



FLOOR & WALL TILES FAQ

Q: What are leather tiles?

A: We use a quality 3-4 mm thick Vegetable-tanned cattle hide. Although we often use many other leathers for made to measure panelling. It is essentially a by product of the food industry.

Q: What colours are available?

A: We have a standard range of colours for our floor and wall tiles (see our floor and tile range information) However we are able to match a clients colour requirements. Price on application.

Q: What sizes are available?

A: Our standard of sizes are currently available in 100mm x 200 mm & 300mm x 300mm in our tile range. Custom size tiles are available, price on application, we are limited to the size of the natural material.

Q: How well does it wear?

A: Leather is one of the most durable natural materials known to man and will outlive most textiles many times over. Like a fine pair of shoes, each floor will gain its own rich patina during its lifetime, developing a unique character.

Q: Do stiletto shoes mark the floor?

A: Care should be taken with sharp objects, although the wear will add to the patina of the leather and is considered as the unique character of leather and life of the room.

Q: Does the leather need to acclimatise before fitting?

A: It is recommended that the boxed tiles should be opened and left in the area where they are to be installed for a minimum of 48 hours to allow the leather to acclimatise to it's new environment. This will minimise any possible movement after installation.

Q: Can I fit leather tiles on floors with under-floor heating?

A: Yes, but the leather will require at least seven days at room temperature to acclimatise. Then, after installation, the room temperature should be increased gradually by small amounts over a week so as not to shock the leather.

Q: What are the best surfaces for leather tiles to be fitted to?

A: A good quality plywood surface, glued and screwed, two part epoxy filled and sanded flat. The floor will only be as good as the sub structure it is laid on. (see installation guide)

Q: What adhesive is recommended?

A: Harcourt use a water-based contact adhesive.

Q: Do you need grouting between the tiles?

A: Many leather tiling manufacturers use beeswax to fill the gaps between their fitted tiles. With correct acclimatisation and combined with a skilled fitter, gaps should not appear.

Q: How are the tiles finished?

A: Our tiles are treated with a type of scotch guard during the tanning process. This acts as an additional resistance to accidental spillages. Although this treatment will age and will wear off with time. Our tiled floors are finished with multiple layers of natural beeswax. Therefore we recommend regular polishing for floors.

Q: What happens if I spill liquid on it?

A: It is recommended that any liquid is wiped up immediately; like any natural material, watermarking may occur if left over long periods of time. We recommend purchasing a few extra tiles should this occur.

Q: Where can I install leather?

A: Our tiled leather floors and walls can be used in corporate offices, homes, bedrooms, stairs, home cinemas, bars, almost anywhere. However leather is generally not recommended for areas of high humidity such as bathrooms and kitchens.

Q: How do I maintain a leather floor or wall?

A: Dust as necessary. A damp cloth or careful vacuuming is suggested for normal maintenance. We advise against all detergents, simple revive with wax, and buff. (see maintenance sheet)

Q: How Often?

A: We recommend applying a polish containing a beeswax and every six months.

Q: Is there a minimum order?

A: A minimum of 4sq.m of tiles is required to process and order.