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Storage and transport

Facade tiles and substructure are packed on pallets and wrapped with shrink film and edge protection to protect against damage or con -tamination. Despite the above appropriate care should be taken when unloading and moving.

Cutting

We recommend wet cutting machines like those used by tile fixers to cut large format and thick porcelain stoneware. The following recommendation is an example for this:

Dahm D2 ceramic and stone cutting machine Item No. 30025

Dahm DNS 1 diamond cutting blade Item No. 50152

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Warning: If longitudinal cuts of more than 1,500 mm must be made, then use an appropriate machine with a longer cutting table.

Cleaning fine dust from tiles

Cutting residues must be removed from the tiles after cutting tiles on site. This can be done using a supply of ample clean water. Only clean tiles should be installed. If there is still fine dust on the tiles in the form of a grey haze following installation, this can be wiped off dry tiles using a dry microfiber cloth (e.g. from Vileda). It is important here that the tile and cloth are dry, so no residue remains on the tile. However, if concrete or mortar residues remain on the tile, this can be removed using a cement residue remover.

NOTE: Tonality tiles can be cleaned by pressure washer up to 100bar (1450psi)

Tiles with graffiti protection - cleaning contamination from tiles

Tiles in the TONALITY NATUR, NUANCE, SIENA and NOBLESSE COLOR product series have durable, effective graffiti protection. This is directly fired in during the KERALIS process. The protective effect is present from day one, and so also during construction phase. Unlike conventional systems, no refreshing or renewal of the protection is required. TONALITY graffiti protection lasts for the entire life of the product.

With conventional systems, graffiti protection must be applied retroactively. It usually involves a wax-like coating that alters the gloss level of the tiles and often leads to spots forming. The coating also loses its effectiveness after approx. 3 years and must be reapplied.

TONALITY graffiti protection does not need to be renewed. Should contamination occur through graffiti, it can be "wiped away". We recommend a mild solution of alcohol for this, or a graffiti remover such as P3 Scribex 400 from the company Henkel.