



Acrylic Grout Additive

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1. PRODUCT NAME

TEC® Acrylic Grout Additive
(869)

2. MANUFACTURER

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3. DESCRIPTION

TEC® Acrylic Grout Additive is an acrylic latex admixture formulated for use in place of water when grouting ceramic. This additive is specifically formulated for use with any of TEC® AccuColor® portland cement grouts.

TEC® Acrylic Grout Additive makes joints less susceptible to water penetration (especially important when grouting wet areas). It also increases grout flexibility. It is required for any exterior grout application subjected to freeze/thaw conditions or any ANSI A118.7 application.

Key Features and Benefits

- Highly water resistant
- Increases grout flexibility
- Required for exterior grout applications subjected to freeze/thaw conditions
- Meets ANSI A118.7 specifications

Packaging

64 fl. oz. plastic jugs (1.89 L) Product #15035258
1 gallon plastic jugs (3.78 L) Product #15035256

Surface Preparation

Proper preparation of the tile and joint surfaces is important and will help promote a quality installation. The joints between the tiles should be free from foreign materials, and be at least 2/3 of the thickness of the tile in depth. High ridges of adhesive, cement, or thin set should be raked out. Rubber or plastic tile spacers, if used, should be removed prior to grouting. Tiles should be held firmly in place according to manufacturer's instructions before grouting.

Due to rough surface texture or high porosity, some tiles require sealing prior to grouting. Consult the tile manufacturer's/fabricator's literature for advice regarding this point. TEC® recommends the use of grout release for protecting your tile from grout staining during installation.

Storage

Store in cool, dry location. Do not expose to nor store in direct sunlight. Do not store open containers.

Shelf Life

Maximum of 18 months from date of manufacture in unopened package.

Limitations

- Recommended for use as a grout additive only.
- Do not use TEC® Acrylic Grout Additive as an admixture to mortars.
- Latex-modified grout should not be applied when the temperature of the area is below 50°F (10°C) as the curing process is retarded.
- Ideal working temperature is between 50°-70°F (10°-21°C).
- Do not store open containers.
- Avoid excessive high speed mechanical mixing as air is entrained into the grout, which reduces its strength.
- **Latex additives are not recommended for grouting natural stone tile.**

Cautions

Read complete cautionary information printed on product container prior to use. For medical emergency information, call 1-888-853-1758.

This Product Data Sheet has been prepared in good faith on the basis of information available at the time of publication. It is intended to provide users with information about and guidelines for the proper use and application of the covered TEC® brand product(s) under normal environmental and working conditions. Because each project is different, TEC Specialty Products LLC cannot be responsible for the consequences of variations in such conditions, or for unforeseen conditions.

4. TECHNICAL DATA

Applicable Standard

Mixed with TEC® AccuColor® sanded floor grout and tested in accordance with ANSI A118.7 Specifications for Ceramic Tile Grouts, Latex Modified Commercial Portland Cement.

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Description	ANSI Requirement	Typical Results
28 Day Compressive Strength	> 3000 psi (20.7 MPa)	3800-4200 psi (26.2-29.0 MPa)
28 Day Tensile Strength	> 500 psi (3.5 MPa)	500-600 psi (3.5-4.1 MPa)
7 Day Flexural Strength	> 1000 psi (6.9 MPa)	1000-1200 psi (6.9-8.3 MPa)
7 Day Linear Shrinkage	< 0.10% shrinkage	0.06-0.08% shrinkage
Greater than: >	Greater than or equal to: ≥	Less than: < Less than or equal to: ≤

Physical Properties

Description	
Physical State	Acrylic emulsion
Color	White, dries clear
Odor	Nil
Viscosity	Thin, liquid
Wt. per U.S. Gallon	8.4 lbs. ± 0.1 lb.
Wt. per Liter	1.01 kg ± 0.01 kg
VOC	2 g/L
Freeze/Thaw Stability	Freeze/thaw stable. If frozen, thaw and stir before using.
Storage	Store in cool, dry location. Do not expose to nor store in direct sunlight. Do not store open containers.
Shelf Life	Maximum 18 months from date of manufacture in unopened package

5. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Mixing

For best results add powder to liquid. In a clean mixing container, add unmodified grout to additive as specified below:

Grout Size	Unsanded Grout	Sanded Grout
1 lbs. (0.454 kg)	5 fl. oz. (147.8 mL)	2.25-2.5 fl. oz. (66-74 mL)
9.75 lbs. (4.42 kg)	1 1/4-1 1/2 quarts [40-48 fl. oz.] (1.2-1.4 L)	2 3/4-3 cups [22-24 fl. oz.] (600-700 mL)
25 lbs. (11.34 kg)	3 1/2-4 quarts [112-128 fl. oz.] (3.3-3.78 L)	1 3/4-2 quarts [56-64 fl. oz.] (1.65-1.89 L)
50 lbs. (22.68 kg)		3 1/2-4 quarts [112-128 fl. oz.] (3.30-3.78 L)

Mix well. If necessary, add additional water to achieve a smooth, stiff consistency. Allow mixture to "slake" (sit in the container) for 10 minutes, then remix before using. Slaking allows the water, Portland cement and other ingredients to react properly.

Note: Liquid latex additives are not recommended for grouting natural

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stone. See grout container for detailed application and cleaning instructions. When grouting unglazed tiles, particularly those with rough surface texture or high porosity, presealing tile prior to grouting may be necessary.

Application

Install in accordance with detailed instructions on TEC® grout product packages or data sheets.

6. AVAILABILITY

TEC premium surface preparation, tile, stone, carpet, wood and resilient floor covering installation products are available nationwide.

To locate TEC® products in your area, please contact:

Phone: 800-832-9002

Website: tecspecialty.com

7. LIMITED WARRANTY

The product(s) covered by this Product Data Sheet are sold subject to a Limited Warranty and related terms. **TEC Specialty Products LLC disclaims the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose and all incidental and consequential damages arising out of the sale, purchase or use of this product.** For Limited Warranty details visit tecspecialty.com. To obtain a hard copy of the Limited Warranty call TEC Specialty Products at 800-832-9023 or mail a written request to the address in Section 2 of this Product Data Sheet.

8. MAINTENANCE

Not applicable

9. TECHNICAL SERVICES

Technical and safety literature

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10. FILING SYSTEM

Division 9



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