

## **Porcelain Tile**

Porcelain tile is usually harder than ceramic. Porcelain tile is made of finer clay and fired at high temperatures to create a very hard dense tile. These are great for high-traffic flooring areas.

## **Ceramic Tile**

Ceramic tile is usually not as hard as porcelain tile. Ceramic tile is easier to cut and is often cheaper. Ceramic tile is best used in lower traffic areas.

### **PEI Rating #1**

Wall use only in residential and commercial applications.

### **PEI Rating #2**

Both wall use and flooring areas that receive little traffic, such as residential bathrooms.

### **PEI Rating #3**

Countertops, walls, and floors for normal foot traffic.

### **PEI Rating #4**

All residential applications as well as medium commercial and light institutional.

### **PEI Rating #5**

All residential and heavy commercial and institutional foot traffic. Typically this is used only for flooring.

## **Grade A Tile**

Grade A tile is the highest grade tile. There will be no shade variations. Defects such as chips, broken tiles, and unmatched colors will show up in less than 5 out of 100 tiles.

## **Grade B Tile/Seconds/Builder's grade**

Grade B tile may have slight shade variances. Chipped corners and other defects are to be expected at a rate of 10-15%.