

# **Power Grout®**

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1. PRODUCT NAME

TEC® Power Grout® (550)

### 2. MANUFACTURER

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# 3. DESCRIPTION

Power Grout is a unique breakthrough in grout technology. It maximizes performance while providing ease of use. Its unique formulation is stain proof\* and provides strong, color consistent joints free of efflorescence that is resistant to shrinking and cracking.

Power Grout provides excellent performance in virtually any environment, including high traffic and wet conditions, and in residential and commercial applications.

### **Key Features and Benefits**

- Stain proof\* never needs sealing
- · Color uniformity and zero efflorescence
- Fast setting; open to traffic in 4 hours
- $\bullet$  For grout joints from  $^1\!/_{16}"$  to  $^1\!/_2"$  wide (1.6 mm to 12 mm)
- Residential to Extra Heavy Commercial Applications
- · Crack and shrink resistant
- Exceeds ANSI A118.7 specifications
- Interior/exterior use
- Mold and mildew resistant
- Contributes to LEED® project points
- Zero VOC

# **Packaging**

25 lb. plastic bags (11.34 kg) 10 lb. plastic bags (4.54 kg) 7 lb. plastic bags (3.18 kg)

# Color

Visit tecspecialty.com for up-to-date color availability.

# **Substrate 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  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the thickness of the tile in depth. High ridges of adhesive or mortar should be raked out. Any spacers used should be removed. Tiles should be held firmly in place according to manufacturer's instructions before grouting.

Power Grout is a highly pigmented product and it is critical to protect surrounding areas from exposure to pigment. Be sure to protect cabinets, countertops, and other surrounding areas which might become stained by the pigment present in the grout. This is especially important with dark colors which include black pigment.

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. For removing any remaining grout residue, use a grout haze remover.

Notes: Power Grout never needs sealing, however, if the tile or stone is to be sealed after grout is installed, use a compatible solvent based sealer. Test a small area of the tile/stone and grout to ensure you achieve the desired results. If a water-based sealer is required, consult Technical Support for a list of approved sealers or pre-seal the tile/stone. When pre-sealing, do not apply sealer to tile/stone edges as this may prevent proper grout bond.

May scratch polished marble, polished porcelain, glass and/or metal tile or glazed tiles. Follow tile manufacturer/ fabricator recommendations or test a small area prior to use to determine suitability.

For industrial and commercial installations where chemical resistance is required, use TEC® AccuColor EFX® Epoxy Grout and Mortar in accordance with ANSI A118.3 recommendations.

#### Coverage

Figures shown in the chart are presented only as guidelines.

