



SUSTAINABLE FLOORING

SHOWERCORK INSTALLATION

Installation of the Showercork™ is similar to typical ceramic or mosaic tile installation using the glue then grout method. The existing substrate should be clean, including complete removal of old adhesives, loose or weak concrete, dirt, debris, and any other contaminant that may impact the bonding of the Showercork™. Professional installation is recommended.



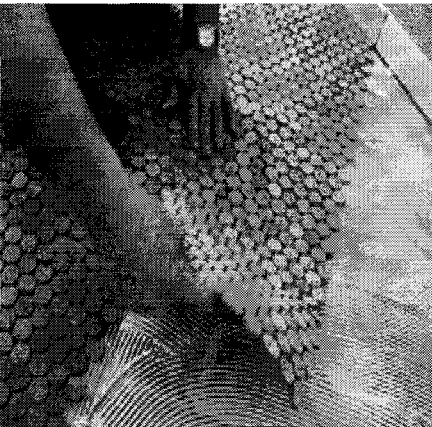
Step 1: Evenly spread a flexible ceramic thin set mortar, or an oil modified urethane adhesive across the prepared cement substrate. The substrate should be a clean surface, free from any debris.

NOTE: In “wet” applications (such as, a shower, spa, etc.), it is important to use a “water-proofing and crack prevention membrane” (such as Custom’s Red Guard). Also, in wet applications, a **thin-set mortar adhesive is required.**

Subfloor: As with the installation of other tile products, if on plywood, ensure you have a minimum of 2 layers of APA exterior grade plywood a minimum of 1” thick over joists spaced a maximum of 16” on center.

For concrete installations, concrete must be **fully cured.** If very smooth, the surface may need to be etched/roughened, so the bonding compound works.

****For other installation substrates, please inquire as to best method.**



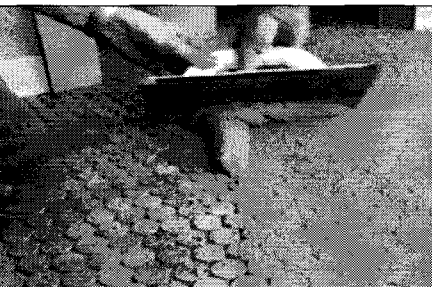
Step 2: Carefully place into the adhesive each Showercork™ sheet next to one another, cutting with a sharp utility knife where needed. When adhering Showercork™, make sure you have **created a solid bond** by pushing Showercork™ down into adhesive.

Step 3: Allow adhesive to **fully dry** per manufacturer’s instructions.

Step 4: If staining Showercork™, do so now, by removing the finish from the cork and applying a water-based wood stain, such as Minwax or equivalent. Apply stain per manufactures guidelines.

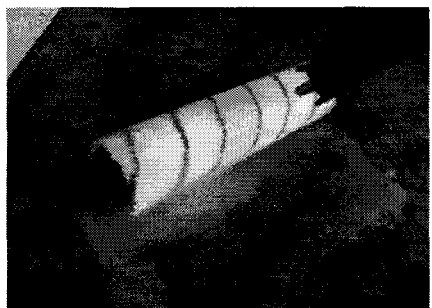
Step 5: For unfinished Showercork™ Conglomerate, apply two coats of a **water-based polyurethane finish (2 component finish*)** to the tiles (prefinished is already coated with 2 coats of a water-based urethane). Use manufacturer’s guidelines to apply finish.

***Bona Kemi “Traffic” is a recommended urethane.**



Step 6: Evenly distribute a “flexible” sanded grout product with a high quality rubber trowel, making certain all joints are being completely filled. The finished joints should be uniformly smooth, without any voids or low spots.

Step 7: Clean excess grout off of the top of Showercork™ and allow to **completely dry** per grout manufacturer’s guidelines.



Step 8: After the grout has been cleaned and is **completely dry**, finish the installation by evenly applying two additional coats of polyurethane (**2 component finish – such as Bona Kemi “Traffic”**).

Maintenance: Sweep/Vacuum and dry mop as needed. It is strongly recommended to use a “restorer” for routine maintenance (available from the manufacturer of the finish). Reapplication of “sealer” is recommended whenever “wear” is visible, and depends on use and traffic. Under normal conditions, with the use of a restorer, re-application of finish should be done every 5-10 years. You can also use a PH-balanced soap (mixed with water) to remove residue for routine maintenance, but the re-application of the finish will be needed sooner, and more frequently, than if using a restorer. Once the surface is wiped with the soap solution, wipe again with a dry/clean towel or mop to remove any soap residue.

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