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**1. CLEAN** Your tile is set! It is time to begin grouting. Be sure your tile is clean of any excess thinset or debris.

**For information regarding tile setting see the floor and wall tile installation guides.**



**2. GROUT RELEASE OR PRESEAL**  
If you are grouting natural stone seal the entire surface of the tile, if you are grouting any other surface before grouting apply grout release to the entire surface of the tile 25 min. before grouting. This keeps grout from sticking to the tile during installation.



**3. ADMIXTURE** Pour grout admixture into a clean bucket.

**Admixture is a latex fortified liquid that speeds up cure time and helps prevent grout cracks due to shrinkage and helps maintain grout color consistency.**



**4. POUR** Pour enough dry grout into your bucket with the admixture.



**5. MIX** Use a beater bar at the lowest speed or margin trowel to mix the grout to a toothpaste consistency. Add more liquid or powder as needed.

**AFTER MIXING LET THE GROUT STAND FOR 5 MINUTES, THEN REMIX WITH A MARGIN TROWEL.**



**6. TEST** Test the consistency of your grout by scooping it onto a grout float. The grout should stick to the float when it is turned to the ground but is still a smooth wet paste.



**7. FLOAT** Use a grout float or margin trowel to scoop the grout from the bucket and apply to your tile.



**8. APPLY** With firm pressure, spread the grout into the tile joints at a 45-degree angle.



**9. SPREAD** Apply & compact the grout with firm pressure until the grout is uniformly packed into the joints and level with the tile.





**10. WATER** Keep a water bucket near the grouting area. After you have grouted for 10 minutes use a wet sponge to remove the excess grout.

**TIP :** Changing your water often helps cleaning grout go faster, but be sure not to use an excessive amount of water.



**11. SPONGE** After excess grout is removed. Using a circular motion, continue sponging the tile until it is clean. Then clean the sponge and in a north/south direction wipe the entire surface of the tile. Next in a east/west direction use the opposite clean side of the sponge to wipe the tile again.

**ALLOW GROUT TO DRY FOR 24 HOURS**

**NEXT : SEALING**, see the how to seal guide for more information.

#### OTHER HELPFUL HINTS :

-- After the grout has dried use a clean towel to buff the surface of the tile.

-- Be sure to work in manageable 10 minute sections.

-- Your float is also a good tool for excessive grout removal.









-- Use a black scrubby pad or grout cleaner sponge to loosen any extra stuck or dry grout from the tile surface.

-- When grouting ceramic or porcelain use Grout Haze Remover after the grout has dried to clean the tile surface.

-- Use the corners of your sponge to strike the grout joints. When needed this gives a crisp clean looking grout line.



# Grout Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/> 	<b>PRO CAULK IN VARIOUS COLORS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	<b>348317 PRO CAULK GUN</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 	<b>343207 GIANT SPONGE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	<b>347811 6 GALLON PAILS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 	<b>347969 MIXER BAR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	<b>348310 RUBBER GLOVES</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 	<b>347998 PRO MARGIN FLOAT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	<b>347953 PRO FLOAT</b>