 or S2 standard powder adhesive, suitable for glass mosaics. Please consult your adhesive supplier for further guidance.

These tiles MUST be fixed using a solid bed of adhesive, i.e. 100% contact achieved ensuring no gaps or voids.

Following fixing & prior to grouting, it is recommended that any mosaic with a crackle glaze surface (Honeycomb Fawn) is sealed with Tileasy Crackle Glaze Protector (code XCGP) to prevent possible contamination by coloured grout.

Prior to grouting it is also recommended that any mosaics/ tiles with a natural stone element is sealed with a protective sealer, such as Tileasy Natural Finish Sealer (code XNFS) as this will enhance its colour & prevent staining.

# Grouting

Ensure a suitable smooth/fine grout is used to prevent scratching the tile surface. It is also recommended that a new grout float & sponge is used to prevent grout contamination from previous tiling work.

When grouting it is recommended to work in small sections, whilst ensuring any excess grout is removed from the surface, paying particular attention to any metal tiles, as prolonged contact may cause contamination to the tile surface, and dry grout may increase the risk of scratching.

#### **Aftercare**

For general care, a regular wipe with warm soapy water should be sufficient to maintain the tiles in good condition. If preferred a neutral based detergent or glass cleaning product can be used. Avoid using abrasive cleaners and scourers as this may result in scratching.

# Suitability

Suitable for internal use only. Suitable for use in kitchens, bathrooms or showers, however, not suitable in submerged conditions, steam rooms or where standing water may collect. Not suitable for floor use.

