

MARMERIA

LAYING. Laying **Boxer** marbles is extremely simple since it can be done with both mortar and suitable adhesives easily found on the market. To this end, read the following comparison table.

Also the subsequent grouting can be done with cement grout or with special fillers for joints. We recommend you finish the joints using a simple moistened sponge or a rag when they are still fresh in order to both get the best aesthetic effect and eliminate residue of grouting material on the marble.

CLEANING. Marble cleaning is a necessary operation, above all after laying, so as to eliminate the thin layer of dust naturally present or that deposits on the marble's surface during the laying.

Marble is a natural product composed of calcium carbonate crystallised over the centuries.

In consideration of this chemical composition, use of any acid detergent is absolutely unsuitable since, in actual fact, these components attack the marble, increasing its natural microporosity and consequently augmenting the chance that dirt will deposit on the surface.

For the same reason abrasive detergents that create invisible scratches are also ill-advised. Lastly, the use of soaps that form opaque patinas as a secondary effect are also unsuitable.

Not only do they reduce the marble's aesthetic effect, but they also tend to capture grime. The best solution therefore proves to be the use of a low-residue neutral detergent, which must be diluted in warm clean water, to be applied with clean cloths or sponges.

TREATMENT. When you are sure that the marble is perfectly dry after washing, it is a good idea to treat it. There are two good reasons for carefully carrying out this procedure (not necessarily by professional installers; the final private user can easily do it): **a)** it revives and maintains the natural colours of the stone, and **b)** with its impregnating effect, it protects the marble against any possible stains due to accidental drops of oil, coffee, etc. We recommend using products made by well known chemical industries normally available on the market.

Treating marble does not present any difficulties: spread the chosen product on the surface to be treated with a clean brush or sponge, distributing it uniformly and avoiding any product build-ups. Let it dry and then, if necessary, spread another treatment layer, especially in the spots where the marble's greater porosity caused the product to be almost totally absorbed.

The need to apply another layer of treatment even within a few short weeks is to be considered absolutely normal, again due to the varying absorption characteristics of the various marbles. It is also a good idea to repeat the treatment operation periodically (every six months/year) so as to keep the colours bright and the level of absorption of liquids low.

Lastly, we wish to inform our customers that **Boxer** supplies samples for the showroom that have already been treated with wet impregnating treatment in order to make the material's chromatic effects more highly visible and better defined, whilst the product for sale is NOT supplied treated because **a)** the type of treatment is the final customer's choice based on his own personal tastes and **b)** it is opportune to treat the marble after the laying stage and subsequent cleaning.

*All of the information above is based on the practical experience of **Boxer's** collaborators, but is provided without specific **Boxer** guarantees since it is correlated to each specific case and to the specific knowledge of the professionals doing the job.*