

Thoroughly clean the level surface to receive the metal tile or flooring. Remove any oil, moisture or dirt. Lay the metal out on the floor to establish which pieces will look best together and also to determine if any planks need to be slightly bent to allow for any floor variations. If it is necessary to bend the planks, vertically place one end of the plank on the floor and while holding the top end, push and bow the plank with your free hand until the right amount of bending has been achieved. Use masking tape to number each piece in the order of position. It is very helpful to draw a diagram of the layout corresponding to the numbers and order in which the pieces will be installed. (Applies to Straight Brush Only) If you are installing straight brushed planks there will be a directional grain and the planks will be marked with an arrow pointing towards the light grain. When you face the arrow the plank will appear lighter than it does if viewed from the opposite end, so make sure that the arrows are facing the same direction when installing.

Once your beginning point has been established draw a straight line on the floor or wall as a reference to maintain square and proper alignment. Apply the adhesive or thinset only onto the area where the first pieces will be installed. Make sure these foundational pieces are lined up with your reference line. If you are grouting*, use the appropriate size spacers. Due to the shape of some rooms it may be necessary to install half of the planks on the first day and then the balance on another day. This allows you to stand on the previously installed flooring while installing the remaining flooring. Follow the adhesive manufacturer's recommendations for drying times and make sure the the adhesive is thoroughly dry before walking on the metal flooring. *When applying grout, do 3' x 3' sections at a time so that the bulk of the grout residue can be easily removed.

For installations requiring grout we recommend using Laticrete Latapoxy grout for the highest quality result in appearance and durability. Non-epoxy grouts may be suitable provided that a latex or acrylic additive is used. When applying grout, make sure that a professional smooth face, silicone grout float is used to thoroughly fill each joint, working no more than 10 square feet at a time to allow for easy removal of residue from surface finish. Do not use a rough rubber grout float. For high gloss tiles, use 3" or 4" blue masking tape on the edges of the tiles to protect the surface from scratching if you are using sand grout.

CWI Metal Tiles and Flooring can be cleaned with any non-abrasive household cleaner. Refer to Care and Maintenance Instructions for details.