Installation Use and Care Manual

To ensure a successful installation and proper adhesion, ABOLOS has compiled the following installation and setting material instructions. ABOLOS will not provide any guarantee implied or written for any product not installed in accordance with this information. This is a general installation guide and may not represent the specific installation guide of the product you purchased, for more details, please refer to the product specific installation guidelines.

Due to the handmade nature of ABOLOS glass tiles, variations in the shape, color, shade and tone should be expected. Please inspect each box prior to installation to verify lot consistency to assure acceptable shade variations.

IMPORTANT! READ before INSTALLATION!

<u>Do not</u> use any setting compounds such as mastics or epoxies that contain petroleum distillates. Do not dilute admixtures with water.

ABOLOS glass tiles can be installed on interior or exterior wall surfaces in wet or dry locations.

ABOLOS glass tiles cannot be installed over flexible surfaces. They are not recommended for floor applications (unless indicated for floor use) and should not be exposed to extreme abrasion, thermal shock or extreme impact.

Although ABOLOS glass tiles are designed to withstand a variety of potential hazards, carefully place your tiles before setting to avoid surface scratches or scraping the back of the tile with tools.

Proper installation and use of materials is required to avoid stress on the glass.

Proper installation requires that the substrate be dried and cured, and the walls be properly rendered. Most concrete cures in approximately 28 days, depending on atmospheric conditions and mix design.

Be sure to follow the recommended cure times as indicated by the Tile Council of America handbook for tile installation.

INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS'

All materials should be used in accordance with manufacturers' directions.

THINSET/MORTAR*

INSTASET Instant Adhesive Mastic (WHSPSA-ROLL), a commercial grade heavy duty thinset membrane may be used to adhere any tile/mosaic to the substrate. This method allows for immediate grout application, eliminates problems with thinset shrinkage, and acts as a tile crack isolation membrane. This installation method is also rated for shower wall installations.

High performance, high polymer based non-sag thinset mortar - glue applied - with a trowel 1/4 in. x 3/16 in. V-Notch Trowel can also be used. Respect the deadline before grouting according to the mortar / glue chosen. Please follow the mortar manufacturer's guideline for actual recommended usage and applications.