

Radianz® Floor Installation

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1. INTRODUCTION



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Radianz® by LOTTE ADVANCED MATERIALS is a remarkable blend of nature and technology combining natural quartz with advanced polymers. The result is an extremely hard and durable surface with performance and aesthetic characteristics that is superior to that of quarried stone products. Radianz® quartz surface is commonly used in any interior surfacing applications such as floors, walls and premium countertops for homes and businesses.

Radianz® is comprised of more than 93 percent mined quartz crystals, one of the hardest minerals found in nature. Color controlled quartz crystals are blended together with technologically advanced polymers, resulting in a luxurious and smooth high-gloss material that does not require routine sealing.

Product Features & Benefits

- · Stain Resistant
- · Chemical and Bacteria Resistant
- · Non-porous, Hygienic and Safe
- · Easy Clean and Low Maintenance
- · Scratch Resistant
- · Chip and Crack resistant
- Durable
- · Abrasion Resistant

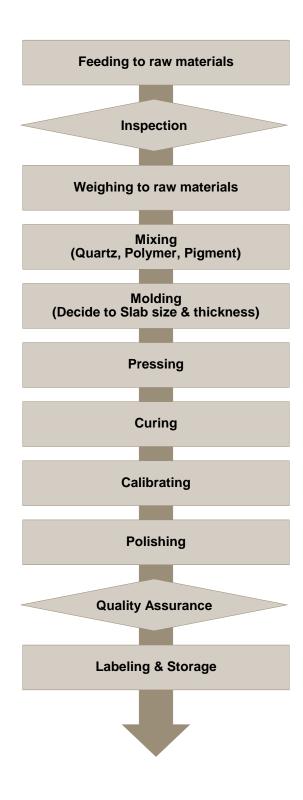
Main application

- · Countertops
- · Interior wall cladding
- · Shower and tub surrounds
- · Table and desk tops
- · Toilet compartment partition
- · Elevator cab walls
- Stairs
- · Door sill (Threshold)
- · Vanities and sinks
- · Other interior finish

2. MANUFACTURING PROCESS



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3. HANDLING OF THE PRODUCTS



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3.1 Dimensions & Weights

1) Slabs

| Thick | kness | Wi | dth | Ler | ngth | We | ight |
|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-----|------|
| mm | inch | mm | Inch | mm | inch | kg | lbs |
| 12 | 1/2 | 1,520 | 60 | 3,100 | 122 | 141 | 311 |
| 20 | 3/4 | 1,520 | 60 | 3,100 | 122 | 235 | 518 |
| 30 | 1 1/4 | 1,520 | 60 | 3,100 | 122 | 353 | 778 |

2) Tiles

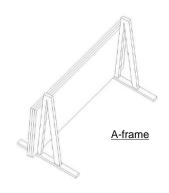
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|------|-------|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|
| mm | inch | mm | Inch | mm | inch | kg | lbs |
| 12 | 1/2 | 600 | 24 | 600 | 24 | 10.8 | 23.8 |
| 20 | 3/4 | 600 | 24 | 600 | 24 | 18.0 | 39.7 |
| 30 | 1 1/4 | 600 | 24 | 600 | 24 | 27.0 | 59.5 |

3.2 Shipping procedure

Slabs

- Slabs are transported on wooden or metallic frame.
- 2) All surfaces (usable surfaces) are covered by protected film and the finished slabs are placed on face to face.
- 3) Each slab, after quality inspection, is marked with a label containing the following information:
 - Color name / Color code
 - Lot Number with base color indication code (U, H, D)
 - Material code
 - Slab size & Thickness
- 4) Loading capacity of 20ft container

| | Thickness | | slabs/container |
|---------|-----------|-------|-----------------|
| | mm | inch | stabs/container |
| A-Frame | 12 | 1/2 | 126 |
| | 20 | 3/4 | 76 |
| | 30 | 1 1/4 | 50 |



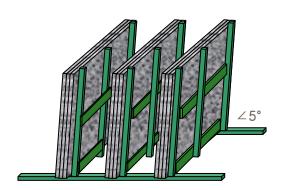
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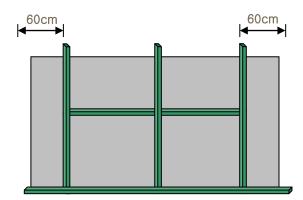


