

Handbook for Ceramic Tile Installation

The Tile Council of North America (TCNA) provides this HANDBOOK FOR CERAMIC TILE INSTALLATION as a guide to assist in clarifying and standardizing installation specifications for ceramic tile. The Handbook is revised on a regular basis to present architects and specification writers with current, accurate data on ceramic tile installation. The quick-reference details and outlines in the Handbook cover most installation methods and conditions.

The information presented in this Handbook represents a consensus of the national and regional organizations listed on page 2. Each installation recommendation requires a properly designed, constructed, and prepared substructure using materials and construction techniques that meet nationally recognized material and construction standards.

Some installation methods and materials are not recognized and may not be suitable in some geographical areas because of local trade practices, climate conditions, or construction methods. Therefore, while the goal of the conference for the TCNA Handbook is to produce accurate guidelines, they should be used only with the independent approval of technically qualified persons. All specifications for ceramic tile installations must conform to local building codes, ordinances, trade practices, and climatic conditions.

Note: Revisions in this Handbook are noted with a “09” at the beginning of each section/paragraph in the left margin or column.

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