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Tips For Installation

How to Top Seal

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Special Notes

Sealing is an essential step in the installation process and paramount to maintaining the aesthetic of newly installed surfaces.

Gather Co is pleased to nominate AquaMix Australia as our recommended sealer supplier. AquaMix is a highly reputable brand, known for industry leading quality and a willingness to back their products.

This document is intended as a guide only. Requirements for each project will vary depending on site conditions and the surface being treated.

To ensure suitability, always conduct testing over a small discrete area prior to the commencement of any sealing works.

All further enquiries or product orders must be made with AquaMix directly.

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Gather Co does not offer warranty over any AquaMix product.





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1. SEALING FORETHOUGHTS

When selecting any product within the Gather Co collection, consideration must to be given to ensure each product is suitable for the intended application.

Gather Co is pleased to provide the following advice in addition to the product sale. In almost all cases, we recommend following the advice of qualified and experienced construction professionals. These tips are to be used in conjunction with the relevant Australian Standards and all corresponding AquaMix directions.

Gather Co recommends sampling sealing products & procedures prior to commencing site works, to ensure appropriate measures have been addressed.

Gather Co has partnered with highly reputable industry leaders to supply the very best in waterproofing, grouts, adhesive and sealing products. When using our recommended products, it is always advised to follow the manufacturers guides and specifications.

1.1 Supply Partner

Our recommended SEALING supply brand is: AQUAMIX®:

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When applying any product detailed in this document, the following must be taken into account:

1.2 Coverage

The following table can be used as an approximate guide when quantifying the required AquaMix Sealers Choice Gold volumes:

MATERIAL	HONED (Per Litre)	TEXTURED (Per Litre)
BASALT	20-25m ²	12-15m ²
GRANITE	25-30m ²	15-20m ²
QUARTS	14-18m ²	14-18m ²
MARBLE	20-25m ²	12-15m ²
LIMESTONE	18-22m ²	8-12m ²
SANDSTONE	14-18m ²	10-14m ²
SLATE	18-22m ²	14-18m ²
TERRACOTTA / BRICK	8-12m ²	8-12m ²
TRAVERTINE	20-25m ²	12-15m ²
PORPHYRY	25-30m ²	15-20m ²

1.3 Weather Conditions

An important consideration is weather. Air temperatures during the sealing process should sit between 15 and 30 degrees celsius. Avoid exposure to any moisture whilst the sealing agent is in the prescribed curing period.



2. SEALING PROCEDURE

Top sealing is the process of applying an appropriate sealing agent to the exposed face of hard surfaces. When employing this method, we typically suggest the use of AquaMix Sealers Choice Gold, a natural look sealer that does not alter the surfaces's raw appearance.

Sealing should always be carried out in two phases.

1. Once product has been laid and prior to grouting.
2. Following grouting and only after the final surface clean up has been thoroughly completed.

It is always our recommendation to follow the direct guidance of AquaMix when applying any of their products:

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2.1 Preparation

AquaMix Sealers Choice Gold is an artificial chemical which necessitates the application of adequate PPE during preparation, application and clean-up. This includes rubber gloves, safety glasses, covered footwear and full-length clothing.

2.2 Equipment

1. PPE.
2. Flat bottom plastic tray.
3. Rubber squeegee.
4. White colour fast non- staining absorbent cloth.
5. Pump sprayer, paint pad applicator, lamb's wool applicator, sponge or brush.

2.3 Method

1. Consult directly with AquaMix before applying any of their products.
2. Don PPE.
3. Ensure the surface being top sealed is both clean and dry.
4. AquaMix Sealers Choice Gold is a single part product and should not be diluted.
5. Always test a small area first to ensure satisfactory results.
6. Apply sealer using a pump sprayer, paint pad applicator, lamb's wool applicator, sponge or brush.
7. Allow penetration for up to 5 minutes. If surface is drying within this period, apply additional sealant to maintain surface moisture for a minimum of 5 minutes.

8. Wipe surface completely dry using clean dry cotton, paper or microfibre towels after each application. Ensure no sealer is allowed to accumulate and dry on the surface.
9. Porous surfaces may require additional applications.
10. Conduct testing to ensure the surface is completely sealed after a 2-hour drying period. Apply water to a sample section. If the water penetrates, an additional application is required.

2.4 Cure Periods

Allow 30 minutes drying time between coats. Please note - these time frames relate to conditions at 20°C & 70% RH. If temperatures are lower or humidity is higher, cure periods may be longer.

Light foot traffic across sealed surface is acceptable after a minimum of 2 hours of curing. Keep dry for the first 12 hours after application.

Full cure is achieved after 12 hours.

2.5 Clean Up

Clean tools with mineral spirits after use. Please remain considerate of the environment and dispose of all excess chemical responsibly.

3. MAINTENANCE OVERVIEW

Ongoing maintenance will vary from surface to surface. Regular cleaning will reduce the risk and signs of dirt, mould and efflorescence.

3.1 Cleaning

Stone Deep Clean from Aqua Mix is a non-acid, biodegradable formula that is great for natural stone surfaces. A cleaning professional should only attempt the use of acid based products on stone surfaces.

3.2 Re-Sealing

Finally, in domestic settings, reapplication of Sealers Choice Gold by Aqua Mix will need to occur approximately every 8-10 years for internal areas and, 6-8 years for external areas.

Please note: these periods are heavily dependant on wear and may reduce significantly in commercial settings.

For further advice, please contact Aqua Mix directly:

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