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3.3 Product storage

- Indoor storage is recommended for the Product. If the Product is stored outside, they must be kept covered and be stored with the polished faces unexposed. UV light from the sun can react with the plastic resins in the slabs and permanently damage the appearances or change colors. Also, rain or some contaminants may penetrate into the gap between protective film and the surface and can cause staining
- Please note that outside storage may result in staining, discoloration, deformation, chipping, crack and many other things, thus not recommended
- While storing or transporting the product, it is necessary to make arrangements so as to protect against damages caused by crushing, improper handling or staining with lubricants, petrol, painting materials, building materials, rust, etc.
- The first slab or tile against the frame should be the back side and the next sequential slab or tile should be polished face to polished face. Then the following should be back side to back side.
- Slabs must be stored in the vertical position on the compact stand so that back side of the slab lies with its full area upon backing and so that no part of the slab overlaps to the free area. Lower part of warehouse frames must be provided with rubber, plastic or wooden pads to prevent the chipping of slabs lower edge during manipulation. Slabs are put in stands in bundles that are separated with vertically laid wooden lathes - min. 4 pieces for 20mm and 30mm slabs and min. 6 pieces for 12mm slabs – in even distance all over the length of the slab bundles. If some slabs lean on another slab with gap at the bottom, prolonged storage may cause warping due to pressure.

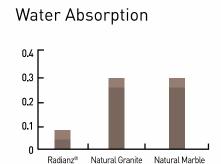


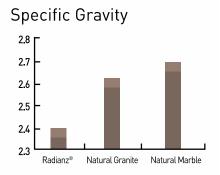




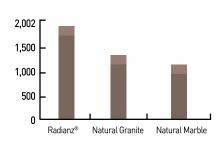
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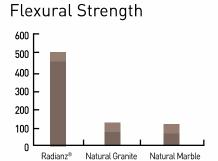
4.1 Physical properties comparison





Compressive Strength





Natural Granite

Natural Marble

| Items | Radianz [®] | Natural Granite | Natural Marble |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Stain Resistance | *** | ** | * |
| Abrasion Resistance | *** | *** | * |
| Chemical Resistance | *** | ** | * |
| Non-Porous | *** | * | * |
| Flexural Strength | *** | ** | * |
| Color Consistency | *** | ** | * |
| Chip And Crack Resistance | *** | *** | * |
| Low Maintenance | *** | ** | * |

^{***:} Excellent, **: Good, *: Fair



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4-2. Mechanical & Chemical properties

| PROPERTIES | TYPICAL RESULTS | TEST PROCEDURE | REMARKS |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Specific Gravity | 2.41 | ASTM D792-08 | |
| Water Absorption | 0.03% | ASTM C373-06 | |
| Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion | 1.35 x 10-5 /℃ | ASTM D696-03 | |
| Flexural Strength | 53.6 Mpa | ASTM D790-07 | |
| Flexural Modulus | 11.9 Gpa | ASTM D790-07 | |
| Boiling Water Resistance | No effect | NEMA LD3 2000 3.5 | |
| High Temperature | No effect | NEMA LD3 2000 3.6 | |
| Moh's Hardness | 7 | MOHS Hardness Scale | |
| Slip Resistance - | 0.91 / 0.49 | | Neolite |
| Coefficient of Friction | 0.45 / 0.57 | ASTM C1028-07 | Leather |
| (Received: Dry/Wet) | 1.03 / 0.49 | | Rubber |
| Slip Resistance - | 0.89 / 0.48 | | Neolite |
| Coefficient of Friction | 0.40/ 0.58 | ASTM C1028-07 | Leather |
| (Renovated: Dry/Wet) | 0.92/ 0.50 | | Rubber |
| Compressive Strength | DRY: 213.74 Mpa WET: 251.16 Mpa | ASTM C170-09 | |
| Stain Resistance | Passes | ANSI Z124.6-07 | |
| Cigarette Test | Passes | ANSI Z124.6-07 | |
| Chemical Resistance | Passes | ANSI Z124.6-07 | |
| Impact Tests | Passes | ANSI Z124.6-07 | |
| Fungal Resistance | No effect | ASTM G21-96 | |
| Bacteria Resistance | No effect | ASTM G22-96 | |
| Rockwell Hardness | 114 | ASTM D785-03 | |
| Abrasion Resistance | 606mg | ASTM D4060-07 | Taber abrasion |
| Flammability | Class A | ASTM E84-09 | |

