

Tuscan Cast Stone

Installation Instructions

Recommended Tools for Installation of Tuscan Cast Stone

- Clean 5 gallon Pail
- Variable Speed Drill capable of producing 1000 RPM's
- MX1 Mixing Paddle
- Extension Cord
- Builders Square
- Tape Measure
- Level
- White Chalk Line
- Pencil
- Utility Knife
- Soft Bristle Mini Broom
- Painters Tape
- Rags
- Margin Trowel
- Notched Trowel
- Plastic Sheathing
- Shims
- Caulk Gun
- Tin Snips
- Screw Gun

1. SUBSTRATE INSPECTION

- A. The following list constitutes a comprehensive list of Tuscan Stoneworx tested and approved substrates or mediums for which Tuscan Cast Stone may be applied.
 1. Properly prepared EIFS
 2. Properly prepared Natural Stucco
 3. Concrete
 4. Properly prepared Masonry Brick, Block & Stone
 5. Properly prepared Cement Board
 6. Properly prepared Sealed Gypsum Board(drywall/ DensGlass)
- B. If substrate is other than one listed on Tuscan Cast Stone manufacturer's List of Approved Substrates, consult with the Tuscan Cast Stone manufacturer for installation procedures and adhesives.
- C. Check dimensions of substrate surfaces (length, width, height, radiuses, angles, etc.) and openings to insure that supporting wall surface, as built, will accept the Tuscan Cast Stone pieces as manufactured.
- D. Inspect Tuscan Cast Stone pieces as delivered to insure that all the profiles, length, colors and finishes that are needed to install all the Tuscan Cast Stone are on hand.
- E. Inspect surfaces for:
 1. Contamination -- algae, chalkiness, dirt, dust, efflorescence, form oil, fungus, grease, laitance, mildew or other foreign substances.
 2. Surface absorption and chalkiness.
 3. Cracks -- measure crack width and record location of cracks.

C. Application of Adhesive

1. Using a trowel, apply prepared adhesive only to area on the back side (that will be adhered to the substrate) of the Tuscan Stone piece.
2. Apply the adhesive in a ¼" thick layer to cover approximately the middle 2/3 of the back side.
3. Do not apply adhesive all the way to the edge of the back side.
4. Do not apply adhesive to the end (grouting) areas of the Tuscan Cast Stone piece.

D. Attaching Tuscan Cast Stone to Substrate

1. Take prepared Tuscan Cast Stone piece (with adhesive applied) to the substrate.
2. Press the Tuscan Cast Stone piece against the substrate, press firm to achieve full contact of adhesive with substrate.
3. Align Tuscan Cast Stone pieces in the same plane as the visible outside surfaces of adjacent pieces.
4. Use positive means, such as spacers, to maintain consistent grouting joint width spacing.

E. Temporary Support for Tuscan Cast Stone pieces

1. Using positive means such as screws, nails, wires, straps, tapes, ties or props, support the Tuscan Cast Stone piece so as to maintain adhesion and correct position while the adhesive is curing. Do not run fasteners through the Tuscan Cast Stone pieces.
2. In some cases the foam core can be notched out on the backside of the Tuscan Cast part and placed over an anchored support such as a 2x4 or 4x4 as a means to maintain adhesion and correct position while the adhesive is curing. Larger parts may need wire or brick ties attached to top of the part to keep it from pulling away from the wall.

F. Curing of Attachment Adhesive

1. Maintain temperature above 40°F for at least 24 hours as the adhesive sets.
2. Protect the Tuscan Cast Stone pieces from physical damage and precipitation during curing period.

G. Grouting Between Tuscan Cast Stone pieces

1. Place strippable painters masking tape continuously on either side of joint at the edge of the Tuscan Cast Stone piece.
2. Using specified Tuscan Grout color and caulking gun, apply the Tuscan Grout material into the joint. Use of backer rod may be required to avoid shrinking and unnecessary high-volume use of Tuscan Grout. Total recommended thickness of Tuscan Grout is 1/8", do not exceed ¼".
3. Using standard caulking tools or thumb tip, force the Tuscan Grout into the joint and against the edge of the Tuscan Cast Stone pieces, and make the grouting slightly convex and flush with the outside face of the Tuscan Cast Stone piece (this process is called "tooling" the joint).
4. Remove masking tape immediately after the Tuscan Grout has been tooled.

H. Applying Sealer (for all uses of Tuscan Cast Stone)

1. General

a. Avoid application in direct sunlight.

1. Apply Tuscan Exterior Flat Sealer after parts have had time to cure. Minimum 7 days.
2. Apply (2) two coats of Tuscan Exterior Flat Sealer in a continuous application.
3. Apply by brush, roller, sprayer, or sponge.

I. Protection

1. Protect installed materials from water impinging on the visible surface, grout, sealants joints, and from behind.
2. Protect installed materials from dust, dirt, precipitation, freezing, damaged, spilled materials, and continuous high humidity until they are fully dry.

J. Cleanup and Job Close-Out

1. Remove temporary supports, if employed, once adhesive and Tuscan Grout has set.
 2. Remove left over materials from work area and dispose of properly.
 3. Refurbish any adjacent areas adversely affected by this work.
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4. Furnish owner with extra Tuscan Cast Stone pieces for future maintenance, if any, as specified herein.

