

RUSTICO INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Prior to Installation

These instructions are provided as a general guideline for the installation of Island Stone Rustico Collection. An experienced, professional tile installer, who has read and understands these instructions, should perform the work. All tile and natural stone products vary slightly in color, shade, finish, and size. Upon delivery, inspect your entire order to verify order accuracy and confirm the tile product meets your expectations.

INSTALLATION CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE.

NO ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE AFTER INSTALLATION.

Rustico is a ceramic tile with an aesthetic class of V3, which means there will be moderate variation from piece to piece within your order. Therefore, dry laying and blending the entire order either prior to or during installation is extremely important in achieving a visually balanced tile installation.

The owner or owner's representative is responsible for determining the acceptability of the tile prior to installation as well as approving the first five square feet of installed tile before proceeding with the remainder of the installation.

Substrate Preparation & Installation

Rustico should be installed in accordance with the specifications in the current versions of the Tile Council of North America's "TCNA Handbook for Ceramic, Glass, and Stone Tile Installation" and the "ANSI A108 American National Standards for the Installation of Ceramic Tile." The TCNA Handbook and ANSI A108 standard are available for purchase at www.tcnatile.com.

WARNING: DO NOT SOAK TILE WITH WATER PRIOR TO INSTALLATION

Setting Material

Rustico should be installed with a setting material that is specified for use with a ceramic body (non-vitreous) tile as well as the intended installation location.

Grout

Rustico should be installed with a grout joint between 1/16" and 1/8" and grouted with a non-sanded, cement-based grout or alternate grout material recommended for use with a glazed, ceramic tile.

Note: Tile is generally grouted with a color that is similar to that of the tile. If a contrasting grout color is selected it is beneficial to install and grout a sample board to confirm the result meets your expectations.

Crack Isolation/Waterproofing Membrane

Unless specified by the applicable TCNA method, a membrane is not required when installing Rustico.

Movement Joints

Movement joints are essential for the success of most tile installations and placement requirements will vary. Follow the recommendations for Movement Joints EJ171 in the current version of the "TCNA Handbook for Ceramic, Glass and Stone Tile Installation."

Cutting

Rustico can be cut with a wet tile saw equipped with a diamond tile blade designed for cutting ceramic tile or a score-and-snap style cutting tool.

WARNING: DO NOT DRY CUT TILE WITH A POWER TOOL.

Sealing & Maintenance

Rustico does not need to be sealed. However, if a cement grout is used, sealing the grout may be beneficial. Be sure to remove excess sealer from the surface of the tile, per the sealer manufacturer's directions, to prevent sealer haze.

Rustico should be regularly cleaned with a pH neutral tile cleaner. For heavier grease, oil, soap scum, etc. an alkaline based cleaner may be used. Acidic or abrasive cleaners should not be used to clean Rustico.

Questions?

Call Island Stone Installation Support at **800-371-0001**.