


CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

NATURAL STONE

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION	
	Commercial Designation: Indian Hand Cut Sandstone
	Description: Stone suitable for exterior and interior use in a variety of architectural situations
	Petrographic Family: Sandstone
	Origin: India
	Petrographic description: Sandstone
<p>Recommendation for Laying Natural Stone Flags. We always recommend a full bed of mortar for laying Natural Stone Flags on. The thickness of the bed is dependent on the weight of operations going on the surface. The bed should be 1 Part Cement to 6 Parts Mixed Sand (50% sharp/50% soft). We would always recommend the mix to be wet to create suction between mortar and slab. We would always suggest the wetting of the back of the slab prior to laying to give a greater bond once laid. The slab would then be tapped into position using a rubber mallet. During laying, mortar may have been forced up the sides of the slab, this mortar around the slab should be removed to a depth of 30mm so there is sufficient space for the pointing solution to create a strong joint.</p> <p>Pointing We recommend the use of Resiply jointing compound. (Please read notes re sealing, before pointing below)</p> <p>Preventative Care We recommend newly laid paving is protected with Rob Parkers Best Patio Sealer. Seal the paving with 2 x coats of Rob Parkers Best Patio Sealer applied through a spray applicator. 1 Litre covers 8 square metres. Sealing will need redoing every 5 years but this will reduce the time spent on cleaning by 40%, as dirt will only be surface dirt and will not have ingressed into the stone. This will also aid jointing as Resiply will clean up easier after application. Sealing should be done before pointing. This will aid removal of any excess pointing material from slabs post installation. NB. We expressly advise <u>against</u> sealing <u>after</u> pointing, as when resin-based pointing is used, resin deposits may be accidentally sealed in</p> <p>Cleaning Never use high pressure cleaners on stone and joints. Where mechanical cleaning is required, we recommend use of Doff High temperature/low pressure system. This will remove all dirt and chewing gum deposits safely, without damaging the joints of the paving Where detergent cleaning is required, we recommend Rob Parkers Best Patio Cleaner.</p>	
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