

# GLAZE USAGE GUIDE

	<b>R Gloss</b>	<b>Brownstone, Parchment + Satin</b>	<b>Watercolors + RC Crackle</b>	<b>Craftsman</b>	<b>C300 Series</b>	<b>C600, C602 Metallics</b>
<b>Counter Top (Residential)</b>	Yes, except: R210 Darker glazes will show more wear.	Yes	No	Yes, except: C18, C19, C35, C50, C60, C65, C201, C207, C216, C228	Yes	No
<b>Floor (Residential)</b>	Yes, except: R210 Darker glazes will show more wear.	Yes	No	Yes, except: C18, C19, C198, C201, C207, C216	Yes	Yes
<b>Shower Walls</b>	Yes, except: R210	Yes	Yes, see *** notes below.	Yes, except: C23, C35, C50, C60, C65, C228	Yes	No
<b>Steam Shower</b>	Yes, except: R210	Yes	No	Yes, except: C35, C50, C60, C65, C228	Yes	No
<b>Pools (non freeze-thaw climate)</b>	Yes, except: R210	Yes	No	Yes, except: C35, C50, C60, C65, C228	Yes	No
<b>Outdoor (freeze-thaw climate)</b>	No	No	No	No	No	No
<b>Notes on Acid Resistance</b>	R210 is subject to acid etching	Not subject to acid etching	Subject to acid etching	C35, C50, C60, C65, C228 are subject to acid etching	Not subject to acid etching	C600 + C602 are subject to acid etching
<b>Other</b>			***	**	**	**

Pratt + Larson tile is not frost resistant.

\*\* Due to the stony, textural surface of the craftsman glazes, special attention is required to prevent grout hazing. We recommend using a coat of Old English Lemon Oil as a grout block prior to grouting. Excess oil is removed through the grouting process or with soap and water. Do not let wet grout sit on craftsman glaze surfaces for an extended period of time as this increases the likelihood of hazing. Alternatively, a penetrating silicone sealer may be used as a grout block before grouting.

\*\*\* All Crackle glazes in the RC and W line should be sealed to prevent water penetration and tile discoloration. Seal all crackle glazes with penetrating silicone sealer before and after grouting. Watercolor and RC glazes will continue to crackle over time. For long term maintenance we recommend resealing the crackled tiles every 3-6 months for the first year and every 6 months afterwards to further protect the glaze surface. Crackle pattern will vary and is not controllable.

**CLEANING:** Use a non-abrasive, non-acidic household cleaner. Do not use an abrasive scouring pad when cleaning tile. Please read cleaning product label to verify an acid free product. We recommend Soft Scrub with bleach.

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**VARIATION:** The magic of handmade, ceramic tile is in its varied shades and sizes. Color, surface and size variations are to be expected from tile to tile. Please make sure you are referencing current color samples prior to ordering. Finished order may vary slightly from samples.

**SIZES:** All sizes listed are nominal. Our handmade tile is by nature slightly irregular. Field tile is approximately 3/8" thick.

**USAGE RECOMMENDATIONS:** Please refer to our glaze usage guide when ordering. Proper selection should be made according to intended use. As with all glazes, some wearing, scratching and crazing may occur over time, this is to be expected. Darker gloss colors will show more wear. Lighter gloss colors may cloud or shadow if installed in a shower. This will vanish as soon as the tile dries out. The tile does not lose its integrity. All non-vitreous bisque will absorb moisture; however, it only shows with these lighter, transparent glazes.

**CRACKLE:** The Watercolor and RC glazes are intended to have a crackled (crazed) finish. Such glazes are not recommended for kitchen work surfaces or floors due to staining. All crackled glazes should be sealed with penetrating silicone sealer before and after grouting to prevent water penetration and tile discoloration. The crackle pattern will continue to develop in the W + RC glazes for some time after installation. For long term maintenance we recommend resealing the tile every 3-6 months for the first year and every 6 months afterwards to further protect the glaze surface. Crackle pattern will vary from tile to tile and is not controllable.

**CRAFTSMAN:** Due to the textural, matte surface of these glazes, special attention is required to prevent grout hazing. We recommend using a coat of Old English Lemon Oil as a grout block prior to grouting. Excess oil is removed through the grouting process or with soap and water. Do not let wet grout sit on craftsman glaze surfaces for an extended period of time as this increases the likelihood of hazing. Alternatively, a penetrating silicone sealer may be used as a grout block before grouting.

**MOSAICS:** All mosaic patterns are face mounted with a transparent adhesive film. Pratt + Larson face mounted mosaic patterns may be installed in wet area applications, such as showers or submerged water applications.

**OUTDOOR USE:** Our tile is not frost resistant and should not be installed outdoors in climates where temperatures fall below freezing and there are freeze-thaw cycles.

**POOLS:** Pratt + Larson Tile is not frost resistant and should not be installed outdoors in climates where temperatures fall below freezing and there are freeze-thaw cycles. See usage chart for glazes that are affected by acids and acidic cleaners, any glazes subject to acid etching should not be used in pools.

**GROUTING:** When grouting we recommend a 1/8"-3/16" grout joint. Craftsman, RC and Watercolor glazes should be sealed prior to grouting. We recommend using sanded grout.

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**INSPECTION + INSTALLATION:** All products should be inspected immediately upon receipt for damage, breakage or missing material. Damage, whether obvious or hidden, must be reported to the transportation company within five days of receipt of the shipment to avoid forfeiting claims for damage. Keep all packing materials until a claim has been filed. Any question regarding color, size, or shape must be brought to our attention **before installation**. Installation constitutes acceptance. No claims will be honored after installation.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend wet cutting during the installation process. Do not dry cut using power tools during the installation process. Improper installation techniques could expose installer to harmful dust.