



## **Swatches** installation & maintenance

### **Applications**

Concrete/masonry and cement backer board can be used for interior walls in wet or dry applications.. Gypsum board may be used for interior dry walls. A 3/16" V-Notch trowel should be used with either white latex-modified thin set (per ANSI Standard 118.4) or Type 1 white organic mastic (ANSI Standard 136.1).

### **Installation**

Crossville recommends using unsanded grout and a minimum 2mm grout joint. This narrow grout joint will not tolerate sanded grouts; which may also cause scratching of the tiles' finish. If a larger grout joint, along with a sanded grout, is desired, we recommend the use of a soft rubber wall float to lessen the possibility of scratching the tile's finish. The gloss finish in darker colors is more susceptible to scratching.

After installation, we recommend the tile be cleaned with a commonly accepted neutral cleaner. There are many such products. Two examples are Aqua Mix Concentrated Tile Cleaner or TEC Everyday. A white nylon scrub pad or cheese cloth is good for wiping off initial heavy film. Finish with a clean grout sponge or slightly damp terry cloth towel, preferably white, as dyes may transfer to the grout joint.

### **Maintenance**

Regular cleaning is the best way to keep **Swatches** tile looking good for years to come. Use clean, hot water (combined with a non-abrasive household cleaner, if needed). Rinse thoroughly and dry with a soft microfiber cloth to prevent spots. No waxes or sealers are needed. More information regarding the care and maintenance of Crossville products are available at [www.crossvilleinc.com](http://www.crossvilleinc.com).