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1) Fungal resistance

(1) TEST METHOD

• ASTM G 21:

: Determining Resistance of Synthetic Polymeric Materials of Fungi

• Strains:

Aspergillus Niger (ATCC 9642) Penicillium Pinophilum (ATCC 11797) Chaetomium Globosum (ATCC 6205) Aureobasidium Pullulans (ATCC 15233)

· Culture condition:

30 +/- 1 °C, 85%RH, 28days

Limitation

| OBSERVED GROWTH ON SPECIMEN | RATING |
|---|--------|
| None | 0 |
| Traces of growth (Less than 10%) | 1 |
| Light Growth | 2 |
| Medium Growth | 3 |
| Heavy Growth (60%-to complete coverage) | 4 |

(2) TEST RESULT

· Zero traces of growth

| CULTURE TIME | DAY 0 | DAY 7 | DAY 14 | DAY 21 | DAY 28 |
|--------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Result | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



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2) Bacteria resistance

(1) TEST METHOD

• ASTM G 22:

Standard Practice For Determining Resistance of Plastics to Bacteria

· Strains:

Pseudomonas Aeruginosa (ATCC 13388)

· Culture condition:

36 +/- 1℃, 85%RH, 21days

Limitation

| OBSERVED GROWTH ON SPECIMEN | RATING |
|---|--------|
| None | 0 |
| Traces of growth (Less than 10%) | 1 |
| Light Growth | 2 |
| Medium Growth | 3 |
| Heavy Growth (60%-to complete coverage) | 4 |

(2) TEST RESULT

Zero traces of growth

| CULTURE TIME | DAY 0 | DAY 7 | DAY 14 | DAY 21 |
|--------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Result | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



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3) Flammability

(1) TEST METHOD

• ASTM E 84

Surface Building Characteristics of Building Materials

· Sample preparation and conditioning:

Three pieces of sample were placed into the fire chamber end to end supported on screen and rods, to form a 21 inches wide X 24 feet long for testing, than was covered with inorganic cement boards to protect the chamber lid.

Test procedure:

The tunnel was thoroughly pre-heated by burning natural gas. When the brick temperature, sensed by a floor thermocouple, had reached the prescribed 105° Fahrenheit +/-5° Fahrenheit level, the sample was inserted in the tunnel and test conducted in accordance with the standard ASTM E84-09 procedure.

The operation of the tunnel was checked by performing a 10-minute rest with inorganic board on the day of the test.

Rating:

The National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code 101, Section 6-5.3, "Interior Wall and Ceilling Finish Classification", has a means of classifying materials with respect to Flame Spread and Smoke Developed when tested in accordance with NFPA 255, "Method of Test of Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials" (ASTM E84).

| FLAME SPREAD | SMOKE DEVELOPED | RATING |
|--------------|-----------------|---------|
| 0 – 25 | 0 - 450 | Class A |
| 26 - 75 | 0 - 450 | Class B |
| 76 - 200 | 0 - 450 | Class C |

(2) TEST RESULT

 Flame Spread: 10 • Smoke Developed: 180

· Rating: Class A



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4) Stain resistance

(1) TEST METHOD

• ANSI Z124.6 - Section 5.2 : Stain Resistance

Test procedure:

Two (2) drops of each of the following liquid reagents shall be applied to the surface of Radianz® Expose the sample for 16 hours; Covered with glass plate and uncovered. The stained specimens shall be subjected to cleanability tests immediately and rated at that time. Each stain, both covered and uncovered, shall be given a number in accordance with the rating procedure given in Table 4.1.

Performance Requirement

The maximum stain resistance rating shall be the sum of all the individual stain ratings for each of the covered and uncovered stain areas. The maximum allowable total rating shall be 64. The maximum allowable thickness of material removed to eliminate the stain shall be 0.012mm.

