

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FAQ

Q: Who can install ErthCOVERINGS?

A: Ask your ErthCOVERINGS dealer or visit www.ErthCOVERINGS.com to obtain contact details for suitable installers. Alternatively, most tile setters or handy people can install ErthCOVERINGS considering they familiarize themselves with the full installation instructions.

Q: How do you install ErthCOVERINGS?

A: ErthCOVERINGS are installed similar to tiles except ErthCOVERINGS require no grout joints. ErthCOVERINGS should be installed with staggered joints, similar to laying hardwood.

Q. What type of mortar do you use to install ErthCOVERINGS?

A. For all interior applications, and exterior residential applications, a polymer-modified mortar is used, such as Chembond 8820, Mapei Ultraflex 2, Flextile 52, etc. For commercial exterior applications, a polymer modified mortar with a latex additive is recommended, such as Flextile 51 with Flextile 43 Additive, or Mapei Kerabond/Keralastic.

Q: What substrates are required for ErthCOVERINGS?

A: For interior walls only up to a height of 10', ErthCOVERINGS can be applied to gypsum wallboard, gypsum plaster, or exterior grade plywood. For interior walls over 10' high, cement board is recommended. For exterior applications, ErthCOVERINGS can be applied to brick, masonry block, cured concrete, cement mortars, or cement board.

Q: How many square feet of ErthCOVERINGS can be installed in 1 day?

A: No more than 10' in height should be installed per day. Any length of wall however can be installed.

Q: Do you require footings or foundations when installing ErthCOVERINGS?

A: ErthCOVERINGS do not require footings or foundations when installed on perimeter walls. When installed in the center of a floor however, the structural integrity of the floor should be examined. Starter strips securely fastened to the wall may be required when installation begins above the floor.

Q: Are brick ties required for installation of ErthCOVERINGS?

A: Brick ties are not required when the stone weighs less than 15 lbs per square foot. Most ErthCOVERINGS products weigh between 8 and 14lbs per square foot, therefore brick ties are not required for most ErthCOVERINGS products. See Technical Data sheet for product weights.

Q: Is moisture protection required for installation of ErthCOVERINGS?

A: For exterior applications over wood sheathing, the use of a weather resistant barrier (Tyvek, Typar, etc.) is required followed by a 10mm rainscreen system. Visit www.ErthCOVERINGS.com for more details.