

## INSTALLATION GUIDE CINTA<sup>TM</sup> FSC® CERTIFIED RECLAIMED TEAK TILE

## ACCLIMATION:

CINTA<sup>™</sup> Teak Tile has arrived at location of installation, reclaimed teak tile should be allowed to acclimate on location for 4-5 days prior to installation. This will ensure minimal expansion and contraction of reclaimed teak tile product. After 4-5 days, reclaimed teak tile is ready for installation.

### Substrate:

This reclaimed teak tile should then be installed on a clean, sound, flat substrate. All substrate material must be dry, clean, and flat.

The following substrate may be used with our CINTA<sup>™</sup> Teak Tiles:

- Fully cured concrete substrate
- Cement backer board
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- Gypsum board (dry area only)

CINTA<sup>™</sup> Teak Tile can be installed over Radiant Heating Systems. The CINTA<sup>™</sup> Teak Tile is a solid wood product and may be subject to cracking due to temperature fluctuations caused by radiant heating. Please be aware that grout may crack to excessive heat or heating to rapidly. This may void warranty.

### Cutting and Drilling CINTA<sup>™</sup> Wood Tiles:

Use a Wet Tile Saw to cut CINTA<sup>™</sup> Teak Tiles with a new or fresh, ceramic tile saw blade. If necessary, a standard sliding compound miter saw with a carbide tipped blade can be used to handle most installation requirements. When drilling, all standard woodworking drill bits will be fine. Additional specialized pattern cutting tools and blades also may be used, increasing the complexity of patterns for installation.

## Setting Materials:

For Tiles less then 2.5" wide (each individual tile width) use VERSABOND POLYMER MODIFIED THIN-SET MORTAR or like products. The CINTA<sup>™</sup> Teak Tiles should be set with this system are:

- CINTA<sup>™</sup> Hexagon Teak Tiles
- CINTA<sup>™</sup> Square Teak Tiles

### Prior To Grouting:

Prior to grouting joints, after the setting adhesives is completely dry the following day. It is not recommended to set CINTA<sup>™</sup> Teak Tile and grout in same day. If both set and grouted in same day, CINTA<sup>™</sup> Teak Tile will not have a chance to acclimate during the drying process of the setting material and this may crack the grouted joints.

## Grouting

**USE EPOXY GROUT & ADHESIVES** 

\*After epoxy grout is applied it is important to clean off residue quickly on the resin coated tiles to avoid damage to finish

\*It is very important that when using any of the above listed setting materials that adhesive is spread evenly to all corners with adhesive bonding bottom edges of profiles.

Test grout on sample piece of tile to ensure that color and appearance is as desired.

During application, when sponging the grout off the tile surface, a soft bristle brush is helpful to remove grout from the seams in the wood surface. If the grout is allowed to fully dry in the surface seams, it can be very difficult to remove. CINTA<sup>™</sup> does not have to be sealed after grouting, as urethane grout does not require sealing.



# Reclaimed Teak Wood Tile CLEANING & MAINTENENCE

CINTA<sup>™</sup> tile is made from 100% FSC recycled teak wood. Teak is known for its durability, resitance to moisture and how well it performs in all weather conditions. Over time, your teak tile can be left to age and wear naturally or you can perform regular maintenance.

Our reclaimed teak wood tiles may be regularly cleaned using a gentle water based cleaner and a soft shammy or fabric towel.

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