Table 4.1 - Stain Ratings Procedure

| CLEANABILITY TEST | RATING |
|--|--------|
| The specimen shall be washed with tap water and cheesecloth or soft bristle brush using 20 scrub cycles with normal hand pressure and dried by blotting. | 1 |
| Stains present after initial wash with water shall be washed with alcohol (commercial rubbing alcohol) or naphtha (lighting fluid) using cheesecloth or soft bristle brush for 20 cycles using normal hand pressure. | 2 |
| Stains present after the aforementioned cleanings shall be scrubbed 20 scrub cycles with standard scouring powder and wet cheesecloth or soft bristle brush using normal hand pressure. | 3 |
| Stains present after the aforementioned cleanings shall be scrubbed an additional 40 scrub cycles with standard scouring powder and wet cheesecloth or soft bristle brush using normal hand pressure. | 4 |
| The affected area shall be lightly sanded with 600grit abrasive cloth until the stain is removed. The depth shall be measured to the nearest 0.025mm. | 5 |

(2) TEST RESULT

· Stain Resistance: Pass

· Reagent:

- Black Crayon
- Black Liquid Shoe Polish
- Blue Washable Ink
- Gentian Violet Solution
- Beet Juice
- Grape Juice
- Lipstick
- Hair Dye
- Iodine Solution
- Wet Tea Bag



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5) Chemical resistance

(1) TEST METHOD

• ANSI Z124.6 - Section 5.5 : Chemical Resistance

Test procedure:

Two(2) drops of each of the following liquid reagents shall be applied to the surface of Radianz® Expose the sample for 16 hours; Covered with glass plate and uncovered

Performance Requirement

The surface finish shall be unaffected by the reagents except for superficial surface change which are removable by sanding with 600 grit wet or dry sandpaper and water. Any resulting damage shall not impair the serviceability of the unit, and shall be easily repairable by using abrasive and polishing compounds to approximate the original finish.

(2) TEST RESULT

· Chemical Resistance: Pass

- · Reagent:
 - Naphtha
 - Ethyl Alcohol
 - Amyl Acetate
 - Ammonia, 10%
 - Citric Acid. 10%
 - Urea, 6% (Urine)
 - Hydrogen Peroxide, 3%
 - Sodium Hypochlorite
 - Toluene
 - Ethyl Acetate
 - Lye, 1%~2% (Drano)
 - Acetone
 - Trisodium Phosphate, 5%
 - Vinegar
 - Pine Oil
 - Phenol, 5% (Lysol)

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5. FABRICATION

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5.1 Health safety information

Information hereunder provides the most important safety issue pertaining to the fabrication and installation. Please read this carefully to understand how silica dust could cause silicosis and severely and permanently damage your health.

Quartz is a pure mineral that has the chemical formula SiO2 and is crystalline and transparent in structure. Radianz® is composed of 93% quartz by weight. No inherent health risks are present in its slab form. However, respirable crystalline silica dust represents a potential health hazards when they are inhaled by a person. The silica dust are created during all operations done dry such as sawing, sanding, drilling or routing. Dry sweeping can also create silica dusts and cause for developing to silicosis.

Overexposure of silica dust can cause silicosis by the formation of scar tissue in the lungs. Silicosis can be disabling, nonreversible and sometimes produce fatal lung disease. Symptoms of silicosis include coughing, difficulty in breathing and progressive impairment of lung function.

Shop operation in a wet environment using proper ventilation and filtration systems would keep any deadly dust airborne for inhaling and prevent shop employees from potential health risks.

Personal Protection

- · Ware safety glasses
- Wear leather or cotton gloves
- · Air purifying respirator

5.2 Inspection

The goal at LOTTE ADVANCED MATERIALS is to provide the highest quality materials to our fabricators to insure customer satisfaction. As a result, we check and recheck each individual slab during the inspection process to meet our rigorous quality standards. In addition, it is the fabricators' responsibility to conduct a visual inspection for defects for every slab they work with.

Check List for Visual Inspection(prior to fabrication)

- · Slab-to-slab color match
- · Color consistency within slabs
- Holes
- · Blotches(Irregular spot)
- · Hair crack
- · Foreign material
- Thickness
- · Polishing mark
- Deformation(warpage): Deformation should be checked using a full-length straight-edge when the slab is placed horizontally.

The fabricator should contact their distributor for any defect found on the slabs if it will increase fabrication time. Your authorized distributor will answer any question and provide assistance on Radianz® slabs. If you are unsure of the quality of the material, please contact your distributor for service

Please remove the protective film before fabricating. If you do not remove the protective film before fabrication, it may leave water marks from fabrication. LOTTE ADVANCED MATERIALS will replace the slab that does not meet the product specification. However, LOTTE ADVANCED MATERIALS will not be responsible for any labor charges incurred for fabrication done on the defective materials.

