

FSC® CERTIFIED 100% RECLAIMED TEAK TILE

ACCLIMATION:

When 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 substrates may be used with our teak tiles:

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

Our teak tile **cannot** be installed over radiant heating systems. The teak tile is a solid wood product and may be subject to cracking due to temperature fluctuations caused by radiant heating.

Cutting and Drilling Teak Wood Tiles:

Use a wet tile saw to cut 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:

1. For tiles less than 2.5" wide (each individual tile width) use custom building products VERSABOND POLYMER MODIFIED THIN-SET MORTAR or like products. The teak tiles should be set with this system are:

- A Hexagon Teak Tiles
- B Square Teak Tiles

2. Epoxy tile adhesive is the **only** choice for the resin coated teak tiles. Due to the moisture in the adhesive during installation, our teak tiles may warp if traditional water mix adhesives are used. Please use LATICRETE LATAPOXY 300 or like products to install all the larger teak tiles in excess of 2.5" in width. Teak tiles that may be set with epoxy adhesives are:

- A Resin Coated Teak Tiles

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.

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Prior to Grouting:

Prior to grouting joints, after the setting adhesives is completely dry the following day. It is not recommended to set our teak tile and grout in same day. If both set and grouted in same day, our teak tiles will not have a chance to acclimate during the drying process of the setting material and this may crack the grouted joints.

Grouting:

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. Our teak tile does not have to be sealed after grouting, as urethane grout does not require sealing.

Cleaning and Maintenance:

Our 100% reclaimed teak tile may be regularly cleaned using, a gentle water based cleaner. (Example: BONA CLEANER) Do **NOT** use strong cleaners and strippers.

After a few years if tile is dull or worn in appearance than desired, a refresher coat of BONA may be applied to bring new luster and sheen to the teak tiles surface. If applying a refresher coat of BONA, our teak tile must be dust free and clean of oils and contaminates.

Note: BONA can be purchased through any BONA Dealer. Please visit [www.bona.com](http://www.bona.com) to find a dealer near you. To purchase TruColor or QuartzLock2 grout, visit [www.bostik-us.com](http://www.bostik-us.com) for a local authorized dealer.

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