| Approximate Coverage per Pound |                       |                       |                      |                      |                      |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Tile Size                      | Joint Width           |                       |                      |                      |                      |
|                                | 1/16"                 | 1/8"                  | 1/4"                 | 3/8"                 | 1/2"                 |
| 1" x 1" x ½"                   | 3.64 ft <sup>2</sup>  | 1.82 ft²              |                      |                      |                      |
| 2" x 2" x ½"                   | 7.29 ft <sup>2</sup>  | 3.64 ft <sup>2</sup>  |                      |                      |                      |
| 3" x 6" x ½"                   | 14.58 ft <sup>2</sup> | 7.29 ft <sup>2</sup>  | 3.64 ft <sup>2</sup> | 2.43 ft <sup>2</sup> | 1.82 ft²             |
| 4½" x 4½" x ½"                 | 15.48 ft²             | 7.74 ft <sup>2</sup>  | 3.87 ft <sup>2</sup> | 2.58 ft <sup>2</sup> | 1.94 ft²             |
| 6" x 6" x ½"                   | 21.88 ft <sup>2</sup> | 10.93 ft <sup>2</sup> | 5.46 ft <sup>2</sup> | 3.64 ft <sup>2</sup> | 2.73 ft <sup>2</sup> |
| 6" x 24" x 3/8"                | 23.31 ft <sup>2</sup> | 11.66 ft²             | 5.83 ft <sup>2</sup> | 3.89 ft <sup>2</sup> | 2.91 ft <sup>2</sup> |
| 6" x 36" x 3/8"                | 25.00 ft <sup>2</sup> | 12.48 ft²             | 6.25 ft <sup>2</sup> | 4.16 ft <sup>2</sup> | 3.12 ft <sup>2</sup> |
| 8" x 8" x 3/8"                 | 19.42 ft²             | 9.72 ft <sup>2</sup>  | 4.86 ft <sup>2</sup> | 3.24 ft <sup>2</sup> | 2.43 ft <sup>2</sup> |
| 10" x 10" x 3/8"               | 24.27 ft <sup>2</sup> | 12.15 ft²             | 6.07 ft <sup>2</sup> | 4.05 ft <sup>2</sup> | 3.04 ft <sup>2</sup> |
| 12" x 12" x 3/8"               | 29.15 ft <sup>2</sup> | 14.58 ft²             | 7.29 ft <sup>2</sup> | 4.86 ft <sup>2</sup> | 3.64 ft²             |
| 12" x 24" x 3/8"               | 38.91 ft <sup>2</sup> | 19.42 ft²             | 9.72 ft <sup>2</sup> | 6.48 ft <sup>2</sup> | 4.86 ft <sup>2</sup> |
| 18" x 18" x 3/8"               | 43.67 ft <sup>2</sup> | 21.88 ft <sup>2</sup> | 10.93 ft²            | 7.29 ft <sup>2</sup> | 5.46 ft <sup>2</sup> |
| 20" x 20" x 3/8"               | 48.54 ft²             | 24.27 ft <sup>2</sup> | 12.15 ft²            | 8.10 ft <sup>2</sup> | 6.07 ft <sup>2</sup> |
| 24" x 24" x 3/8"               | 58.14 ft <sup>2</sup> | 29.15 ft <sup>2</sup> | 14.58 ft²            | 9.72 ft <sup>2</sup> | 7.29 ft <sup>2</sup> |

# Approximate Coverage per Kilogram

| Tile Size        | Joint Width         |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                  | 1.6 mm              | 3 mm                | 6 mm                | 9 mm                | 12 mm               |
| 25 x 25 x 6 mm   | 0.75 m <sup>2</sup> | 0.37 m <sup>2</sup> |                     |                     |                     |
| 50 x 50 x 6 mm   | 1.49 m²             | 0.75 m <sup>2</sup> |                     |                     |                     |
| 75 x 150 x 6 mm  | 2.99 m²             | 1.49 m²             | 0.75 m <sup>2</sup> | 0.50 m <sup>2</sup> | 0.37 m <sup>2</sup> |
| 108 x 108 x 6 mm | 3.17 m <sup>2</sup> | 1.59 m²             | 0.79 m <sup>2</sup> | 0.53 m <sup>2</sup> | 0.40 m <sup>2</sup> |
| 150 x 150 x 6 mm | 4.48 m²             | 2.24 m <sup>2</sup> | 1.12 m <sup>2</sup> | 0.75 m <sup>2</sup> | 0.56 m <sup>2</sup> |
| 150 x 600 x 9 mm | 4.77 m²             | 2.39 m <sup>2</sup> | 1.19 m²             | 0.80 m <sup>2</sup> | 0.60 m <sup>2</sup> |
| 150 x 900 x 9 mm | 5.12 m <sup>2</sup> | 2.56 m <sup>2</sup> | 1.28 m²             | 0.85 m <sup>2</sup> | 0.64 m <sup>2</sup> |
| 200 x 200 x 9 mm | 3.98 m²             | 1.99 m²             | 0.99 m <sup>2</sup> | 0.66 m <sup>2</sup> | 0.50 m <sup>2</sup> |
| 250 x 250 x 9 mm | 4.97 m²             | 2.49 m <sup>2</sup> | 1.24 m²             | 0.83 m <sup>2</sup> | 0.62 m <sup>2</sup> |
| 300 x 300 x 9 mm | 5.97 m <sup>2</sup> | 2.99 m²             | 1.49 m²             | 0.99 m <sup>2</sup> | 0.75 m <sup>2</sup> |
| 300 x 600 x 9 mm | 7.97 m²             | 3.98 m <sup>2</sup> | 1.99 m²             | 1.33 m²             | 0.99 m <sup>2</sup> |
| 450 x 450 x 9 mm | 8.94 m²             | 4.48 m²             | 2.24 m <sup>2</sup> | 1.49 m²             | 1.12 m <sup>2</sup> |
| 500 x 500 x 9 mm | 9.94 m²             | 4.97 m <sup>2</sup> | 2.49 m²             | 1.66 m <sup>2</sup> | 1.24 m <sup>2</sup> |
| 600 x 600 x 9 mm | 11.91 m²            | 5.97 m <sup>2</sup> | 2.99 m²             | 1.99 m²             | 1.49 m²             |

