

# clay

Clay has been used over many centuries for producing tough, durable and attractive paved roads, walkways, monumental structures, houses and landscape features. Clay pavers are still widely used today and come in a variety of sizes, colours and shapes. They are hardy and wear well which makes them a popular choice for busy walkways, open shopping malls and even roads.

## CHEMICAL COMPATIBILITIES

**Acids** - Clay products display strong resistance to all Actichem acid based cleaners. However, strong concentrations should be avoided or pre-tested.

**Alaklis** - clay products can safely be cleaned with alkaline cleaners.

## CLEANING

### Grout Smear

Grout smear is normally removed by the installer of the stone. Any residual grout or cement films should be removed with T&G Restore using a scrubbing action by a rotary scrubbing machine or scrubbing brush followed by a clean water rinse.

### General Grime and Oils

Soil build-ups, fats and stubborn oily spots are effectively removed with T&G Cleaner Pro. For heavy duty clean-ups in industrial applications, the more aggressive T&G Power or T&G Degreaser are recommended.

### Mould & Mildew

Mould & mildew on clay products is effectively removed with Chlorosan. Many stains caused by food spills and plant matter can also be removed in the same way. Sealing clay products with a penetrating sealer will dramatically reduce future mould and mildew growth.

### Lime Scale & Mineral Deposits

Lime scale and mineral deposits are most effectively removed using T&G Restore. Soap scum is also removed using this method.

### Efflorescence

Remove as much efflorescence as possible using a brush while the surface is still dry. The remaining efflorescence can be removed using a T&G Restore solution remembering to rinse and neutralize using a dilute solution of an alkaline or neutral cleaner. Sealing clay products with a penetrating sealer will help prevent the recurrence of this problem.

## PROTECTION

It is recommended that clay pavers be sealed to minimize the risk of permanent staining from beverage and food spills, oil spots and plant matter. Seal Clay pavers with a penetrating sealer to repel water & oil borne soils or use Intense to enrich the colour of the pavers.

## MAINTENANCE

Clean pavers with a 1:50 to 1:100 dilution of T&G Cleaner Pro using a stiff broom, rotary scrubber, auto-scrubber or spray extraction hard surface cleaning equipment.