

SECTION 09 30 13 - CERAMIC TILING

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General Conditions and Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. Section Includes:
 - 1. Ceramic mosaic tile.
 - 2. Quarry tile.
 - 3. Glazed wall tile.
 - 4. Crack isolation membrane.
- B. Related Requirements:
 - 1. Division 06 Section "Finish Carpentry" for solid polymer thresholds.
 - 2. Division 07 Section "Joint Sealants" for sealing of expansion, contraction, control, and isolation joints in tile surfaces.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. General: Definitions in the ANSI A108 series of tile installation standards and in ANSI A137.1 apply to Work of this Section unless otherwise specified.
- B. ANSI A108 Series: ANSI A108.01, ANSI A108.02, ANSI A108.1A, ANSI A108.1B, ANSI A108.1C, ANSI A108.4, ANSI A108.5, ANSI A108.6, ANSI A108.8, ANSI A108.9, ANSI A108.10, ANSI A108.11, ANSI A108.12, ANSI A108.13, ANSI A108.14, ANSI A108.15, ANSI A108.16, and ANSI A108.17, which are contained in its "Specifications for Installation of Ceramic Tile."
- C. Module Size: Actual tile size plus joint width indicated.
- D. Face Size: Actual tile size, excluding spacer lugs.

1.4 ACTION SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: For each type of product.
- B. Shop Drawings: Show locations of each type of tile and tile pattern. Show widths, details, and locations of expansion, contraction, control, and isolation joints in tile substrates and finished tile surfaces.
- C. Samples for Initial Selection: For tile, grout, and accessories involving color selection.
- D. Samples for Verification:

1. Full-size units of each type and composition of tile and for each color and finish required. For ceramic mosaic tile in color blend patterns, provide full sheets of each color blend.
2. Assembled samples mounted on a rigid panel, with grouted joints, for each type and composition of tile and for each color and finish required. Make samples at least 12 inches square, but not fewer than four tiles. Use grout of type and in color or colors approved for completed Work.
3. Full-size units of each type of trim and accessory for each color and finish required.
4. Metal edge strips in 6-inch lengths.

1.5 INFORMATIONAL SUBMITTALS

- A. Qualification Data: For Installer.
- B. Warranty: Special Warranty.
 1. Provide letter certifying substrate, setting materials, waterproofing, and grout are compatible with specified warranty.
- C. Master Grade Certificates: For each shipment, type, and composition of tile, signed by tile manufacturer and Installer.
- D. Product Certificates: For each type of product.

1.6 MAINTENANCE MATERIAL SUBMITTALS

- A. Furnish extra materials that match and are from same production runs as products installed and that are packaged with protective covering for storage and identified with labels describing contents.
 1. Tile and Trim Units: Furnish quantity of full-size units equal to 3 percent of amount installed for each type, composition, color, pattern, and size indicated.
 2. Grout: Furnish quantity of grout equal to 3 percent of amount installed for each type, composition, and color indicated.

1.7 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Installer Qualifications:
 1. Installer has successfully completed similar installations and can demonstrate knowledge of the requirements of ANSI 108, ANSI 118, ANSI 136, ANSI 137, and current Tile Council of North America requirements. Provide references for five (5) similar projects completed in the last three (3) years.
- B. Mockups: Build mockups to verify selections made under Sample submittals and to demonstrate aesthetic effects and set quality standards for materials and execution.
 1. Build mockup of each type of floor tile installation.
 2. Build mockup of each type of wall tile installation.
 3. Subject to compliance with requirements, approved mockups may become part of the completed Work if undisturbed at time of Substantial Completion.

1.8 PREINSTALLATION MEETINGS

- A. Preinstallation Conference: Conduct conference at Project site with setting material representative and Architect.
 - 1. Review requirements in ANSI A108.01 for substrates and for preparation by other trades.
 - 2. Review pattern layout.
 - 3. Review specification requirements.
 - 4. Inspect project conditions.
 - 5. Review floor protection measures to be implemented after installation.

1.9 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Deliver and store packaged materials in original containers with seals unbroken and labels intact until time of use. Comply with requirements in ANSI A137.1 for labeling tile packages.
- B. Store tile and cementitious materials on elevated platforms, under cover, and in a dry location.
- C. Store aggregates where grading and other required characteristics can be maintained and contamination can be avoided.
- D. Store liquid materials in unopened containers and protected from freezing.
- E. Handle tile that has temporary protective coating on exposed surfaces to prevent coated surfaces from contacting backs or edges of other units. If coating does contact bonding surfaces of tile, remove coating from bonding surfaces before setting tile.

