

technical information

ESTATE METALS

<p>CHARACTERISTICS</p>	<p>Estate Metals are made from a stoneware body. The metal surface is made from a resin epoxy coat that encapsulates the metal over this ceramic body. The surface is not ceramic and therefore tends to be softer. They are actually “living” metals, and will be influenced by all the natural elements that can affect any metal, particularly oxidation.</p>
<p>INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seal the edges prior to grouting. - Before using an epoxy grout, check with manufacturer recommendations, as it may not be suitable. - We temporarily seal the surface with an acrylic clear matte overcoat. This will wear down over time. - Clean grout from surface before it dries. Excess grout can scratch surface if it hardens and has to be scrubbed from surface - Clean with mild soap or no - wax spray such as Pledge. - Surface can be restored with “000” steel wool. This will help to maintain the patina and minimize oxidation. Care should be taken when restoring surfaces, as the metal is a coat on top of a ceramic tile. Too much buffing can result in exposure of the tile body - Do not use painter’s masking tape on the metal surface
<p>USAGE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intended for use on walls - The stoneware body used for Estate Metals did pass freeze-thaw tests for outdoor use. However, metals will oxidize at a more rapid rate if outside - Do not use in areas where the product will be “submerged” in water (pool lines, etc.) For other areas where the product may be exposed to water indirectly, please note that Estate Metals may oxidize quickly and the surface color will change - If used in a wet area, limit to accent usage. Estate Metals will oxidize quickly and the surface color will change