

**Gil Chotam, CTC, C54, C29, CSI, CDT, ASTM**

Consults regarding ceramic tile and stone installation in residential and commercial applications, with a special emphasis on stone selection and installation. Experience includes running his own contracting business, managing several large commercial tile and stone companies, developing software for managing and streamlining operations, and consulting, including conducting forensic investigations.

Currently a principal with National Tile and Stone Authority, a consulting firm providing examination, evaluation, consultation and litigation support for issues concerning stone, tile and related components. Services include interpreting industry standards, performing specification validation, and contract documents review and analysis. Specialize in failure analysis to determine "what went wrong." Services provided by NTSA include conducting site inspections and intrusive testing on tile, natural stone, and synthetic materials installed on floors, counters and tub/shower installations; analyzing the design, installation and performance of ceramic tile, thin brick and natural stone assemblies used on paving, decks, patios, veneer, showers, countertops, floors, and fireplaces. Clients include: architects, attorneys, builders, consultants, dealers, designers, developers, distributors, estimators, general contractors, insurance adjusters and claims representatives, landscape architects, homeowners, building owners, property managers, specialty contractors, specification writers and suppliers.

EXPERIENCE**National Tile and Stone Authority 2015 – Present**

Co-founder and CEO

California State License Board 2009 - Present

Subject Matter Expert for the State of California State Contractor's License Board
Assisted in writing the new tests for C-54 Ceramic Tile & Mosaic, C-29 Masonry exam

Tilesoff 2003 - Present

Founder and President. Developed an integrated software solution for managing the business processes and work-flow.

Tile and Stone Authority 2004 - 2015

Founder and President. Construction defect and forensic investigations. Expert opinion and testimony. Insight on design and planning. Skilled teaching and training

Ceramic Tile Art 2007- 2008

Executive Vice President

Coastal Tile and Stone 2005 - 2007

Operations Manager and Technical Consultant

Environmental Acoustics Construction, Inc. 2004 - 2005

General Consultant

Bathman Tile& Marble 2001 - 2002

General Manager and Technical Consultant. Ceramic tile and stone installation

Erastone Inc. 2001

General Manager and Technical Consultant. Stone slab fabrication and installation

Ceramic Tile Designs, Inc. 1999 - 2001

Founder and President. Ceramic tile and stone installation

Exact Tile, Inc. 1997 - 1998

President. Ceramic tile and stone installation company

Splendor Tile Company 1994 - 1997

General Consultant. Ceramic tile and stone installation

Bestile Company 1990 - 1994

Foreman / Supervisor. Ceramic tile and stone installation

Adar Ceramics 1988 - 1990

Tile Finisher / Tile Setter. Ceramic tile and stone installation

TRAINING, EDUCATION, & CERTIFICATIONS

Contractor License C-29 Masonry

September 2009 - California State Contractor License Board

Certified Construction Documents Technologist (CDT)

January 2006 - Construction Specification Institute (CSI)

Concrete Moisture Testing

July 2005 - Flooring Technology Institute. Houston, TX

Certified Marble and Stone Inspector

January 2005 - Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC)

Certified Subfloor Substrate Inspection

July 2004 - Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC)

Certified Floor Care Technician

December 2004 - Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC)

Ceramic Tile Inspection

October 2004 - Tile Council of North America, Ceramic Tile Education Foundation

Ceramic Tile Consultant (CTC)

April 2003 - Ceramic Tile Institute of America, Inc. (CTIOA), renewed annually

Contractor License C-54 Ceramic Tile and Mosaics

May 1993 - California State Contractor License Board

Associate of Arts, Graphic Designs

October 1980 - Tel Hai College Israel

ASSOCIATIONS

Ceramic Tile Institute of America (CTIOA)

Technical Committee. Active and voting member.

American Society for Testing and Material (ASTM)

- Technical Committee C12 on Mortars and Grouts for Unit Masonry. Active and voting member.
- Technical Committee C09 on Concrete and Concrete Aggregates. Active and voting member.
- Technical Committee C18 on Dimension Stone. Active and voting member.
- Technical Committee C21 on Ceramic White Wares and Related Products. Active and voting member.
- Technical Committee F06 on Resilient Floor Coverings. Active and voting member.

Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)

Member 2005 - 2015

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

StonExpo 2002

December 5-7, 2002, Baltimore Convention Center; Baltimore, MD

Corner Stone Forum Seminars

Forum #16: Installation of Marble and Stone over Thin Load-Bearing Waterproof Membranes

Forum #31: To Seal or Not to Seal; That is the Question

Forum #34: Movement Joints for Stone; Why, When, How

Forum #44: Stone Flooring Failures; Problems and Solutions

Coverings 2003

March 24-27, 2003, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL

Understanding the danger of floor deflection and what can be done about it. - Dan Louis, Laser Products

StonExpo 2005

October 19-21, 2005, Las Vegas Convention Center

"Stone Live" Tile-lined Shower Receptors, "A Water Management System" Two separate "hands on" live demonstrations, Seminar SA25 "Restoration and Maintenance", Tom McNall

Surfaces 2006

January 30 - February 3, 2006, Sands Convention Center, Las Vegas

Seminar: Natural Stone Flooring Installation - Ralph Williams, CTC, MIA; Consultant

Committee ASC A108 Accredited by ANSI

October 10, 2007, St. Pete Beach, FL

Symposium on Dimension Stone Use in Building Construction

October 31, 2007, St. Pete Beach, FL

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February 29, 2008, Tampa Marriott Waterside, Tampa, FL

TCA Handbook for Ceramic Tile Installation Conference for the 2009

June 18-20, 2008

The objective of the Handbook conference is to provide a forum for all Industry sectors with an interest in tile to contribute to the technical merits of the Handbook

Slip/Fall Prevention Professionals

July 08, 2008

Presentation by Dr. Jens Sebald regarding his research with the German Ramp, the BOT-3000, the Pendulum, the GMG-100, and the BST (Shoe and floor tester - EN 13287), where he tested a variety of floor materials and over 50 different shoe soles.

Symposium on Dimension Stone Use in Building Construction

October 31, 2007

Sponsored by ASTM Committee C18 on Dimension Stone

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