#### Storage

Store in cool, dry location. Do not store open containers.

#### **Shelf Life**

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

<sup>\*</sup>Power Grout is stain proof to most common water based stains when cleaned immediately. The prolonged exposure of any stain will increase the likelihood of permanent staining or discoloration of grout surface.

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### Limitations

- Jobsite and grout temperature should be 50°-80°F (10°-27°C) for optimal installation.
- Do not install during temperatures below 50°F (10°C).
- · Steam cleaning not recommended

#### **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**

When mixed with water and tested, Power Grout exceeds ANSI A118.7 Specifications for Ceramic Tile Grouts, Polymer-modified Cement Grout and meets the listed ANSI A118.3 Specifications for Epoxy Grouts.

ISO 13007: Classification CG2WAF

| Power Grout (550)           |                         |                               |  |  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Description                 | ANSI A118.7 Requirement | Typical Results               |  |  |
| 28 Day Compressive Strength | ≥ 3000 psi (20.7 MPa)   | 10,300 psi (71 MPa)           |  |  |
| 28 Day Tensile Strength     | ≥ 500 psi (3.4 MPa)     | 700 psi (4.8 MPa)             |  |  |
| 28 Day Flexural Strength    | ≥ 1000 psi (6.9 MPa)    | 1350 psi (9.3 MPa)            |  |  |
| 27 Day Linear Shrinkage     | < 0.20% shrinkage       | 0.082% shrinkage              |  |  |
| 28 Day Water Absorption     | < 5% absorption         | 1.1% absorption               |  |  |
| Description                 | ANSI A118.3 Requirement | Typical Results               |  |  |
| 7 Day Linear Shrinkage      | <.25% shrinkage         | 0.10-0.11% shrinkage          |  |  |
| 7 Day Compressive Strength  | ≥ 3500 psi (24.2 MPa)   | 7000-8000 psi (48.3-55.2 MPa) |  |  |
| Sag in Vertical Joints      | Pass                    | Pass                          |  |  |

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# **Physical Properties**

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| Description                     |                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Physical State                  | Dry powder                                                                           |
| Color                           | Available in multiple colors                                                         |
| Pot Life                        | 35-55 minutes                                                                        |
| Stain Resistance                | Allow to cure for 7 days to achieve maximum stain resistance.                        |
| Initial Cure [at 72°F (22°C)]   | 3 to 4 hours                                                                         |
| Final Cure                      | 21 days                                                                              |
| Foot Traffic Rating (ASTM C627) | Residential to Extra Heavy Commercial                                                |
| Storage                         | Store in cool, dry location. Do not store open bags. Use full bags for installation. |
| Shelf Life                      | Maximum 18 months from date of manufacture in unopened package                       |