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5.3 Straight cut

1) Straight cut tools

- · Bridge Saws
- Rail saw including 12'(3.5m) and 7.5'(2.2m) rails
- · Revolution of saw
 - The revolutions of the cutting blade can be different according to the specifications of Bridge machine and saw.

| Diameter | 300mm(12") | 350mm(14") | 400mm(16") |
|----------|------------|----------------|------------|
| rpm | ≒ 1,780 | ≒ 1,540 | ≒ 1,340 |

• Cutting speed: < 3.0m/min (Thickness: 20mm) < 2.0m/min (Thickness: 30mm)

- · Cutting saw
 - Required engineered stone blade should be used.
 - Granite cutting saw : Unacceptable (Risk of crack)
 - Marble cutting saw: Partially allowed but consumption of the blade can be high.
- * Manual cutting is not recommended.
- * All fabrication must be done in wet operation.

2) Recommended for cutting Radianz® to minimize crack during fabrication

- · Use required engineered stone blade for cutting.
- · Should not move during the cutting process when using saw blade.
- · Working table should be flat.
- · Do not plunge cut. Always start from the outside. When doing sink cut-outs or cook-top cut-outs, it is highly recommended to do such cut-outs after other necessary fabrication such as cutting.
- · Do not stop in the middle of cutting process
- · Enough water should be used at all time during cutting.
- · There should be no bevel edge cracking
- · Recommended cutting speed are as follow: THK.20: 3m/min, THK.30: 2m/min
- · Keep the blade sharp by running the blade through sandstone off cuts.
- · Using portable circular saw has high chance of causing crack during cutting.





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6.1 Thickness, sizes and colors

1) Appropriate thickness for each size

| Max. size | Thickness |
|---------------|-----------|
| 300 X 300(mm) | 12mm,20mm |
| 400 X 400(mm) | 12mm,20mm |
| 600 X 600(mm) | 20mm,30mm |

2) Recommended colors depending on the application area

| Application | Color name | | |
|----------------|--|--|--|
| Interior wall | All colors | | |
| Interior floor | Albion Amber, Atlas Brown, Andean Sepia, Appalachian Umber, Mauna Loa Black, Matala Tan, Rocky Mountain Brown, Soback Beige, Luna Verde, Sechura Mocha, Cumberland Flax, Palau Ja va, Columbia Gray, Ural Gray, Allegheny Amber, Toluca Sand, Bristol Beige, Shasta Brown, Alpi ne Umber, Teton Beige, Cascade Pebble, Mont Blanc Snow, Saltoro Cliff, Mariposa Buff, Mirama Bronze, Ferio Black, Kauai Cream, Antigua Beach | | |

- · All products are recommended for interior use only.
- Being made from natural materials, the color variations of the product could appear. The Product is sorted by producer according to the basic color standards. Slight optical color differences are proper and should be respected. There is mostly one color shade packed on one pallet and always one color shade in the same cardboard box and the respective lot No. and color shade is given on the box label. In spite of the fact, before starting the installation it's necessary to open several boxes with the tiles, lay the tiles on the floor under natural light and check the color consistency. To avoid any problems with color consistency on the floor is recommended to lay down the tiles consecutively one by one from several checked open cardboard boxes, simultaneously, not only from one card board box.



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6.2 Thermal expansion

The polyester resin used as a binder causes not only the increase in the high bonding strength properties, but also in the thermal expansion of the product. Therefore, it is necessary to take these facts into consideration during designing the floors and wall claddings.

| Linear t | Linear thermal expansion to differential Radianz® tile sizes | | | |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------|--|--|
| Tile sizes | Calculation | Length difference | | |
| 12" x 12" (300 x 300mm) | 1.35 x 10-5/°C x 60°C x 300mm | 0.243 (300.243)mm | | |
| 16" x 16" (400 x 400mm) | 1.35 x 10-5/°C x 60°C x 400mm | 0.324 (400.324)mm | | |
| 24" x 24" (600 x 600mm) | 1.35 x 10-5 /℃ x 60℃ x 600mm | 0.486 (600.486)mm | | |

^{*} Length difference (L) = α x (T2 – T1) x L0 (Maximum temperature range : 60 °C)

T1: Initial temperature(°C)

T2: Final temperature(°C)

L0: Initial length(mm)

 α : Thermal expansion coefficient (Radianz[®]: 1.35 x 10-5 /°C)

Radianz® should be installed by keeping the joint from 3 up to 7 mm according to the characteristics of the base, the sizes, dimensional stability, and thermal expansion coefficient of the product and according to the environment where the installation takes place.

