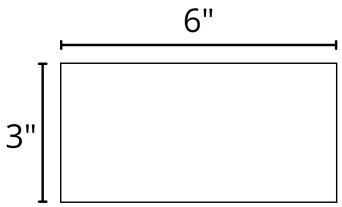
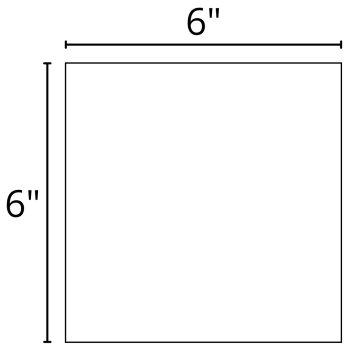
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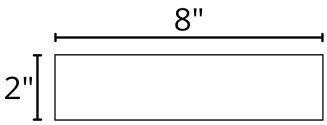
# clé subway tile




subway



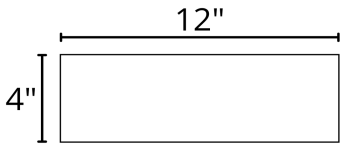

stout




cigar




mason




plank

**standard thickness for subway is ¼".** graphics are not to scale.
please note all dimensions are nominal and can vary +/- ⅛".

| USAGE | | walls | | floors | | | | | | traffic rating | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | grout joint | interior | exterior | interior | exterior | entryway | mudroom | bathroom | kitchen | light res. | heavy res. | light comm. | heavy comm. |
| | 1/16" | Y | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |

| USAGE | shower | | steam shower | | | | | | resistant | | fireplace | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | floors | walls | floors | walls | fountain | pool | waterline | freeze thaw | UV | heat | surround + hearth | backsplash | radiant heating |
| | N | Y* | N | Y* | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y* | Y* | N/A |

*there are specific installation requirements for this usage.
please review the "installation areas" section below, and discuss with your installer.

# clé subway tile

**you've got something special**. white subway tile has been de rigueur for tiled walls for decades now. it continues to be a staple, and here at clé we like to call it the jeans and t-shirts of tile. it goes with everything and is an absolute essential.

**expect variation.** there will be some degree of variation in color, shade, size and texture across production lots or batches. this means that your sample may not be a perfect match with your actual order, and that your add-on order may not be a perfect match to either. **this is the beauty of artisanal tile!**

## INSPECTING YOUR SHIPMENT

- **WHAT TO EXPECT** – subway tiles are glazed ceramic tiles that feature a smooth surface and either a glossy or matte finish. ALSO - dust and shipping residue are to be expected and should be cleaned prior to installing.
- **BLEND BLEND BLEND** - subway tiles have low color and shade variation; however, it is still important to blend the tiles from all boxes once they arrive and place them in their installation area to ensure you have the layout you want before installing.
- **ORDER EXTRA!** - industry standard suggests adding at least 15% overage due to tile cuts, potential shipping breakage, or future repairs.
- **SHIPMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER** – tiles may be exposed to moisture and/or condensation during production or shipping which may affect the color of the tiles once received. setting the tiles out to dry prior to installation will return the color to normal. do not install tiles until fully dried.

## INSTALLATION FYIs

- **GENERAL GUIDELINES, NOT INSTRUCTIONS** - clé offers general information about our tiles and their unique qualities and usages. proper installation will only be attained if you have selected a seasoned installer with years of experience with artisan tiles. any installer without artisan tile experience will not know how to install clé tiles, which will likely result in failed installations.
- **INSTALLATION DEEMS ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR ORDER** - if you are not 100% sure of your tiles - DO NOT INSTALL THEM. as is standard in the tile industry and with all construction materials, installation deems acceptance of materials. do not install if there are visible issues. if you have any doubts or are unsure of what qualifies as a visible issue for the tile you are installing, please reach out to us PRIOR to installation. our tiles are subject to variations in color, texture, size, and finish. misuse by contractor or end-user including but not limited to negligence, physical and/or chemical abuse, as well as order shortages ARE NOT a clé responsibility and therefore, not covered by clé's warranty.
- **TILE IS A MATERIAL. INSTALLATION ERRORS ARE NOT THE FAULT OF THE MATERIAL** – clé tile is a material. tile is merely the surface of your construction. installation problems will arise from inexperienced artisan tile installers, substrate, or construction engineering and/or installation issues. please refer to your project architect, structural engineer and/or installer for best results.

