

## **The Tiles & Architectural Ceramics Society**

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### **Paint Removal from Glazed Surfaces**

Paint removal from tile or glazed surfaces is a relatively straight forward process.

'Nitromors' green label, water soluble paint stripper is recognised as reliable for conservation use. However it does have Health and Safety implications for its use in confined areas. Adequate ventilation or air extraction should be provided, or the correct breather masks should always be used.

Once the paint coating has softened after the application of paint stripper, only plastic spatula tools should be used to scrape away the paint.

***Under no circumstances should wire wool, wire brushes or metal scrapers be used as they will inevitably scratch or scour the glazed surface of the tile and permanently damage the glaze.***

Paint may be left behind in the grout lines. Further applications of paint stripper should be applied, then the grout lines may be brushed out with a nylon or bristle scrubbing brush.

The tiles should be thoroughly washed down with clean water after all of the paint has been removed.

Wearing of rubber gloves and eye protection are recommended

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