The expansion joints need to be brought through to the tile surface and treated with a flexible sealant. An architect and engineer should be consulted when specifying expansion joint placement, construction and materials.

6.3 Tolerance of the tile dimensions

| | Tolerance | Remarks |
|-----------|-----------|--|
| Size | ± 1.0mm | - Length and width |
| Thickness | ± 1.0mm | |
| Flatness | 1mm/1m | - Central & Side deformation - Torsion |

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6.4 Installation of floor and wall tiles

1) Floor

A. Environment condition

The installation can be started only after making sure that the temperature and moisture conditions meet the conditions prescribed by the technical document of the used adhesives. For a longer period than 24 hours the temperature cannot decrease beneath 41°F (5 °C) and exceed 86°F (30 °C).

B. Substrate preparation

Substrate on which the product is installed must be sound, level, free from structural movement and clean of debris such as oil, paint sealers and curing compounds which may prevent the tile from proper bonding. Substrate concrete base must be adequately cured before installation. It is recommended to install tile only over concrete slabs that are free of hydrostatic pressure. Sufficient curing must be reached - at least 4 weeks! After the concreting is finished the concrete must be moistened properly and protected against too quick evaporation or against frost for at least 15 days. The humidity of the concrete must be max. 2 – 3% before the installation. The humidity is measured by a carbide moisture meter. The standard level of acceptable moisture for epoxy mortars is a reading that does not exceed 5%.

C. Installation indication

There are many methods of installation for floor, but generally they can be classified three basic types of setting material considered for Radianz[®]. But, we do not recommend installation method using cement.

Rapid Set Liquid Latex / Acrylic Modified Thin sets [Recommended installation method]

There are two type of organic-based adhesives that consist of liquid and powder. Latex thin-set mortar additive is specially designed latex additive for use with special filler powder to make high strength latex thin-set bed up to 3mm thick and medium bed to 15mm thick mortars.

- * Recommended adhesive supplier: Laticrete, Mapei etc.
- * Please contact manufacturers as following;

- LATICRETE International : http://www.laticrete.com - MAPEI International : http://www.mapei.com

2 Traditional installation method using cement

This method uses a mixture that is cement and sand which is well blended together and has water added (Ratio: 3 part sand to I part cement). The quantity of water to be added depends on environmental factors.

Latex Modified Mortar

These methods are primarily composed of ready mixed mortar and are packaged in powder type. Water is added at time of use and the moisture content of the mortar about 5% is appropriate. They are composed of cement, sand, resin and other additives; their primary function is to increase adhesive qualities. Latex modified mortar tends generally to have higher rigidity and mechanical fragility than traditional installation method using cement.

Caution!

The product should avoid exposure to cement paste or mortar. Prolonged exposure to cement with high alkali can cause discoloration of the product. Cement paste or mortar have strong alkaline chemical (pH 12~13).

D. Recommended adhesives

- Grani rapid(Mapei), Platinum rapid(Laticrete)
 - Use: All standard installation of floor
 - Characteristics: Fast seeeting, allow grouting in 3 to 4 hours.
 - Color : White & Grey
 - Thickness of mortar : up to 10mm
- Kerapoxy(Mapei), Latapoxy(Laticrete)
 - Use: When increased chemical durability is required, at high thermal loads, at simultaneously increased thermal and mechanical loads.

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6.4 Installation of floor and wall tiles

2) Wall

A. Environment condition

Product should always be installed according to local codes, ordinances, trade practices and climatic conditions. There are almost no restrictions on interior installations of Radianz[®]. However, until further testing is completed, it is NOT recommended that Radianz® be installed on exterior surfaces.

The surface must be free of coatings, oil, wax or anything that would prevent proper bonding.

C. Installation indication

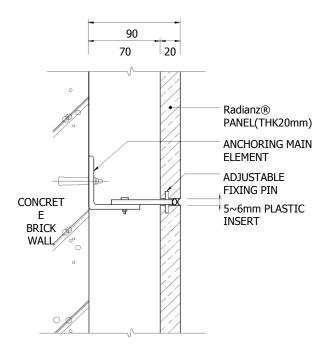
Generally, that can be classified 2- types of setting material considered for Radianz®.

