

EXOTIC

INSTALLATION GUIDE

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Exotic Metal Interiors is committed to supplying the finest metal tiles, and the support you need to achieve the best results for your project.

ADHESIVE FOR EXOTIC THERMOSET BACKING

- Our backing is suitable for use with most standard pre-mixed ceramic tile adhesive or modified thinset mortar available from virtually any building supply store - please check with the store staff or our customer service department if you have any questions about an adhesive's suitability.
- Use a 3/16" x 3/16" v-notch trowel
- Leave the plastic protective coating on the tiles until they have been installed if possible (to protect the surface), be careful to keep the adhesive off the face of the tile – do remove any adhesive if it gets on to the surface of the tile before it hardens.
- Typically tile spacers are not necessary (due to the chamfered edge)

CAULK / GROUT METHODS

NOTE: *Installations where maintenance requires any significant cleaning must include grout, caulking or sealant between tiles. This action will prevent the maintenance liquids from affecting the substrate under the tiles.*

- For decorative or areas not requiring significant cleaning, no caulk or grout is required.

Basic Directions for Grouting Stainless Steel Tiles using Caulk:

1. Apply Siliconized Acrylic Latex Caulk with a Caulk-Gun, laying a bead in the "V" form between the tiles.
 2. Tool immediately after application.
 3. Clean up uncured sealant inadvertently applied to tile surfaces immediately; in most cases use a damp tile sponge immediately to remove excess caulking material. Be attentive with the tile sponge when using sanded caulk to avoid scratching the tile surface (*wipe with the grain of the tile where possible; **sanded caulk not recommended).
- *Tiles must be spaced if you intend to use standard style grout
*Special Care **MUST** be taken with any of the specialized finishes (Mirror, Patina, etc) – the taping method is most often used - please contact us with any questions.

- **DO NOT** use abrasive cleaners, powders, heavy scouring pads, steel wool, sandpaper, etc. to remove grout haze or damage to the tile surface may result.

#4 – CUTTING & MACHINING

Exotic Metal Interior tiles can be cut, however when they are cut you lose the beveled edge on the cut side. Cut edges should be finished with a metal file, as they may be quite sharp.

Exotic Metal Interior tiles are best cut using a standard tile wet-saw. *When cutting the tiles with the wet saw be sure that the Metal Face is UP.*

Holes can be drilled using a high-speed drill or hole saw. Holes should only be drilled to allow penetrations such as for pipes or conduit, and never for fixturing or attachment.

DO NOT use tile cutters designed to score and break tiles.

#5 - CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Exotic Metal wall tiles will easily maintain their rich appearance with simple routine care.

Exotic Metal Interior tiles are processed from metal sheet stock with great care. Minor surface imperfections are inherent qualities of the metal and the fabrication process.

Generally, cleaning with a damp **micro fibre cloth, lint free cotton cloth** or **sponge** and solution of warm water and dishwashing detergent is sufficient.

Exotic Metal Interior uses no clear coat on our standard line of metal tiles (clear coat is used on Patina Copper only).

- Stainless Steel may be cleaned using any stainless steel cleaner or a damp **micro fibre or lint free cotton cloth.**
- Copper Tiles are processed with a grained or brushed finish on the surface. The surface is the classic orange-gold copper color, but it will oxidize creating a rich monochromatic patina. The original color can be maintained easily by using one of the many copper cleaners commonly found in hardware or grocery stores, or you may let the copper surface age naturally to a beautiful patina.
- Crystal Titanium, Textured Titanium, and Titanium Colored Tiles should **only** be cleaned with a **micro fibre or lint free cotton cloth.** We recommend a solution of equal part vinegar and water.
- Patina Copper Tiles have a clear coat to protect and preserve the finish. Copper and brass cleaners (as well as any other abrasive cleaner) should not be used, as they will remove the clear coat over time --use only soap and water.

**** The plastic protective coating should remain on tiles until they are mounted. Plastic may be peeled back to confirm grain orientation. Protective plastic coating will need to be removed for grouting.**

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