

Problem Solving

Removal of Grout Haze Residue (Non-Epoxy)

PROTECTING YOUR INVESTMENT: The timeless beauty and inherent durability of natural stone makes it a favorite surfacing material for designers, architects and homeowners. Because of geological composition, certain stones may require different care and maintenance techniques. To remove grout haze residue, the following guidelines are recommended:

Method A: Within first 10 days of grouting.

Purpose: To remove cement or latex modified grout that has cured on the tile or stone surface.

Product Recommendation: Aqua Mix Grout Haze Clean-Up.

Equipment: Scrub pad or brush, bucket and cotton towels. Optional: scrub machine, wet-dry vacuum.

Coverage: Approximately 25 sq. ft. (2 m²) per pint (473 ml).

Procedure:

- » Always test a small area first to ensure satisfactory results.
- » Sweep or vacuum surface.
- » Apply Grout Haze Clean-Up full strength onto a manageable area of up to 10 sq. ft. (1 m²)
- » Allow to dwell 5 to 10 minutes. A longer dwell time may be needed.
- » Agitate with a scrub brush or white nylon pad.
- » Mop up dirty solution.
- » Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

Method B: After grout has cured a minimum of 10 days.

Product Recommendation: Aqua Mix Phosphoric Acid Cleaner.

Equipment: Synthetic mop and bucket with wringer and scrub brush or white nylon pad.

Coverage: Approximately 400 - 1,200 sq. ft. (35 m² – 110 m²) per gallon (3.785 L).

Procedure:

- » Allow newly grouted installations to cure a minimum of 10 days.
- » Always test a small area first to ensure satisfactory results.
- » Sweep or vacuum surface and pre-wet surface with water.
- » Mix 1 part Phosphoric Acid Cleaner to 5 parts water. Stronger solution may be used if necessary.
- » Apply solution onto a manageable area of up to 10 sq. ft. (1 m²). Do not allow solution to dry.
- » Allow to dwell 1 to 2 minutes.
- » Agitate with a scrub brush or white nylon pad.
- » Mop up dirty solution. A wet-dry vacuum may be used.
- » Rinse thoroughly with clean water agitating with a scrub brush to ensure removal of cleaning agents and acid.
- » Repeat procedure if necessary.

Considerations:

- » Do not use on marble or on other acid-sensitive tile or stone.
- » Most effective when used within 10 days of grouting. If grout has cured longer than 10 days, "Method B" is recommended.
- » Mix Poultice Stain Remover or Stone Poultice into a wet slurry with either Grout Haze Clean-Up or Phosphoric Acid Cleaner for stubborn, difficult to remove grout haze problems.

These recommendations are intended as general guidelines for the removal of cementitious standard and latex modified grout haze. The actual product dilution ratios and cleaning requirements may vary depending on the use, amount and type of grout film present and method of application. Always test first. Keep surface clean and dry to reduce possibility of slip-fall accidents. **READ PRODUCT DIRECTIONS THOROUGHLY PRIOR TO USE.**

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