Organic glued set

- Recommended height up to max. 2.5 m
- Recommended dimensions of the product (cm) Recommended thickness of the product: 300mm x 300 x 12mm

(2) Anchors System

In the case of larger size, 3/4"(20mm) thickness material will be the selection of choice for a wall installation. Large format panels can be "anchored" to the wall using any of the approved anchor systems available.



D. Protection

- (1) Protect finished work against weather, freezing and immersion in water for at least 21 days after completion of the
- Protect walls from impact, vibration and hammering on adjacent walls for at least 14 days after installation.

E. Grouting and Jointing

On walls, install Radianz[®] tiles leaving a regular even spacing between tiles of at least 1/8"(3.0mm). In the case of large areas, for larger tiles or higher mechanical or thermal load, the width of the joint has to be 5 - 7 mm and the joint after each 5th – 6th tile should be jointed by a silicone jointing material.

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Radianz® quartz surface is made from good quality raw materials that present exceptional physical and mechanical features with unique beauty ideal for interior decoration. It requires very little maintenance as its unique production process creates a surface with low porosity, which prevents fluid absorption. The hardness of the surface (6 -7 grade according to Mohs) and a very low water absorption make the product highly resistant to common influences. However, the protection of the product surface under a long-term exposure to abrasive impurities is the reason for recommending the regular maintenance and cleaning of the product surface.

7.1. Preparation for the floor cleaning

Before using chosen cleaning or protecting agent it is necessary to test it on a small area and only after the evaluation of the results on a dried-up product to carry out the overall application. Most of the agents are to be diluted according to the instructions of their producers. After using cleaning agents, it is always necessary to remove the cleaning agent and release impurities from the product surface quickly and carefully and to wash the surface thoroughly with pure water.

The product surface does not resist in the long term exposure to strong alkaline (NaOH, KOH, ...) and does not resist even in the short term to the hydrofluoric acid (HF). These chemicals are contained in some cleaning agents, which are available on the market. Therefore, for cleaning the

surfaces it is important to use only products, which are suited for the cleaning of engineered stone; They may not be identical to the cleaning agents for natural granites or ceramics. For cleaning, especially after the installation and jointing of floor tiles or for the cleaning of the tiles, which are highly dirty in the long term, use recommended products and not the mixtures of chemicals (lye, hydrochloric acid, hypochlorite...). The cleaning and maintenance, especially of larger surfaces, are recommended to be realized by specialized company experienced in maintenance of the engineered stone. It is necessary to use protecting instruments according to the instructions from their producers.

7.2. Cleaning for the floor

An appropriate cleaner is applied to the surface of the product (best done by machine, always with PAD disks). Any residual cleaner should be cleaned when the released impurities are carefully removed. When polishing-over is done by a machine it is always necessary to use only

the disks with artificial fibers (e.g. PAD LUX) to assure proper cleaning process. (Avoid usage of any type of steel wires disks since it may cause scratches)

Radianz® is substantially harder than natural stone and highly resistant to scratch. However, avoid abusing the surface by refraining from using sharp objects such as sharp knives or screw drivers directly onto the surface.

Recommended equipment for floors cleaning

- One-disk floor washer with 150 200 rpm (for all operations)
- · Water vacuum cleaner or water extractor
- Nylon pads with boar's hair (for washing), White PAD LUX (for polishing)

[Products that should be avoid]

- · Cleaners that contain Pine Oil. Without very thorough rinsing, these products can leave behind a residue of pine oil. The pine oil then attracts and holds dirt on the surface, eventually reducing the cleanliness of the surface and its appearance.
- · Highly aggressive cleaning agents such as oven/grill cleaners and dishwasher polishing agents that have high alkaline/pH levels (pH 8.5 or higher)
- · Abrasive scrubs/cleaners containing either soft or hard abrasive particles. The abrasives will harm Radianz® and if the surface is not completely rinsed, a powder residue will remain reducing the appearance of the surface, especially on dark colors.
- · Cleaners that contain xylene, toluene, potassium hydroxide or caustic soda.
- Paint removers, Furniture strippers containing trichlorethane or methylene chloride.

