

SeaTile® Ceramic Back or Mesh Back Tiles

- Install tiles carefully to avoid scratching with standard tile adhesives using white latex-modified thin set mortar for the bonding material and only non-sanded grout with minimal joints. Installation should be performed by experienced installers, familiar with the methods and guidelines set forth by The American National Standards Institute (ANSI).
- Use only non-abrasive and non-corrosive cleaning agents such as soap and water.
- Load bearing waterproof membranes are recommended in wet locations such as baths and showers.
- After Care: wash down with warm water – spills of staining liquids such as wine, juice, coffee, etc. should be cleaned immediately with warm water and liquid detergent.
- **All tiles should be installed in the same direction.**

SeaTile® Coconut Shell Tiles

- With Mesh backing may be installed with panel adhesive
- With MDF backing a combination of adhesive and nails. They may be cut to fit using a high quality saw blade. Cutting is recommended between the chips
- Please consult with your wall covering specialist for proper cutting methods.

SeaTile® Shell Laminate and Fabric Cloth Backed Veneer With or Without Self-Adhesive Backing

SHELL IS A BRITTLE MATERIAL, CARE IN CUTTING IS REQUIRED. EXPERIMENT WITH A SMALL PIECE FIRST.

Cutting Instructions:

- **CRAFT KNIFE SINGLE EDGE RAZOR BLADES:** With a craft knife (tape first) score the laminate gently first, then progressively apply more pressure until cut is complete. To cut curves, draw shape on masking tape. Any rough edges can be lightly sanded.
- **LASER:** Shell Laminates come standard with a straight edge, however laser trimming is required for a seamless appearance. Laser cutting may be used for intricate designs and custom logos, which can be factory ordered (call for details).
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Gluing Instructions for product Without Self-Adhesive Backing:

Preparation: Important if using acrylic backed laminate to ensure the back of laminate is finely sanded. Also sand surface receiving the laminate. Surfaces must be free of dust, oils, grease, and lubricants.

To wood / MDF / metal / glass / acrylic: ENSURE COMPATIBILITY OF GLUE WITH SUBSTRATE MATERIAL ** READ LABEL **

Use Contact Adhesives, Epoxy Resin, or Double-sided Tape or ask for factory applied self-adhesive backing.

To fiberglass: Use Polyester Resin

Capiz Shell Laminates have a backing suitable for standard installation similar to wall coverings using vinyl adhesives or other wall covering adhesives. It is recommended to paint the substrate with flat latex wall paint as this will help conceal seams. Capiz may be trimmed on site. Please consult with your wall covering specialist for proper cutting methods.

Curves or Radius Instructions: (Thin Veneer Shell Laminates Only)

- There is significant variation between shell types and strip versus mosaic sheets and their ability to bend or fit to a curved surface. All our sheets are capable of fitting to a 12" diameter circle or curve.
- Slightly bend the sheet one way, not around a curved surface going vertical and horizontally i.e. a ball.
- Laminates are more flexible if the grain or strips in the sheet are running horizontally around the curve.
- When gluing hold the sheets to the curve using either a good contact glue applied to both surfaces until sticky so that when the sheet is placed or pushed onto the surface it holds tight from the outset, or use double-sided tape provided the subsurface is suitable for the application of a double-sided tape.

Finishing: SeaTile® Certain product styles are already coated with a special marine grade polyurethane so it is not necessary to recoat. Please consult with manufacturer if additional coatings are required.

Storage: SeaTile® products should be stored in a dry area, 60°– 85° F and protected from other trades. Storage for long periods is not recommended.

Product Support: SeaTile® products are supported by brand name national companies. Please consult Matrix Z's technical department, or product representative for further recommendations and/or brand name products for use in the installation. Please refer to our web site www.matrix-z.com for further information. Please call or e-mail us at info@matrix-z.com for specific questions about our products.



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SeaTile® Installation and Care