1.10 FIELD CONDITIONS

- A. Environmental Limitations: Do not install tile until construction in spaces is complete and ambient temperature and humidity conditions are maintained at the levels indicated in referenced standards and manufacturer's written instructions.

1.11 WARRANTY

- A. Special Warranty: Provide a complete system warranty for ceramic tile installation to be free of setting material failure that causes cracks or deterioration in ceramic tile system.
 - 1. Warranty Period: Five years from date of Substantial Completion.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Source Limitations for Tile: Obtain tile of each type and color or finish from single source or producer.
 - 1. Obtain tile of each type and color or finish from same production run and of consistent quality in appearance and physical properties for each contiguous area.

- B. Source Limitations for Setting and Grouting Materials: Obtain ingredients of a uniform quality for each mortar, adhesive, and grout component from single manufacturer and each aggregate from single source or producer.
 - 1. Obtain setting and grouting materials, except for unmodified Portland cement and aggregate, from single manufacturer.

2.2 PRODUCTS, GENERAL

- A. ANSI Ceramic Tile Standard: Provide tile that complies with ANSI A137.1 for types, compositions, and other characteristics indicated.
- B. ANSI Standards for Tile Installation Materials: Provide materials complying with ANSI A108.02, ANSI standards referenced in other Part 2 articles, ANSI standards referenced by TCNA installation methods specified in tile installation schedules, and other requirements specified.
- C. Factory Blending: For tile exhibiting color variations within ranges, blend tile in factory and package so tile units taken from one package show same range in colors as those taken from other packages and match approved Samples.
- D. Mounting: For factory-mounted tile, provide back- or edge-mounted tile assemblies as standard with manufacturer unless otherwise indicated.
 - 1. Where tile is indicated for installation in wet areas, do not use back- or edge-mounted tile assemblies unless tile manufacturer specifies in writing that this type of mounting is suitable for installation indicated and has a record of successful in-service performance.

2.3 TILE PRODUCTS

- A. Ceramic Tile Type: Factory-mounted unglazed and glazed ceramic mosaic tile.
 - 1. Basis of Design: Subject to compliance with requirements, Ceramic Mosaic Tile incorporated into the project shall be based on products as follows:
 - a. Dal-Tile; "Keystones."
 - 1) Field Colors: Price Groups 1 and 2.
 - 2) Accent Colors: Price Groups 1, 2, 3, and 4.
 - 3) Provide patterns depicted on Drawings based on "Keystone Blends."
 - 2. Acceptable Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, in lieu of the Basis of Design manufacturer, Contractor may provide products from the following manufacturers that meet or exceed the published data of the specified Basis of Design product.
 - a. American Olean; a division of Dal-Tile Corporation.
 - 3. Composition: Impervious natural clay or porcelain.
 - 4. Certification: Porcelain tile certified by the Porcelain Tile Certification Agency.
 - 5. Module Size: 2 by 2 inches.
 - 6. Thickness: 1/4 inch.
 - 7. Face: Plain, with cushion edges.
 - 8. Surface: Slip resistant, with abrasive admixture for floor surfaces, smooth without abrasive admixture on wall surfaces.
 - 9. Dynamic Coefficient of Friction: Not less than 0.42.

10. Grout Color: As selected by Architect from manufacturer's full range.
11. Trim Units: Coordinated with sizes and coursing of adjoining flat tile where applicable and matching characteristics of adjoining flat tile. Provide shapes as follows, selected from manufacturer's standard shapes:

B. Ceramic Tile Type: Unglazed square-edged quarry tile.

1. Basis of Design: Subject to compliance with requirements, Quarry Tile incorporated into the project shall be based on products as follows:
 - a. Dal-Tile; "Quarry Floor Tile."
 - 1) Field Color: Price Group 1 and 2.
2. Acceptable Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, in lieu of the Basis of Design manufacturer, Contractor may provide products from the following manufacturers that meet or exceed the published data of the specified Basis of Design product.
 - a. American Olean; a division of Dal-Tile Corporation.
 - b. Florida Tile, Inc.
 - c. Summitville Tiles, Inc.
3. Face Size: 6 by 6 inches.
4. Thickness: 1/2 inch.
5. Wearing Surface: Abrasive aggregate embedded in surface.
6. Dynamic Coefficient of Friction: Not less than 0.42.
7. Tile Color and Pattern: As selected by Architect from manufacturer's full range.
8. Grout Color: As selected by Architect from manufacturer's full range.
9. Trim Units: Coordinated with sizes and coursing of adjoining flat tile where applicable and matching characteristics of adjoining flat tile. Provide shapes as follows, selected from manufacturer's standard shapes:
 - a. Base: Coved with surface bullnose top edge, face size 6 by 6 inches.

C. Ceramic Tile Type: Glazed wall tile.

1. Basis of Design: Subject to compliance with requirements, Glazed Wall Tile incorporated into the project shall be based on products as follows:
 - a. Dal-Tile; "Semi-Gloss" "Classic."
 - 1) Field Color: Price Groups 1 and 2.
 - 2) Accent Colors: Price Groups 1, 2, and 3..
2. Acceptable Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, in lieu of the Basis of Design manufacturer, Contractor may provide products from the following manufacturers that meet or exceed the published data of the specified Basis of Design product.
 - a. American Olean; a division of Dal-Tile Corporation.
3. Module Size: 4-1/4 by 4-1/4 inches.
4. Face Size Variation: Rectified.
5. Thickness: 5/16 inch.
6. Face: Plain with cushion edges.
7. Grout Color: As selected by Architect from manufacturer's full range.

8. Mounting: Factory, back mounted.
9. Trim Units: Coordinated with sizes and coursing of adjoining flat tile where applicable and matching characteristics of adjoining flat tile. Provide shapes as follows, selected from manufacturer's standard shapes:
 - a. Base for Portland Cement Mortar Installations: Coved, module size 4-1/4 by 4-1/4 inches with inside and outside corners.
 - b. External Corners for Portland Cement Mortar Installations: Surface bullnose, same size as adjoining flat tile.

2.4 CRACK ISOLATION MEMBRANE

- A. General: Manufacturer's standard product that complies with ANSI A118.12 for high performance and is recommended by the manufacturer for the application indicated. Include reinforcement and accessories recommended by manufacturer.
- B. Fabric-Reinforced, Fluid-Applied Membrane: System consisting of liquid-latex rubber or elastomeric polymer and fabric reinforcement.
 1. Products: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide one of the following:
 - a. ARDEX Americas; "ARDEX 8+9 Rapid Waterproofing and Crack Isolation Compound."
 - b. Custom Building Products; "9240 Waterproofing and Anti-Fracture Membrane."
 - c. Laticrete International, Inc; "Laticrete 9235 Waterproof Membrane."
 - d. MAPEI Corporation; "Mapelastix HPG with MAPEI Fiberglass Mesh."
 - e. Summitville Tiles, Inc.; "S-9000."

2.5 SETTING MATERIALS

- A. Portland Cement Mortar Thickset Installation Materials: ANSI A108.02.
 1. Cleavage Membrane: Asphalt felt, ASTM D 226/D 226M, Type I (No. 15); or polyethylene sheeting, ASTM D 4397, 4.0 mils thick.
- B. Standard Dry-Set Mortar (Thinset): ANSI A118.1.
 1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:
 - a. ARDEX Americas.
 - b. Custom Building Products.
 - c. Laticrete International, Inc.
 - d. MAPEI Corporation.
 - e. Summitville Tiles, Inc.
 2. For wall applications, provide mortar that complies with requirements for nonsagging mortar in addition to the other requirements in ANSI A118.1.

2.6 GROUT MATERIALS

- A. High-Performance Tile Grout: ANSI A118.7.
 1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:

- a. ARDEX Americas; ARDEX FL Rapid Set, Flexible, Sanded Grout."
 - b. Custom Building Products; "Prism."
 - c. Laticrete International, Inc; "Perma Color."
 - d. MAPEI Corporation; "Ultra Color."
 - e. Summitville Tiles, Inc.
2. Polymer Type: Ethylene vinyl acetate or acrylic additive, in dry, redispersible form, prepackaged with other dry ingredients.
- B. Water-Cleanable Epoxy Grout: ANSI A118.3.
1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:
 - a. ARDEX Americas; "ARDEX WA High Performance, 100% Solids Epoxy Grout & Adhesive."
 - b. Custom Building Products; "Ceg-Lite."
 - c. Laticrete International, Inc.; "Spectra Lock Pro."
 - d. MAPEI Corporation; "Kera Poxy."
 - e. Summitville Tiles, Inc.
 2. Provide product capable of withstanding continuous and intermittent exposure to temperatures of up to 140 and 212 deg F, respectively, and certified by manufacturer for intended use.

