



## Product Information: ***REAL METAL***

### ***BACKGROUND***

Boyce & Bean has built a reputation for creating beautiful and natural handcrafted tile. Real Metal is no exception. As an alternative to the endless versions of “metalized” products, Real Metal is just as its name says – genuine copper and aluminum filled with a cementitious material – strong, durable, lightweight and easy to install.

Real Metal was designed as a compliment to our Beach Glass™ and Dichro Moon Glass tile products. It is absolutely stunning in combination with our glass, as well as with granite, limestone, slate or marble. The “brushed” aluminum lends itself beautifully to stainless steel appliances, cabinets and countertops. The hand-applied patinas create their own unique look. Boyce & Bean has captured the beauty of real metal and made it as easy to install as ceramic tile.

### ***APPLICATION***

Our Real Metal products are ½” thick and may be used on interior and exterior walls and back splashes in residential or commercial locations.

### ***INSTALLATION***

We recommend a non-sag type polymer-modified white thin-set. Real Metal can be trimmed using any wet-saw with a diamond blade. Please see installation instructions for full details.

### ***GROUT***

Any color grout, sanded or unsanded, may be used. This is an enormous advantage for installation. Real Metal was engineered to be installed with sanded grout to permit mixing with other products like stone, ceramic or our Beach Glass™. The sanded grout will not injure the integrity of the finish; it will create minor surface abrasion, which can be largely erased with an application of ordinary floor wax. This is similar to the kind of abrasion and upkeep common with vinyl tile or wood floor. Please see installation instructions for full details.

### ***UPKEEP***

Real Metal is finished with a remarkably durable clear coat engineered to last in excess of ten years in a wet, exterior marine environment, e.g., on boat hardware. When cleaning the tile use ammonia, soap and water applied with a sponge. Ammonia-based window cleaners, e.g., Windex™, may also be used. Harsh chemical cleaners (e.g., Tilex™ or Comet™) will damage the top clear coat.

After cleaning, we recommend applying a coat of ordinary floor wax, paste or liquid, which restores the original beauty of the product and offers additional protection. Please see installation instructions for full details.

### ***LIGHT***

Because Real Metal tile is genuine copper and aluminum; it reflects light and casts shadows, which gives this product its natural beauty and variation. Real Metal is metal tile with natural character.