# 5. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Greater than or equal to: ≥

### Mixing

For best results pour water in a bucket and then add powder. In a clean mixing container, add Power Grout to clean, cold water as specified below:

| Size               | Water                                          |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 25 lbs. (11.34 kg) | 2.25-2.75 quarts [72-88 fl. oz.] (2.13-2.60 L) |
| 10 lbs. (4.54 kg)  | 3.6-4.4 cups [28.8-35.2 fl.oz] (0.85-1.04 L)   |
| 7 lbs. (3.18 kg)   | 2.6-3.1 cups [20.2-24.6 fl. oz.] (596-729 mL)  |

- 1. Start with the low-end water range. Add water per instructions. Do not over water.
- Mix with a drill (350 rpm max.) and mixing paddle attachment for a minimum of 2 minutes. Drill mixing is preferred and provides optimal results – hand mixing will yield acceptable results.
  - Do not add more water until mixture has been mixed for 2 minutes. Product consistency will loosen with mixing. Add water with care not to exceed recommended range. Under conditions that can result a shorter pot life, (i.e. hot weather), mix at the top end of the water range to provide more working time.
- 3. Allow to slake in bucket for 3-5 minutes
- 4. Remix with drill and mixing paddle for a minimum of 1 minute

Note: TSP recommends that a full container of Power Grout be mixed and used at one time. However, if less than a full container of grout or multiple containers from different lot numbers are used, pre-mix the entire contents of the container(s) prior to mixing with water. (The fine pigment particles may settle during shipment and color variance can occur in the finished joint unless you first dry blend in this fashion.)

To ensure color consistency across the installation, use the same water to grout proportions when using multiple containers for the same job.

#### **Application**

Fully pack the joints between the tiles by spreading Power Grout with a clean, hard rubber float. Work only a small area at one time [5-10 sq. ft. (0.5-1 m²)]. Apply in a diagonal direction across the joint lines to prevent the grout from being dragged out of the joints. Go over each area several times from all directions to make sure that the grout is fully packed in. Remove any excess grout from the surface of the tile by holding the float at a 90° angle to the surface and moving it diagonally across the joints. Repeat the entire process until all joints are grouted.

When grouting very absorptive tiles e.g. bisque tile and/or for thin grout lines, mix Power Grout to the highest water ratio. Additionally, pre-moistening the tile edges by spraying or wiping with a damp sponge or towel will help ensure that the grout retains water needed to properly cure.

#### Clean-u

Allow grout to firm up 15-30 minutes under normal conditions before final cleanup. Check for firmness by touching the grout with your finger. If there is transfer, wait 5 minutes and test again.

Wet a grout sponge in a pail containing cool, fresh water and wring out. Loosen the grout on the tile surface by moving the sponge in a circular motion across the tiles. Then use the sponge to smooth the joints. Completely rinse and wring out the sponge. Wipe diagonally across the tiles to remove grout residue. Use each side of the sponge once, then rinse, completely wring out and repeat. Change the water frequently.

Allow the grout to dry 30 to 60 minutes and remove all remaining grout residue from the tiles with a damp sponge or terrycloth towel.

#### Protection

Protect the finished installation from foot traffic or impact for at least 4 hours. Wait 24 hours before mopping, routine cleaning or shower use. Do not expose to stains, complete water immersion or freezing for 7 days.

No need to seal grout. If tile or stone is to be sealed after grout is installed, use a compatible solvent based sealer. Test a small area of the tile/stone and grout to ensure you achieve the desired results.

If a water-based sealer is required, consult Technical Support for a list of approved sealers. Allow grout to cure for 72 hours before sealing.

## 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.

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# 8. MAINTENANCE

Not applicable

# 9. TECHNICAL SERVICES

# **Technical and safety literature**

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# **10. FILING SYSTEM**

Division 9



Conforms with LEED v4 low emitting interiors. Compliant with (CDPH) Standard Method v1.2 VOC Emissions.

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