



## GENERAL INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE GUIDE

ENGLISH

### GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Thank you for choosing Venezia Mosaici for your home improvement. The following information is intended to serve as a general guide but may not substitute the professional advice necessary for your particular needs.

### SUITABILITY

We recommend that you seek the expert advice of an Architect, Licensed Tile Setter or Contractor to ensure that the material selected is suitable for your own circumstances. Some of our series are not suitable for floors or areas subject to direct water contact or water immersion i.e. swimming pools, fountains, spa, nor those areas that are subject to high abrasion, mechanical or thermal shock. If present, any natural stone inserts must be sealed with a clear sealer during installation, following the instructions of the sealer's manufacturer.

### DESIGN, INSPECTION AND LAYOUT

The natural handmade character of our Venezia Mosaici will express an artistic level of color, shade, and size variation within each sheet of mosaic. Predetermine the layout of installation and the tiles to perform the desired pattern, to confirm the desired blending based on shading consistency.

### PREPARING THE SURFACE

Any translucent mosaic will show any inconsistency of the surface where it is applied. The surface must be clean and flat, and the choice of bonding should be white so that its color doesn't impact the shade or tone of the material once it is set. Each adhesive manufacturer has their own guide on how to prepare substrates and final adhesive performance will rely on the dimensional stability and structural condition of the surface.

### ADHESIVE, GROUTING AND SEALANTS

Apply the adhesive to the surface first, and then to the back of the previously selected mesh mounted mosaic sheet or strip, strictly within the adhesive's manufacturer's installation specifications. Only apply the amount of adhesive to be covered within 10-15 minutes. Clean excess of the adhesive immediately after application by using a damp sponge. Strictly avoid abrasive sealants, instruments and tools over mosaics with gold or silver foil or hand painted stones. Right after grouting it is necessary to clean the surface with soft sponges, water and neutral soap in order to prevent residue of sealant material from hardening on top of the chips.

### CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Simply use a soft sponge soaked in soap and water. DO NOT use acid/abrasive products or high-pressure water-jet or steam cleaning. Avoid the use of metal sponges to prevent damaging the mosaic surface. You may find a wide variety of biodegradable or non-abrasive cleaners available at your local home remodeling center or home product store.

### NOTES

Some of these products are designed as decorations for indoor use and can NOT be laid as flooring. Use in saunas is also inadvisable as there are not enough case histories for ensuring resistance in such extreme conditions.