

# TILE GROUT

Dry Set Grout

## TILE GROUTING UNSANDED

### MANUFACTURER:

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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

*TILE GROUT* is an unsanded grout, composed of modified Portland Cement and fillers. It is designed for use as a grouting material for any tiled surface with joints  $\frac{1}{8}$ " or less, especially glazed wall tile. *TILE GROUT* is ideally suited for absorptive glazed ceramic tiles, marble and tiles that scratch easily.

### USES:

- ▶ Commercial and residential kitchens, bathrooms and laundries, etc.
- ▶ Around bath tub, shower areas, sinks, towel holders and soap dishes
- ▶ For glazed and unglazed ceramic and mosaic tile
- ▶ Swimming pool copings
- ▶ To reset loose tiles and fixtures

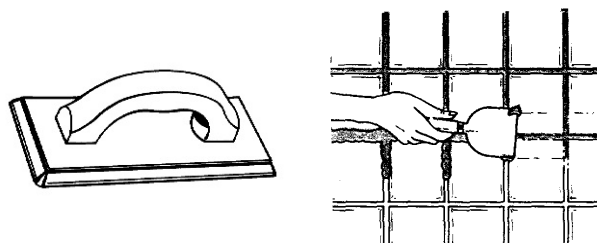
### ADVANTAGES:

- ▶ Finely blended unsanded formulation
- ▶ Non-abrasive
- ▶ Cures to dense hard joint
- ▶ Non-staining, non-shrinking
- ▶ Extended pot life
- ▶ Water washable

### INSTALLATION:

#### Surface Preparation:

All surfaces must be clean and free of dust, dirt, oils, paints and all other contaminants that will prevent proper bond. Make certain no loose material remains in joint. For repair work, remove at least  $\frac{1}{16}$ " of old grout and scrub surface thoroughly with kitchen cleanser. ANSI specifications recommend waiting 48 hours after initial tile setting before



grouting to ensure maximum adhesion of tile to substrate. Remove tile spacers between tiles if they have been used. Dampen surface of tile making certain not to leave any standing water in the grout joints.

#### Mixing:

Mix *TILE GROUT* with clean water to the consistency of a smooth, trowelable putty, free from lumps. Allow the grout to stand for 15 minutes before using, then remix. Do not add additional water. Mix only the amount of grout that can be used in 1 hour. When grouting highly moisture absorbent tiles (above 7% level), EMPIRE BLENDED EM-CRYL 600 should be used in place of water as per instructions on the EM-CRYL 600 label.

#### Placement:

Using a hard rubber float, fill the joints of the tile working diagonally across the grout joints until they are packed full and are flush with the surface of the tile. As work progresses, turn the grout float perpendicular to the tile and use as a squeegee to remove as much excess grout from the tile surface as possible. Allow the grout time to acquire its initial set before proceeding. Initial set has occurred when the grout joint can barely be indented when pressed hard with your fingernail. Using a towel or cheese cloth dampened with water, clean excess grout off the surface of the tile by rubbing in a circular motion, dressing the joint as work progresses. Use as little water as possible. Change water often to keep as clean as possible. Do not leave any water or grout residue on the surface of the grout joint. Remove

any grout haze remaining after drying with a clean dry towel or cheese cloth.

**Curing:**

To provide a hard, dense grout joint, damp curing is required for the first 3 days after application. Damp cure by covering the installation with natural kraft paper. After the grout has cured for 10 days, the installation may be cleaned to remove any remaining grout from the surface of the tile by scrubbing with hot water and soap. Acid cleaning is not recommended. After a minimum of 28 days curing, the installation may be sealed with a penetrating sealer if desired.

**Coverage:**

Average number of square feet covered per pound of grout:

<b><u>Tile Size</u></b>	<b><u>1/16" Joint</u></b>	<b><u>3/8" Joint</u></b>
3/8" x 3/8" x 3/8"	3	-
1" x 1" x 1/4"	6	3
2" x 2" x 1/4"	12	6
4 1/4" x 4 1/4" x 1/4"	16	8

**Packaging:**

Available in 1 pound boxes with sealed plastic bags (12 per carton), 5 pound boxes with sealed plastic bags (6 per carton) and 25 pound multiwall paper bags with moisture barrier.

**Color:**

Available only in brilliant white. However, numerous colors can be achieved by mixing with RAINBOW CEMENT COLORS.

***TECHNICAL DATA:***

ShearBond Strength (ANSI A118.1)

Vitreous Tile

7 day..... > 300 psi

Compressive Strength (ASTM C-109)

7 day..... > 2,600 psi

28 day..... > 3,500 psi

Hardness (Shore D)..... > 80

Water Absorption..... < 6%

Empire Blended *TILE GROUT* meets or exceeds the requirements of ANSI A118.6, ANSI A118.6 H-2.1, ANSI A108.4, ANSI A108.5 and ANSI A108.10.

***LIMITATIONS:***

Do not apply when temperature is below 40°F or will

fall below 40°F within 24 hours.

***CAUTION:***

Contains Portland Cement CAS #65997-15-1. Freshly mixed cement products may cause skin injury. Avoid contact with skin where possible and wash exposed areas promptly with water. If any product gets into the eye, rinse immediately and repeatedly with water. If ingested **do not** induce vomiting and get prompt medical attention. **Keep Out Of Reach Of Children.**

***WARRANTY:***

Due to the use of this product beyond our control, we assume no liability for damages of any kind, and the user accepts the product "as is" and without warranties, expressed or implied, from either Empire Blended Products or its agents. The suitability of the product for an intended use shall be solely up to the user. Our only obligation shall be to replace or pay for any material proved defective, with our liability limited to the purchase price of materials supplied by us.