

**SenecaStudio, SenecaMetal & Seneca Cotto**  
**Metallic Installation & Grouting**  
**Recommendations**

**A copy of these instructions should be left for the homeowner.**

Specifications for installation techniques can be found in the "Handbook for Ceramic Tile Installation", published annually by the Tile Council of North America (TCNA). The details outlined in the TCNA Handbook cover most installation methods and conditions. A copy of this publication may be obtained from your local Seneca Tile distributor or from the TCNA.

**General Instructions**

Because of Seneca Tiles natural variation in color, size, and texture, we recommend that prior to installation, all tile be laid out and mixed to give the most balanced appearance. Seneca tile cannot be installed with the perfection or precision of machine made tile and is designed to be non-uniform in color and texture. We recommend a 1/4" to 3/8" grout joint.

We recommend a latex modified portland cement mortar (thinset) when installing Seneca Tile over acceptable concrete, cementitious backer board, exterior grade plywood, sheetrock, or other approved organic wall tile adhesive. Apply mortar or adhesive with a 1/4" x 3/8" square notched trowel, following recognized installation methods. We advise you to review your setting material instructions carefully prior to beginning installation. Seneca recommends only those setting materials manufactured by licensed manufacturers tested and approved by the TCNA.

It may be necessary to back-butter each tile, depending on the trowel and tile size, as well as the type of installation, to assure 100% coverage of mortar to tile.

**Grouting**

Do a test area, as contrasting grout colors may be difficult to remove. Work in small areas, 10 to 20 square feet. Completely clean an area before proceeding. Use a rubber grout float and pack grout joints full (this provides a more attractive finished installation). Working in sections will shorten your overall time in final cleanup. Cleanup may be done with a damp (not wet) sponge, then polish with a rough material such as burlap or cheesecloth. Rinse with clean water. **Do not use acid on SenecaStudio, SenecaMetal & Seneca Cotto Metallic tile.**

**Maintenance**

To clean, spray tiles with a neutral cleaner and wipe with a sponge or soft cloth. **Do not use abrasive or acidic cleaners on SenecaStudio, SenecaMetal & Seneca Cotto Metallic tile.** Remove splatters as soon as possible with a damp sponge.

Most sealing or cleaning products noted above may be purchased through your local Seneca distributor. Alternative products are available, but the aforementioned products provide excellent results. As always, we recommend carefully following all label directions.

**Please inspect your tile carefully prior to installation. Installation constitutes acceptance of material by purchaser.**

**Please call us toll free at 800-426-4335 with questions.**

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