



TECHNICAL BULLETIN #126

Regarding: Cleaning and Epoxy Film Removal When Using Pro Epoxy.

General Overview:

During the installation and initial clean up of the Pro Epoxy grout, rinse your sponge often and change your water frequently. Consider changing your water after every unit. Rinse your sponges out extremely well. Work from a primary bucket to finish the grout joint and clean the tiles. Then, again clean the same area lightly with a new bucket of water and clean sponge. At the end of the day or project, using a fresh bucket of water and clean sponge, rewash the entire installation of Pro Epoxy grout completed that day. Again, rinse your sponge often in a clean bucket of water.

After successful installation of Pro Epoxy grout and clean up, occasionally a grout haze is still present. After 2 to 14 hours; depending on the jobsite temperature, remove remaining film with soapy water and a sponge or ideally a Doodlebug® scrubbing pad. Then rinse and remove all remaining epoxy residue from face of tile within a 24 hour period.

Cured epoxies are very difficult to remove and become more difficult as time passes. Traditional acid based grout cleaners are not effective for cleaning 100 % solids epoxy, may cause discoloration and affect epoxy grout curing. Products such as Aqua Mix Graffiti Remover, Dominion Restoration Petra-7, 3M® Safest Stripper and HMK® R80 Stripper/Stain Remover may be used to remove cured epoxy residue. It is important that you follow manufacturer's directions. Since some cleanup products can damage the epoxy joints, it is very important that testing first be conducted on an inconspicuous area to determine its effects on tile and joints. Rinse the tile and grout installation thoroughly after cleaning.

Installer / Owner Responsibility

The installation of ceramic tile must be done following installation standards published in the current (TCA) Tile Council of America handbook, ANSI (American National Standards) 108 specification and our data sheets.

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