2.7 MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

- A. Trowelable Underlayments and Patching Compounds: Latex-modified, portland cement-based formulation provided or approved by manufacturer of tile-setting materials for installations indicated.
- B. Tile Cleaner: A neutral cleaner capable of removing soil and residue without harming tile and grout surfaces, specifically approved for materials and installations indicated by tile and grout manufacturers.

2.8 MIXING MORTARS AND GROUT

- A. Mix mortars and grouts to comply with referenced standards and mortar and grout manufacturers' written instructions.
- B. Add materials, water, and additives in accurate proportions.
- C. Obtain and use type of mixing equipment, mixer speeds, mixing containers, mixing time, and other procedures to produce mortars and grouts of uniform quality with optimum performance characteristics for installations indicated.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine substrates, areas, and conditions where tile will be installed, with Installer present, for compliance with requirements for installation tolerances and other conditions affecting performance of the Work.

1. Verify that substrates for setting tile are firm; dry; clean; free of coatings that are incompatible with tile-setting materials, including curing compounds and other substances that contain soap, wax, oil, or silicone; and comply with flatness tolerances required by ANSI A108.01 for installations indicated.
2. Verify that concrete substrates for tile floors installed with bonded mortar bed, comply with surface finish requirements in ANSI A108.01 for installations indicated.
 - a. Verify that surfaces that received a steel trowel finish have been mechanically scarified.
 - b. Verify that protrusions, bumps, and ridges have been removed by sanding or grinding.
3. Verify that installation of grounds, anchors, recessed frames, electrical and mechanical units of work, and similar items located in or behind tile has been completed.
4. Verify that joints and cracks in tile substrates are coordinated with tile joint locations; if not coordinated, adjust joint locations in consultation with Architect.

B. Proceed with installation only after unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Fill cracks, holes, and depressions in concrete substrates for tile floors installed with adhesives or thinset mortar with trowelable leveling and patching compound specifically recommended by tile-setting material manufacturer.
- B. Where indicated, prepare substrates to receive waterproofing by applying a reinforced mortar bed that complies with ANSI A108.1A and is sloped 1/4 inch per foot toward drains.
- C. Blending: For tile exhibiting color variations, verify that tile has been factory blended and packaged so tile units taken from one package show same range of colors as those taken from other packages and match approved Samples. If not factory blended, either return to manufacturer or blend tiles at Project site before installing.

3.3 CERAMIC TILE INSTALLATION

- A. Comply with TCNA's "Handbook for Ceramic, Glass, and Stone Tile Installation" for TCNA installation methods specified in tile installation schedules. Comply with parts of the ANSI A108 series "Specifications for Installation of Ceramic Tile" that are referenced in TCNA installation methods, specified in tile installation schedules, and apply to types of setting and grouting materials used.
 1. For the following installations, follow procedures in the ANSI A108 series of tile installation standards for providing 95 percent mortar coverage:
 - a. Tile floors in wet areas.
 - b. Tile floors consisting of rib-backed tiles.
- B. Extend tile work into recesses and under or behind equipment and fixtures to form complete covering without interruptions unless otherwise indicated. Terminate work neatly at obstructions, edges, and corners without disrupting pattern or joint alignments.
- C. Accurately form intersections and returns. Perform cutting and drilling of tile without marring visible surfaces. Carefully grind cut edges of tile abutting trim, finish, or built-in items for straight aligned joints. Fit tile closely to electrical outlets, piping, fixtures, and other penetrations so plates, collars, or covers overlap tile.

