

NOMAD INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Prior to Installation

These instructions are provided as a general guideline for the installation of the Island Stone Nomad 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 the entire order to verify order accuracy and confirm the product meets expectations.

Nomad is a ceramic tile with an aesthetic class of V2 or V3, which means there will be slight to 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.

**INSTALLATION CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE.
NO ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE AFTER INSTALLATION.**

Substrate Preparation

Nomad 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.

When preparing the substrate (surface to which the tile will be bonded) the maximum allowable variation should not be more than 1/8" in 10 feet from the required plane when measured from the high points in the substrate.

Do not use setting material to build up the substrate unless otherwise specified by the installation material manufacturer. Setting material build-up may lead to tile cracking.

To receive an installation material warranty (system warranty), when possible, the waterproofing, setting material, grout, etc. should be from the same installation material manufacturer.

Crack Isolation/Waterproofing Membrane

Unless specified by the applicable TCNA method, a membrane is not required when installing Nomad. However, if Nomad will be installed over a liquid applied membrane or waterproof backerboard a rapid-set thin set or epoxy adhesive should be used. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions when installing a waterproof sheet membrane or waterproof tile backerboard.

Setting Material

Unless installed over a membrane (see Crack Isolation/Waterproof Membrane section), Nomad should be installed with one the following setting materials or an adhesive that meets *ISO 13007 Standards: Product Classifications - C2, F, S1*.

BOSTIK: BAM or better

CUSTOM: ProLite, ProLite RS or better

LATICRETE: 254 Platinum, 254R Platinum Rapid or better

MAPEI: Keraflex Super, Keraflex RS or better

SCHLUTER SYSTEMS: All-Set or Fast-Set

TEC: Quik Flex or better

For additional setting material recommendations, please consult the setting material manufacturer.

Installation

Generally, Nomad should be installed with a 1/4" x 1/4" square notch trowel and does not need to be back buttered. When installing, flat trowel the substrate with setting material to initiate the bond. Add additional setting material and trowel in one direction. Install tile before setting material skins over. After embedment, the setting material thickness must be less than 1/4". Excessive setting material thickness may lead to tile cracking. [Click here](#) for a video on proper trowel technique.

WARNING: DO NOT SOAK NOMAD WITH WATER PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.

Grout

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

Note: Tile is usually grouted with a color that is similar or slightly lighter than the color of the tile. If a contrasting grout color is selected it may be beneficial to install and grout a sample board to confirm the result will meet your expectations.

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Movement Joints

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

Cutting

Nomad can be cut with a wet saw equipped with a diamond 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

Nomad 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.

Nomad should be regularly cleaned with a pH neutral tile cleaner. For heavier build-up such as grease, oil, soap scum, etc. an alkaline based cleaner may be used. Acidic or heavily abrasive cleaners or products should not be used to regularly clean Nomad.

Questions?

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