



# General Care & Maintenance Guide

## Ceramic & Porcelain Tiles

### Grout Haze Removal

What you will need – A bucket, a broom, gloves, NT Residual Surface Cleaner, NT All Purpose Cleaner, nylon scouring pads, a Spirit Doodlebug is ideal for cleaning small to medium sized areas, a multi-directional head attachment with 3 grades of pads that clamps easily to a broom handle.



NT All Purpose Cleaner



NT Residual  
Surface Cleaner



NT Easy Seal



Nylon Scouring Pads

In a bucket, dilute NT Residual Surface Cleaner at a rate of 10 parts clean water to 1 part NT Residual Surface Cleaner.

1. Sweep the area to be cleaned first to remove any dirt or loose debris.
2. Wet the area before applying the acid solution to avoid potential damage to your grout joints.
3. Apply the solution to the area and allow it to sit for 1-2 minutes allowing the cleaner to loosen the grout haze. (Clean in sections that you can handle, don't try to do a large area in one go.)
4. Scrub with the **Spirit Doodlebug**, a nylon scouring pad, or for large areas a rotary floor scrubbing machine may be used. Do not let the solution dry on the surface, add more of the solution if it does to keep it wet.
5. Remove the solution with a dense mop, or for larger areas a wet vacuum is ideal.
6. To finish the job, rinse the floor with **NT All Purpose Cleaner**. Dilute at a rate of 10 parts clean water to 1 part **NT All Purpose Cleaner**.
7. Allow the area to dry completely before commencing sealing. A good indicator of a dry substrate is when the grout joints are dry. Use **NT Easy Seal** for the sealing of grout joints.



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



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### Everyday Cleaning

For general maintenance of your ceramic or porcelain tiles use **NT All Purpose Cleaner**. In a bucket, dilute 10 parts clean water to 1 part **NT All Purpose Cleaner**. Allow the solution to sit for approximately 2 minutes before scrubbing with a nylon scouring pad, using the appropriate grade pad hardness for your floor. Soft white for polished surfaces, medium blue for honed surfaces and hard black for rough exterior surfaces. For scuff marks and spot cleaning use **Spirit Porcelain Creme**.



NT All Purpose Cleaner



Spirit  
Porcelain Creme



Nylon Scouring Pads

### Periodic Heavy-Duty Cleaning

- If regular maintenance has not been kept up, heavier duty cleaners can be used to bring your tiles back to life. For built-in dirt, grease and grime use **Spirit HDC**.
- In a bucket, dilute 10 parts clean water to 1 part **Spirit HDC**. Spread the solution over the area to be cleaned and allow it to sit for 3-5 minutes before scrubbing with the appropriate grade nylon scouring pad for your tile surface. Remove the dirty water with a dense mop, or wet vacuum if you have access to one.
- For organic stains such as, mould and mildew, and other tannin stains use **Spirit Bright As**.
- In a bucket, dilute 10 parts clean water to 1 part **Spirit Bright As**. Spread the solution over the area to be cleaned and allow it to sit for approximately 15-20 minutes before scrubbing the area with the appropriate grade nylon scouring pad for your tile surface. Remove the dirty water with a dense mop or wet vacuum if you have access to one.
- When cleaning with heavier duty cleaners such as **Spirit HDC** or **Spirit Bright As** the surface should always be rinsed afterwards with **NT All Purpose Cleaner** to neutralise any residue left from the heavy-duty cleaners.



Spirit Heavy  
Duty Cleaner



Spirit  
Bright AS



NT All Purpose Cleaner



Nylon Scouring Pads