- D. Provide manufacturer's standard trim shapes where necessary to eliminate exposed tile edges.
- E. Where accent tile differs in thickness from field tile, vary setting-bed thickness so that tiles are flush.
- F. Jointing Pattern: Lay tile in grid pattern unless otherwise indicated. Lay out tile work and center tile fields in both directions in each space or on each wall area. Lay out tile work to minimize the use of pieces that are less than half of a tile. Provide uniform joint widths unless otherwise indicated.
 - 1. For tile mounted in sheets, make joints between tile sheets same width as joints within tile sheets so joints between sheets are not apparent in finished work.
 - 2. Where adjoining tiles on floor, base, walls, or trim are specified or indicated to be same size, align joints.
 - 3. Where tiles are specified or indicated to be whole integer multiples of adjoining tiles on floor, base, walls, or trim, align joints unless otherwise indicated.
- G. Joint Widths: Unless otherwise indicated, install tile with the following joint widths:
 - 1. Ceramic Mosaic Tile: 1/16 inch.
 - 2. Quarry Tile: 1/4 inch.
 - 3. Glazed Wall Tile: 1/16 inch.
- H. Lay out tile wainscots to dimensions indicated or to next full tile beyond dimensions indicated.
- I. Expansion Joints: Provide expansion joints and other sealant-filled joints, including control, contraction, and isolation joints, where indicated. Form joints during installation of setting materials, mortar beds, and tile. Do not saw-cut joints after installing tiles.
 - 1. Where joints occur in concrete substrates, locate joints in tile surfaces directly above them.

3.4 CRACK ISOLATION MEMBRANE INSTALLATION

- A. Install crack isolation membrane to comply with ANSI A108.17 and manufacturer's written instructions to produce membrane of uniform thickness that is bonded securely to substrate at the following locations:
 - 1. Bathrooms, Toilet rooms, and Kitchen area.
- B. Allow crack isolation membrane to cure before installing tile or setting materials over it.

3.5 ADJUSTING AND CLEANING

- A. Remove and replace tile that is damaged or that does not match adjoining tile. Provide new matching units, installed as specified and in a manner to eliminate evidence of replacement.
- B. Cleaning: On completion of placement and grouting, clean all ceramic tile surfaces so they are free of foreign matter.
 - 1. Remove grout residue from tile as soon as possible.
 - 2. Clean grout smears and haze from tile according to tile and grout manufacturer's written instructions but no sooner than 10 days after installation. Use only cleaners recommended by tile and grout manufacturers and only after determining that cleaners are safe to use by testing on samples of tile and other surfaces to be cleaned. Protect metal surfaces and plumbing fixtures from effects of cleaning. Flush surfaces with clean water before and after cleaning.

3.6 PROTECTION

- A. Protect installed tile work with kraft paper or other heavy covering during construction period to prevent staining, damage, and wear. If recommended by tile manufacturer, apply coat of neutral protective cleaner to completed tile walls and floors.
- B. Prohibit foot and wheel traffic from tiled floors for at least seven days after grouting is completed.
- C. Before final inspection, remove protective coverings and rinse neutral protective cleaner from tile surfaces.

3.7 INTERIOR CERAMIC TILE INSTALLATION SCHEDULE

A. Interior Floor Installations, Concrete Subfloor:

- 1. Ceramic Tile Installation: TCNA F112 and ANSI A108.1B, ANSI A108.1C; cement mortar bed (thickset) bonded to concrete.
 - a. Ceramic Tile Type: Quarry Tile.
 - b. Bond Coat for Cured-Bed Method: Modified dry-set mortar.
 - c. Grout: Water-Cleanable epoxy grout.
- 2. Ceramic Tile Installation: TCNA F121 and ANSI A108.1A; cement mortar bed (thickset) on waterproof membrane.
 - a. Ceramic Tile Type: Ceramic Mosaic Tile; in toilet and bathrooms.
 - b. Bond Coat for Cured-Bed Method: Modified dry-set mortar.
 - c. Grout: Standard unsanded cement grout.

B. Interior Wall Installations, Masonry or Concrete:

- 1. Ceramic Tile Installation: TCNA W202I; thinset mortar.
 - a. Ceramic Tile Type: Glazed wall tile; all locations unless noted otherwise.
 - b. Thinset Mortar: Standard dry-set mortar.
 - c. Grout: High-performance unsanded grout.
- 2. Ceramic Tile Installation: TCNA 222; cement mortar bed where indicated.
 - a. Ceramic Tile Type: Glazed wall tile.
 - b. Thinset Mortar: Modified dry-set mortar.
 - c. Grout: High-performance unsanded grout.

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