

APPLICATION:

Creative Metal tiles are recommended for use in both exterior and interior vertical applications including kitchen backsplashes, bathroom & shower walls, desk & counter surrounds, fireplace surrounds, and feature walls. You can use decorative trim in combination with ceramic tiles, natural stone, fabric, wood paneling, or paint. Wall tiles and trims are appropriate as wall coverings in any residential structure and in commercial structures with approved sprinkler systems.

NOTE: Creative Metal wall tiles and trims are not suitable for flooring and counter tops as the clearcoat will scratch, but can be used as an edging border on the floor up to 18" from the wall and as a bullnose edge on counter tops.

TILE SURFACE:

Creative Metal tiles are a true 1/32" thick metal veneer cast in a mold process with a resin backing. Each piece of wall and trim tile is coated to protect the natural metal surface from its natural aging and patina. Our clear coat has UV protection and a special additive for more scratch resistance. When using with ceramic tile, follow the normal installation instructions for ceramic tile. Take careful note of the following recommendations specific to Creative Metal wall tiles and trims.

SETTING MATERIALS

For best results, use a premium thinset portland cement mortar with liquid latex admixture conforming to ANSI A118.4 or a water-cleanable epoxy mortar conforming to ANSI A118.3, depending upon the requirements of the application.

SETTING METHODS

Follow adhesive manufacturer's instructions for preparation, mixing, application, and clean-up. Store Creative Metal tiles & trims in original packaging at room temperature until ready for use. Do not stack tiles on top of each other or lay tiles face down. Trowel a layer of mortar on the back of each tile prior to placing on the combed mortar bed to obtain 100% coverage.

GROUTING MATERIALS

Always use an unsanded (dry) latex-portland cement grout conforming to ANSI A118.6, or a water-cleanable grouting epoxy conforming to ANSI A118.3, suitable for the area of use.

GROUTING METHOD

Follow grout manufacturer's instructions for preparation, mixing, application, and clean-up. First tape off all surface areas of metal tiles to avoid getting grout into tile relief. This is very important in the installation process. Use a clean, firm rubber float. DO NOT use abrasive cleaners, powders, scouring pads, steel wool, sandpaper, etc. to remove grout haze or damage to the tiles will result.

CARE & MAINTENANCE

Creative Metal wall & trim tiles will easily maintain their rich appearance with simple routine care. Generally, cleaning with a damp cloth or sponge and solutions of warm water and dishwashing detergent is sufficient. All-purpose liquid, non-abrasive cleaners also work well. Rinse with clean water and wipe dry with a soft cloth. DO NOT USE SCOURING PADS, STEEL WOOL, SANDPAPER, SCOTCH-BRITE PADS, ETC. Avoid cleaners containing ammonia, bleach or any other chemicals and do not use any abrasive cleaners. Always test in a small inconspicuous area when using a new cleaner to ensure compatibility.

STICK-ON INSTRUCTIONS

Using premium polyurethane construction adhesive, apply a small dab to the back of the stick-on tile. Press the tile against the substrate and then remove it and wait until the adhesive becomes tacky. Reapply the tile and set it in place with tape until the adhesive cures. Do not let the adhesive come in contact with the metal surface of the tile and do not use any chemicals to clean the surface of the stick-on.

CUSTOM ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS

We use a propriety veneer process that allows us to produce virtually any metal creation, from small decorative elements to large panels, doors and columns.

Using our state of the art technology, we take your idea and translate it into a beautiful reality.

