

Additional Installation Instructions for Grey & Ebony Basalt PLANC™, AKSENT™, & LYNIA™ Tiles

Please note the following special considerations when working with Grey or Ebony Basalt materials, which should be considered in addition to the installation guides found on our Installation Guide Pages:

Setting Materials

1. Please use only our recommended thinsets for Grey or Ebony Basalts. Those are as follows:
 - a. Laticrete 254 Platinum – White Color
 - b. Mapei Ultralite S2 – White Color
 - c. Custom Versabond – White Color
 - d. An alternative premium level Polymer Modified Thinset that meets or exceeds ANSI 118.4 and 118.11 standards and is designed for thinset applications only in White Color. Avoid thinsets that are classified for LHT (Large Heavy Tile) or those that can be used for medium bed applications (>1/2" thick setting bed)
2. Note that setting materials should not be “over-watered” – Refer to the manufacturer’s instructions for the ratio of water for thinset.

Application & Setting Bed

1. **Before applying** Basalt Veneers to the wall, please **wet the back** of each material with a moist sponge during the installation process (before skim coat).
2. Setting bed must be **no thicker than 3/8"** when finished.
3. Using a 0.5" x 0.5" square notched trowel, start by screeding thinset onto the wall, then combing it down with notched side of trowel.
 - a. Combing the thinset ensures that the starting thickness for setting bed is no greater than 0.25" thick.

4. Finally, Skim Coat a thin amount of adhesive onto the back of the Basalt veneers using the flat back of trowel (do not comb), then apply material to wall.

Basalt is a moisture sensitive stone and can experience natural tonal variation as the setting bed and stone dry out post installation.