- **PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR INSTALLER'S LEVEL OF ARTISAN TILE EXPERIENCE** - your installation will only be as good as your installer. please visit our blog for tips on how to choose an installer (https://www.cletile.com/blogs/cle-notes/how-to-choose-contractor-installer).

- **REQUIRE YOUR INSTALLER PERFORM A "DRY RUN" BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR INSTALLATION** – before installing, make sure to lay out and blend ALL BOXES of your tiles so that color variations and tiles that bear chips and pits are artfully placed as you would like. clé selects our tiles for their inherent surface and color variations, which include pits, cracks, and chipping. the best placement of these nuances throughout your installation must be guided by you and/or your design professional to realize the best possible blend of your shipment of our limited-availability tiles. your installation is only as good as your DRY RUN.

- **DO NOT USE TAPE, BLUE TAPE, OR OTHER TAPE** - do not use blue tape or other construction tape during product installation. we cannot guarantee that the tape will not erode or damage our products.

- **WAIT UNTIL YOUR PROJECT IS COMPLETE BEFORE INSTALLING YOUR TILES** - install the tiles as late as possible in the project to minimize the risk of damaging the tile.

- **REQUIRE MOCK-UP BOARDS** – your next step to ensure your tiles will be organized properly and your grout joint size and color, as well as your sealant, are done to your design professional's specifications, we urge you to require your installer create mock-up boards prior to your installation. this is a STANDARD PRACTICE for seasoned installers as it enables the end-user and their design professional to test all the tile layouts in mock-up form and also allows the mock-up boards to be examined in the space and lighting in which the tiles will be used. before beginning the mock-up boards, make sure to FIRST do your above-recommended DRY RUN and lay out and blend your tiles as described in that section.

- **"FINAL FINISH" – WHAT IT IS AND WHY MIGHT YOUR PROJECT REQUIRE IT?** - if you plan to install your tile before cabinets, fixtures, etc., your contractor should do a "final finish" once those features are in: replace any tiles that were broken, chipped, or scuffed during construction, and clean any construction dust or residue from the installation. make sure to account for this final step in your project timeline and budget.

  **TCNA and ANSI** - please refer to the current edition of the TCNA Handbook for best installation results and ANSI A137.1 American National Standard Specifications for Ceramic Tile to reference specifications.

## INSTALLATION AREAS

- **walls**
  - suitable for interior wall applications
- **floors**
  - not suitable for floor installations
- **showers**
  - can be installed on shower and steam shower walls with the application of a penetrating, water-repellent sealer
- **pools, fountains & waterlines**
  - not suitable for pools, fountains, or waterlines
- **freeze/thaw rating**
  - not freeze/thaw rated
- **UV resistance**
  - ceramic subway tiles are UV resistant.
- **fireplace surround and hearth**
  - suitable for installation on fireplace surrounds, but not hearths
  - heat resistant
- **backsplashes**
  - suitable for stove backsplashes. please consult with your installer to see if a range splash is required for your installation.
  - suitable for sink backsplashes with the application of a penetrating, water-repellent sealer.