K. Cleaning & Maintenance.

1. Tuscan Cast Stone has been developed to be a relatively maintenance-free product; however, the following recommendations and guidelines should be followed.
 - a. **Avoid Impacts**
 1. Care should be taken to protect Tuscan Cast Stone from impacts as it can be chipped, especially at corners and edges. If chips do occur, Tuscan Cast Stone is colored throughout the stone matrix. As such, Tuscan Cast Stone closely replicates the natural beauty of cut stone when chipped.
 - b. **Avoid the use of Salt and other Deicers**
 1. In winter, use of any deicing compound, even if it is not chemically reactive with Tuscan Cast Stone, can cause spalling and pop-outs by subjecting the Tuscan Cast Stone to the deleterious effects of naturally occurring freeze-thaw cycles. Even deicers that state that the material will not harm cementitious products, or cast stone, may still cause damage by creating an elevated exposure to freeze-thaw cycles.
 2. New cast stone, less than one-year old, is especially susceptible to salt and deicer type of damage and may be affected with just one application. Tuscan Sealer *may* prevent or significantly reduce the amount of damage that occurs from the use of deicers. Even with Tuscan Sealer applied, deicer use should be kept to a minimum and any deicer residue left on the cast stone or concrete should be immediately removed or cleaned off (see cleaning instructions below) the cast stone once the ice has melted.
 3. When shoveling, sweeping, plowing, or snow-blowing deicer contaminated snow, efforts should be made *not* to throw the contaminated snow so that it lands on or against any Tuscan Cast Stone (such as wall caps or trim) as this could lead to spalling of those items.
 4. Since the effectiveness of most sealers will wear off over time, they may need to be reapplied periodically. **NOTE:** Refer to the sealer manufacturers recommendations for re-application frequency and application instructions.
 - c. **Protect Cast Stone from Extreme Heat**
 1. Exposure to extreme heat may cause damage to Tuscan Cast Stone. Using a torch to melt ice or welding against Tuscan Cast Stone may cause the Tuscan Cast Stone to crack or fracture.
 - d. **Cleaning Tuscan Cast Stone Surfaces**
 1. When cleaning Tuscan Cast Stone, the following will provide some guidance for selecting the least abrasive or damaging method. The methods described below have proven to have merit in the removal of stains from Tuscan Cast Stone. For stain removal, it is best to minimize abrading of the Tuscan Cast Stone finish to promote the long-standing beauty, consistency, and integrity of the Tuscan Cast Stone.
 - a. **Primary recommended cleaning method (least abrasive)** - Should the Tuscan Cast Stone become dirty, it *may* be lightly scrubbed with a soft bristle fiber brush, using a mild detergent and water followed by a thorough rinse with clean running water. This cleaning process is the least abrasive method to cleaning Tuscan Cast Stone.
 - b. **Alternative cleaning methods (progressively more abrasive)** - The method selected for cleaning Tuscan Cast Stone depends on the purpose of the cleaning and the extent of the cleaning work to be done. It may entail use of water with mild detergent and soft bristle brush as described above, or something much more potentially damaging such as a pressure washer, grit or sand blasting, chemical cleaning, flame cleaning, or use of special purpose mechanical power cleaning tools, each of which will likely cause permanent damage to the Tuscan Cast Stone. **Note:** Before cleaning, thoroughly wet down all surrounding masonry and concrete surfaces to prevent the dirty wash-down water from being absorbed into it. When cleaning has been completed, wash down entire work area to ensure no residual dirty or contaminated rinse water remains. No acids or prepared cleaners should be used without the approval of Tuscan Stoneworx.
 2. **Efflorescence Removal.** Efflorescence is a crystalline deposit, usually white, that may develop on the surface of an unsealed part. Efflorescence is soluble salts that dissolved in water moving through concrete and then precipitated onto the surface. Efflorescence is easily removed from Tuscan Cast Stone parts by washing with diluted acid solutions. Vinegar diluted

with water 2:1, Muriatic acid diluted with water 1:9 or commercially available acidic cleaners may be used. The following procedure is recommended.

- a. Pre-wet the surface with water.
- b. Apply a solution of one (1) part Sure Klean No. 600 (www.prosoco.com) mixed with twenty (20) parts water. Efflorescence cleaners from other companies may also be used. The surface will “fizz” indicating that the salts are being dissolved by the acid solution. Light scrubbing with a soft bristle brush may be necessary to remove all the efflorescence.
- c. Rinse thoroughly with water.
- d. Allow the treated area to dry thoroughly prior to application of Tuscan Flat Exterior Sealer.

Caution: Before deciding on a particular cleaning method, clean a relatively small, inconspicuous area to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the chosen method and the appearance and condition of the surface after its treatment.

Note: As always, Tuscan Stoneworx maintains the best method for maintaining the long-standing beauty, consistency, and integrity of Tuscan Cast Stone products from dirt, grit, grime, and efflorescence is the proper application of our Tuscan Flat Exterior Sealer. Care should be taken to follow the proper recommendations for application, care and maintenance.

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