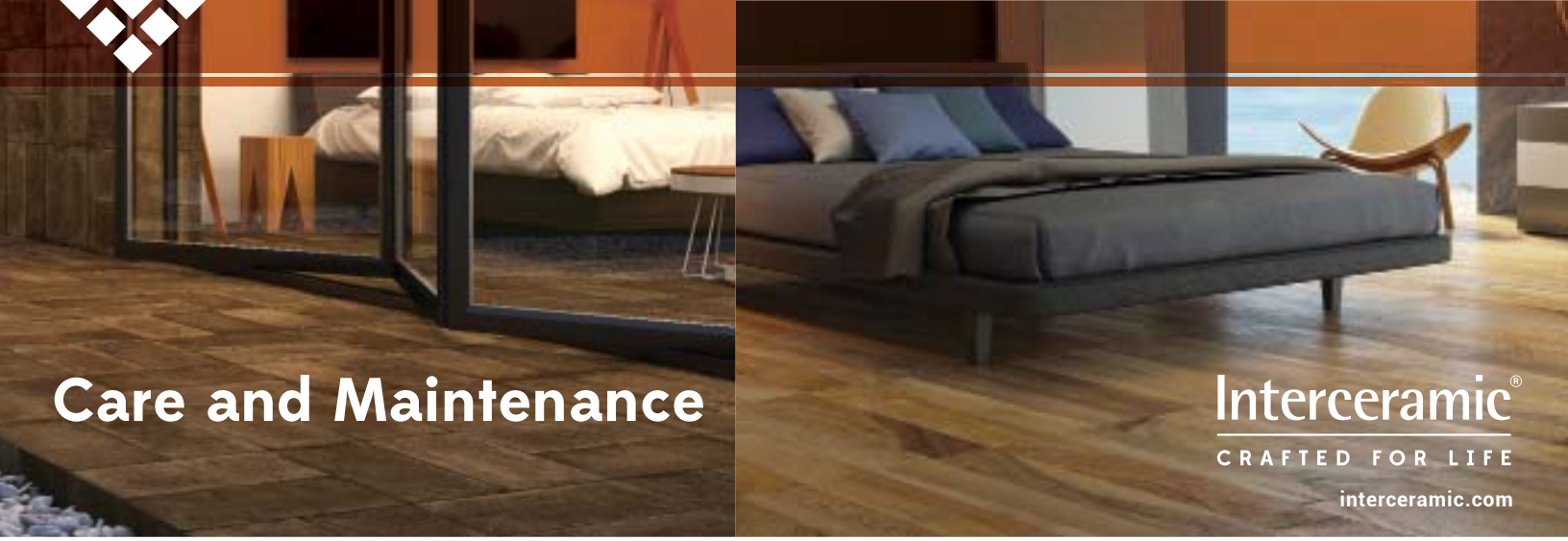

Care and Maintenance

GLAZED FLOOR TILE

Routine maintenance of glazed and unglazed floor tile consists of simply sweeping and damp mopping with clean water and a mild solution of neutral cleaner formulated for glazed tile. Areas exposed to heavy traffic can be cleaned with solution of a heavy-duty neutral cleaner formulated for glazed tile and may also require scrubbing, depending on the texture of the surface. It is very important to change the mop water frequently approximately every 100-500 square feet depending on how soiled the surface is. Please contact your sales representative for recommendations on the type of cleaner best suited for your application.

UNGLAZED FLOOR TILE

Unglazed mosaic, porcelain or quarry floor tile should be maintained by dust sweeping and damp mopping with clean water and a mild solution of neutral cleaner formulated for tile. Areas exposed to heavy traffic can be cleaned with a solution of a heavy-duty neutral cleaner formulated for tile and may also require scrubbing, depending the texture of the surface. An unglazed quarry tile floor ages, a patina forms on the surface which gives it a soft shine and keeps the floor looking fresh longer.

GLAZED WALL TILE

Routine maintenance of glazed wall tile usually consists of simply wiping with a damp cloth or sponge. The use of a neutral cleaner formulated for glazed tile is acceptable as long as any residue is removed with clean water rinse. Countertop applications will require more frequent cleaning in this same manner depending on the exposure to grease, foods, acids, etc. Sealing grout joints on countertops is always recommended to prevent staining. Shower applications will require more periodic cleaning in order to remove soap scum, body oils and hard water deposit build up. Normally shower areas may be cleaned by spraying a mild solution of neutral cleaner formulated for glazed tile, letting it stand for three to five minutes, and then rinsing. If the tiles area has been neglected for an extended period of time, a solution of a heavy-duty neutral cleaner formulated for glazed tile is recommended for cleaning.

SEALERS

Refer to the manufacturer's recommendations before sealing unglazed mosaics, porcelain and quarry tile. There is no need to seal glazed ceramic tile. However, sealing the grout joints is recommended unless an epoxy grout is used. Please contact your sales representative for recommendations on the type of grout sealer best suited for your installation.

GLASS WALL TILE

For maintenance and cleaning, it is recommended to use a soft, clean cloth with warm water or with a non-abrasive cleaner formulated for use with glass. Do not use any cleaners with abrasive agents as these could scratch the tile surface. Glass tile should not be installed in floor applications because it can fracture when exposed to extreme weights and is very susceptible to scratching.