## GROUT

- clé recommends a 1/16" grout joint with this collection.
- we recommend applying a sealant or a grout release before grouting. this minimizes grout haze, keeps grout out of the glaze's sometimes invisible crazing, and allows for easy clean up.
- clé recommends using mortar and unsanded cementitious grout that comply with the ANSI A118 or ISO 13007 classifications suitable for your project. please consult with your installation professional to make these determinations.
- grout color selection is always up to our client and/or their design professional. however, clé is often asked for our opinion on best grout selections for our tiles. due to the large array of grout colors that are now available, clé would like to offer this general guideline on grout color selection for any of your clé tiles.
    - first, have your professional tile contractor complete your tile installation, except for the grout portion.
    - next, when ready to grout, ask your contractor to bring all grout color charts from their preferred grout manufacturer for your review.
    - lastly, choose a time of day when you are most pleased with the lighting in your space (either natural lighting, installed lighting or a blend of both). during that lighting and time of day, select the grout color that best matches your tile selection.
- we do not generally recommend using grout of a contrasting color, as it will highlight the thin hairline cracks/crazing found on the tiles. if you choose to use a contrasting grout (i.e. black grout with white tile) please order 20-30% overage in order to cherry-pick the tiles with the imperfections that are standard to subway tiles. additionally, you must make sure to apply a grout release or penetrating sealer as a pre-grout treatment to minimize the possibility of the contrasting grout curing in the inherent hairline cracks, pits, and/or chips.
- if your contractor is having any issues or questions regarding grout, please reach out to the grout manufacturer directly. they are the best and fastest line of contact.

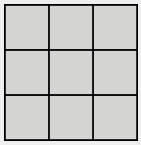
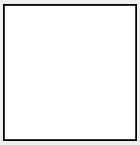
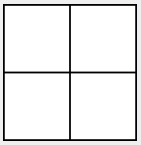
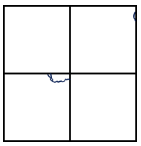
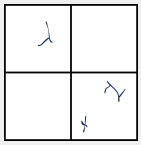
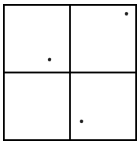
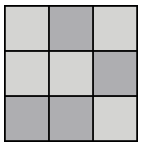
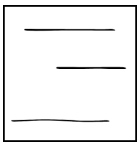
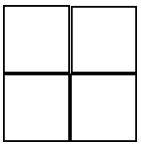
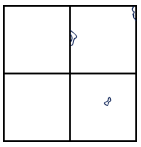
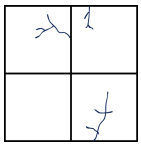
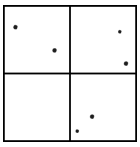
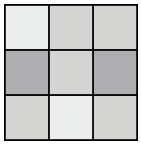
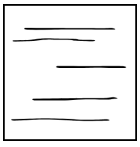
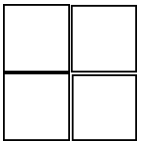
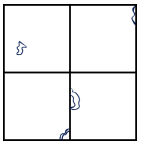
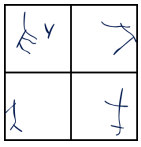
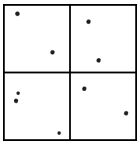
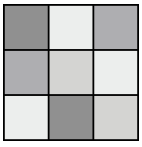
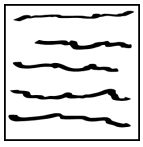
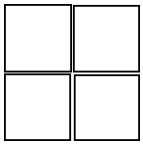
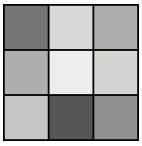
## SEALING, MAINTENANCE & CARE

- please follow laticrete's sealing, maintenance, and care guide for more guidance on cleaning, maintaining, and caring for your tile installation.
- **if you have any questions regarding laticrete products or how to use them, please contact laticrete directly by phone: 1-800-243-4788 x 1235.**

# additional specifications

## VARIATION & IMPERFECTIONS

the following is a guide for the different degrees of variation that we have assigned our tiles:

| COLOR VARIATION | TEXTURE VARIATION | SIZE VARIATION | PITS / CHIPS | CRACKS / CRAZING | IRON SPOTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **LOW** | **SMOOTH** | **SLIGHT** | **N/A** | **WILL OCCUR** | **N/A** |
|  low |  smooth |  slight |  will occur |  will occur |  will occur |
|  slight |  slight |  medium |  prevalent |  prevalent |  prevalent |
|  medium |  medium |  heavy |  heavy |  heavy |  heavy |
|  heavy |  heavy |  extreme | n/a | n/a | n/a |
|  extreme | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

a tile staple for interior walls. offered in white and flat or beveled edges.

## PRODUCT COMPONENTS

clay, glaze.

