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CLADDING INSTALLATION SPECIFICATIONS

PREPARATION OF SURFACE

The surface on which the cladding is to be attached must be:

- Dry and free of any oil, dust, wax, flaking, crumbling or decomposition on the surface as this can prevent the cladding from adhering to the surface properly.
- In case of a new surface it must have cured properly (21 days) and must be dry.
- Where the surface is too smooth for the tile adhesive to adhere (painted) it must be chipped to give a rough finish or a rough primer must be applied.

METHOD

- Cladding is fixed to a surface like a normal ceramic or clay tile. A tile adhesive (tile fix) and bonding liquid (according to the manufacturers instructions), specific for stone work or a slurry consisting of one part cement and two parts plaster sand can be used.
- Apply the tile adhesive (tile fix) or slurry to the surface of the cladding and while it is still wet, fix the cladding to the wall.
- Leave a minimum space of 5 mm between the individual pieces. Use tile spacers.
- Start from the base of the wall and apply the cladding parallel to the floor of the building.
- Fit the cladding to the required height. Avoid long horizontal and vertical groutlines by breaking the lines after each piece. Allow to dry before starting grouting.
- Make a moist grouting consisting of tile adhesive (tile fix) or one part cement and three parts plaster sand.
- Apply the grouting into the spaces. Start from the highest point and work down. Make sure grouting is pressed well into the joins.
- Smooth out grouting with a sponge and water.
- NB! To avoid cement staining the cladding, wash grouting off cladding regularly and immediately, using water and a clean sponge.
- The dimensions for the subbase (only a guide);