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# RENAISSANCE TILE & BATH

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## SPECIFICATIONS

# Patine

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### APPLICATIONS:

All products in the Patine collection are recommended for interior use only. This material is not recommended for wet areas (showers) or heavy traffic areas due to the delicate nature of the brass inlay. Bathroom floors are a suitable application. Large amounts of water should not be allowed to stand for extended periods of time. Bath mats should be used in areas where there is consistent secondary exposure to water.

### PROPERTIES:

As with all stone products, Patine is subject to variation in color, shade and veining. These characteristics are inherent in natural stone and are part of its beauty. The brass inlay is natural brass, with no coating or protective sealants. The brass may oxidize over time, which contributes to the natural patina of the product.

### INSTALLATION:

It is of utmost importance to select a qualified installer with experience installing similar materials. All materials should be inspected and approved before installation. Installation constitutes acceptance of the product. For specific installation instructions, consult the Handbook for Ceramic Tile Installation from the Tile Council of North America, Inc. The brass inlay in Patine can be cut on a tile saw just like the stone. Make sure the blade is in good condition, and immediately dry the brass pieces with a soft cloth after being exposed to water. If the edges of the brass are rough after cutting, you may smooth them with a metal file. It is highly recommended that protective eyewear, long sleeves and gloves be worn while cutting this material. When cutting the brass, small chards of material may come loose and spin from the blade at a rapid rate.

To ensure satisfactory results, it is recommended that all materials be blended and laid out prior to installation. Un-sanded grout is recommended for this material. For long-term maintenance and beauty, natural stone

products should be properly sealed before and after grouting, with the appropriate stone sealer. For lasting beauty and performance, it is recommended that the product be sealed periodically throughout the life of the installation.

### GENERAL CARE AND MAINTENANCE:

Most general cleaning can be done with a non-abrasive cloth and a Ph-BALANCED CLEANER. Cleaning products containing chlorine and ammonia should not be used, as they could etch the surface of the stone and discolor the brass inlay.

### BRASS INLAY CARE AND MAINTENANCE:

This is an unlacquered brass finish and it is normal for brass to oxidize and patina (darken) over time. For some, this is a highly desirable characteristic of the material. Take note that the patina process may be uneven when it begins, but over time will have a consistent appearance. If you wish to maintain the original luster of the material, a cleaning product specific to Brass, such as Brasso, can be applied. Make sure to avoid the surrounding stones, as the polish/cleaner could alter their appearance.

For additional cleaning questions, contact a Renaissance Tile and Bath design consultant for further information.