



Power Grout® Ultimate Performance Grout – Cleaning and Maintenance

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Regular Maintenance

TEC® Power Grout® Ultimate Performance Grout repels dirt and resists stains. However, routine cleaning using a PH neutral cleaner such as liquid dishwashing soap for everyday cleaning is recommended. For grease and soap scum, use an alkaline cleaner. For hard water deposits and other inorganic stains, use an acid based cleaner. Acidic cleaners are for infrequent use, to remove lime scale deposits or ground-in dirt. They should not be used on a regular basis. They should **always** be rinsed thoroughly. For everyday cleaning, use a neutral cleaner. Some floor cleaning processes such as damp mopping can deposit dirt residue in the grout joint. It is recommended that mop water is removed from the grout surface as well as the tile before it dries.

General DOs and DON'Ts:

DOs:

- Wipe up all spills promptly. Acidic substances such as juice, wine, mustard, ketchup or soda can etch the grout.
- Clean routinely with a pH neutral cleaner.
- Clean regularly to keep dirt, scum or other residue from building up.
- Rinse thoroughly to prevent cleaning solution residue to building up in the grout joint.

DON'Ts:

- Do not use vinegar, bleach, ammonia or other general purpose cleaning products that contain lemon, lime or other acids. Using these routinely can degrade the grout.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners such as dry cleansers or soft cleansers for everyday cleaning. These are for spot cleaning of stains only.
- Do not use wax or oil based cleaners.
- Do not regularly use heavy mechanical scrubbers or scrubbing machines on the grout as they can cause damage to the grout over time.

Stain Cleaning

Spills should be wiped up immediately upon occurrence with a paper towel or cloth. If a stain remains, scrub the grout surface with warm water and a white nylon scrubbing pad, for at least 60 seconds.

Routine care:

Use a pH neutral cleaner, such as diluted dishwashing soap, for everyday cleaning. Rinse with clean water and dry the area to avoid the dirt settling back into the joints. Always test a small inconspicuous area first. Do not use enzymatic cleaners with cement based grout.

Deep cleaning:

For grease and soap scum, use an alkaline based cleaner. For hard water deposits and other inorganic stains, use an acid based cleaner. Follow cleaning instructions, and always try in a test area first. Scrub the joints with a white nylon scrub pad. Rinse with clean water and dry the area to avoid the dirt settling back into the joints. Always test a small inconspicuous area first.

Note: If a sealer was used, refer to the sealing manufacturer's instructions on cleaning. Acid based cleaners are not to be used with natural stone or acid sensitive tile, and can ruin stainless steel appliances. Always try a small inconspicuous area first and allow to dry to ensure compatibility of cleaner with the surface to be cleaned.

For stubborn grout stains on ceramic and porcelain tile installations: For stubborn stains, dampen the grout and sprinkle household powdered cleanser on surface. Let it sit for 15 seconds, then scrub with a white nylon scrubbing pad for at least 60 seconds and rinse. If a second scrubbing is required, sprinkle on household powdered cleanser, and let stand for at least one minute, before scrubbing and rinsing.

For stubborn grout stains on natural stone installations: Contact Technical Support for more specific instructions at 1-866-614-7688

Note: Before using any cleaning product on tile or grout, always test clean a small inconspicuous area and allow to dry to ensure compatibility of the cleaner with the surface to be cleaned. Powdered cleanser is not recommended for cleaning unsealed or unglazed tile, and many types of stone.

Questions?

Call the Technical Support Hotline at 1-800-832-9023.

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