## DIMENSIONS

| SHAPE | DIMENSIONS | WEIGHT |
|---|---|---|
| CIGAR | 5.1 cm x 20.3 cm x 0.63 cm (2” x 8” x ¼”) | 0.12 kg per tile (0.27 lb) |
| MASON | 10.2 cm x 20.3 cm x 0.63 cm (4” x 8” x ¼”) | 0.22 kg per tile (0.5 lb) |
| PLANK | 10.2 cm x 30.5 cm x 0.63 cm (4” x 12” x ¼”) | 0.38 kg per tile (0.85 lb) |
| STOUT | 15.2 cm x 15.2 cm x 0.63 cm (6” x 6” x ¼”) | 0.22 kg per tile (0.5 lb) |
| SUBWAY | 7.6 cm x 15.2 cm x 0.63 cm (3” x 6” x ¼”) | 0.12 kg per tile (0.27 lb) |

* please note all dimensions are nominal and can vary +/- ⅛”.

## AVERAGE COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION (DCOF ACUTEST)

“wet dynamic coefficient of friction” (DCOF) / N/A—DCOF testing is not performed as this is strictly a wall tile.

## FREEZE/THAW RESISTANCE (ASTM C1026)

subway tiles are not freeze/thaw resistant.

## WATER ABSORPTION TEST (ASTM C373)

avg. 10-15%; non-vitreous.

## ACID RESISTANCE

subway tiles can withstand common cleaners like bleach, soft scrub cleansers, and multipurpose cleaners, but in most cases mild, pH neutral soaps should be sufficient. refer to the collection’s maintenance and care guide for more details.

## LEED CREDITS

the product is an inherently non-emitting source of VOCs (stone, ceramic, metals, powder-coated metals, plated or anodized metal, glass, cement, clay brick, and unfinished or untreated solid wood) and has no integral organic-based surface coatings, binders, or sealants.

ceramic subway tiles are considered ‘inherently non-emitting sources’ under the low-emitting materials credit of LEED v4/v4.1. **this is currently the only credit for our subway tile that is eligible to be used toward LEED.**

‘inherently non-emitting’ means that these tile types have been shown to not contribute emissions to indoor environments and are therefore exempt from demonstrating compliance with CDPH v1.1-2010 or CDPH v1.2-2017.

use of these tiles as wall or flooring materials should be entered in the LEED v4.1 low-emitting materials calculator and identified as ‘inherently non-emitting’ in the products tab (column l).
disclosures for MR credit material ingredient disclosures under LEED v4/v4.1 are not available at this time. we are exploring our disclosure options and have not established a timeline for completion.

disclosures for MR credit environmental product declarations under LEED v4/v4.1 are not available at this time. we are exploring our disclosure options and have not established a timeline for completion.

contribution to MR credit material sourcing under LEED v4/v4.1 does not apply as there is no recycled content, no bio-based materials, no wood, no reused products included in our tile at this time. extended producer responsibility programs are highly difficult to manage given the nature of end-of-use tile removal methods. *tile can last hundreds of years but fashions often change, which is the dominant reason for its removal. we work hard to ensure our ceramic tiles can withstand the test of time while remaining timeless.*

## RECYCLED CONTENT

there is no recycled content in our subway tiles at this time. see material sourcing disclosure above.

## PERCENTAGE OF PRE-CONSUMER AND/OR POST-CONSUMER MATERIALS

there is no pre-consumer or post-consumer material content in our subway tiles at this time. see material sourcing disclosure above.

## FIRE RATING

typically, ceramic tile does not need to have fire rating testing performed. it is our understanding from TCNA that the explanation that ceramic is inorganic, inert, and typically free of materials that could burn or produce smoke is generally enough to satisfy a specifier and that testing is not necessary. also, the temperatures observed in the testing are typically lower than the temperatures at which ceramic tiles are fired.

ceramic tile falls under the description, “because ceramic tile is non-flammable and does not produce smoke in a fire, it inherently meets the flame spread and smoke development requirements of section 803 of the international building code (IBC) for interior wall and ceiling materials.”