

# THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW WHEN CHOOSING POOL & SPA TILES

Whether you are building or renovating a pool or spa, choosing the best internal finish for your project can be a difficult and confusing experience, and a misinformed choice could end up costing you much more than just the tiles alone. This guide will assist you in making the right choice for your particular needs and eliminating future headaches and ensuring complete satisfaction. In all Tile shop Showrooms you will find many mosaics to choose from. Which ones are right for your project? The answer is simple; just make sure that the tiles you choose have passed the following 5 basic rules:

- 1. GUARANTEE...** Ensure that you choose a tile that is guaranteed for LIFE against colour fading and manufacturing default. If you have this guarantee you will not only have a beautiful pool or spa for life, but you will also have the confidence that you will be protected should there be any problems with the tiles.
- 2. TILE BACKING....**The dot mounting system is one of only a few tile backing methods on the market that meets and exceeds the Australian standards (A/S 3958 12007) giving you over 93-95% glue adhesion on the back of the tile. Standards are set in place to protect the consumer from inferior products and manufacturing. Therefore it is imperative that the tile of your choice passes these strict Australian Standards. Should they not comply with these standards you must use glue and grout that the supplier recommends for a guarantee, which sometimes can get very expensive and also this might not work in well with the tilers preferred choice of products. Choosing a tile with over 90% adhesive backing allows you and your tiler to use the glue and grout of your choice, saving you time and money whilst still maintaining your guarantee.
- 3. CORNERS...** Glass mosaic tiles usually have either rounded corners or square corners. Choosing a mosaic tile with well rounded corners and smooth edges has greater benefits when used in pools and spas and in fact any situation where close contact of human skin to the tiles will occur. If your tiler is inexperienced using square edge glass mosaics, it is possible for edges of tiles to protrude exposing a square edge. Tiles with smooth rounded edges & corners have the advantage of allowing for this occasional issue and still leave a smooth edge finish.
- 4. THE LOOK YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE...**Make sure that when purchasing mosaic tiles for your project, you ask for a sample of the current batch in stock and also, if available, a photo of the tile in a finished pool or project. This will make sure that the colour you have selected will be suitable for your surroundings. An incorrect choice can become expensive with freight and restacking fees, so be sure of that you have covered these important factors.
- 5. VALUE FOR MONEY...** Europeans have pioneered the mosaic industry and continue to lead the industry today in quality and design and innovation. Choosing a European made mosaic is the safest choice for your project. Of course budget is important to any project so choose wisely to suit your particular budget. You can purchase some glass mosaics in excess of \$400 per m2, and then the cost of laying. You can purchase EZARRI glass mosaics from around \$ 70 m2 to around \$180 m2 with the knowledge and comfort that you are paying for a quality guaranteed European mosaic tile. Ask your tile shop or builder about the quality of the beautiful EZARRI range for your next project, you will not be disappointed.
- 6. ANTI SLIP...** EZARRI is one of only a few companies that produce an anti slip glass mosaic tile suitable for walk in areas, stairs, pool edging and any other wet area of concern, making your pool area safer for your family. EZARRI glass mosaic tiles are rated with a B rating with the C.S.I.R.O (Wet bare foot test and the Wet Pendulum test).

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