

T-927 DUMBO COLLECTION

DUMBO GROOVE TILE INSTALLATION GUIDE



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The T-927 Dumbo Groove tiles are a perfect solution for a versatile and easy-to-install tiling option. The tiles feature a unique and patented edge structure that allows them to be installed on concave, convex, and straight surface applications. This makes them ideal for a variety of different applications.

One of the standout features of these tiles is their ability to wrap around columns as small as 8 inches with tight grout lines. This means that you can create a seamless and professional-looking finish, even on more challenging surfaces.

When it comes to finishing the tiles, you have a choice of options. You can grout the joints to create a traditional look, or you can use 1/4 x 31 1/2 inch specially made metal decorative trims for a clean and shiny finish. This gives you the flexibility to create a look that suits your individual style and preferences.

Overall, the T-927 Dumbo Collection Groove tiles are a fantastic choice for anyone looking for an easy-to-install, versatile, and stylish tiling option. With their patented edge structure and range of finishing options, they are sure to make any project look professional and polished.

Installation Instructions /Recommendations

Step 1: Surface Preparation

- Tile may be installed over most structurally sound substrates, if they are clean, smooth, dry and free of wax, soap scum and grease.
- Any damaged, loose or uneven areas must be repaired, patched and leveled.
- Remove any moldings, trim, appliances, etc., which could interfere with installation.

STEP 2: WALL LAYOUT

- Begin by finding the center point of the wall, using a level to draw a plumb line in the wall's center.
- Lay out a row of loose tiles across the bottom of the wall from the center line leaving uniform joints between tiles.
- If this layout leaves cuts smaller than 1/2 tile, adjust center line 1/2 tile closer to the side wall.
- With the level, continue the line around all side walls to be tiled. This is a guideline for the first row of tiles to be set above.

STEP 3: APPLYING ADHESIVE

- Select the right adhesive for the substrate you're using. Carefully read and follow all instructions and precautions on the adhesive or mortar package. Mix only enough to be used within 30 minutes. Using the type of trowel recommended on the adhesive package, spread a 1/4" coat on the surface of one grid area, using the flat side of the trowel. Do not cover guidelines.
- Next, use the notched side of the trowel to comb adhesive into standing ridges by holding the trowel at a 45-degree angle.
- Then remove excess adhesive, leaving a uniform, ridged setting bed.
- Don't spread a larger area than can be set in 15 minutes.

Step 4: Cutting Tile

- Cutting should be done using a wet saw. It is
- recommended to use a high-quality diamond blade.

Step 5: Setting Tile

Variation of shades is an inherent characteristic of ceramic tile – mix tiles from several cartons as you set, for a blended effect.

- Begin installing tiles in the center of the wall, one grid at a time. Finish each grid before moving to the next.
- Back butter the tiles.
- Start with the first tile in the corner of the grid and work outward.
- Set tiles one at a time using a slight twisting motion. Don't slide tiles into place.
- Insert tile spacers as each tile is set, or leave equal joints between tiles.
- Remove excess adhesive from joints with a putty knife and from tile with a damp sponge.
- Do not touch the tiles until they are set (usually in 24 hours).

Step 6: Grouting Joints

- Generally, you should wait about 24 hours before grouting (refer to the adhesive package for specifics). Carefully read and follow all instructions and precautions on the grout package. Make only enough to use in about 30 minutes.
- Remove tile spacers and carefully grout the joints with grout gun or silicone the Metal trims instead.
- Remove excess grout from the surface immediately.
- Wait 15-20 minutes for grout to set slightly, then use a damp sponge to clean grout residue from the surface and smooth the grout joints. Rinse the sponge frequently and change water as needed.
- Let dry until grout is hard and haze forms on tile surface, then polish with a soft cloth. Rinse again with a sponge and clean water if necessary.
- Wait 48 hours.
- Don't apply sealers or polishes for three weeks, and then only in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

DECORATIVE METAL TRIMS FOR GROUT LINES

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