

When Portland cement grouts are mixed with LATICRETE® Additives, they become more resistant to dilute acid solutions. Therefore, if allowed to harden on the surface of tile or pavers, the grout haze will not be easily removed by the normal cleaning procedures. LATICRETE Latex Fortified Grouts must be properly applied, and promptly cleaned, to insure an attractive installation.

GROUTING (Floor Tile, Quarry Pavers, Brick, etc.):

After the wet grout mixture is worked into the joints, a small quantity of the dry grout powder should be dusted lightly over the entire surface and allowed to remain 5 or 10 minutes or until the joints are stiff. Rub the surface with a coarse cloth, burlap or with a power buffing machine using dry nylon scrubbing pads. This operation will remove the thin film of grout paste from the surface. Use a circular motion to scrub the surface.

After the buffing or rubbing operation, the dry material should be swept off.

REMOVING GROUT HAZE:

Grout haze or film on the surface of the tiles should be removed as quickly as possible, preferably the same day the grouting was done or within 24 hours. Small installations should be cleaned with a damp sponge, immediately after the scrubbing operation, to remove any haze or film from the surface. Hardened grout film or haze may be removed using a tile, grout & masonry cleaner. For cleaner information call: **Miracle Sealants Company (1) (800) 350-1901 or (626) 443-6433.**

Always follow cleaner manufacturer's instructions and safety information.

DIFFICULT TO CLEAN GROUT OR THICK COATINGS:

Old grout and thick coatings are difficult to remove. If they cannot be removed using a tile, grout & masonry cleaner, the following method may be effective:

1. apply a commercial grade, non-flammable, water emulsifiable paint remover, such as those sold by Red Devil, Sherwin-Williams or Sears, as a thin coating and allow it to soak;
2. sprinkle a layer of fine sand over the paint removers;
3. use a power buffing machine with coarse nylon pads;
4. rinse with warm water and squeegee/wet vacuum surface clean.

CAUTION: WATER EMULSIFIABLE PAINT REMOVERS MAY BE EXTREMELY CAUSTIC. FOLLOW MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS AND SAFETY INFORMATION. USE EYE, SKIN AND RESPIRATORY PROTECTION.

NOTE: DO NOT USE SAND ON MARBLE, SOFT GLAZED TILE OR OTHER EASILY SCRATCHED MATERIALS. DO NOT USE HARSH CLEANERS ON MARBLE OR OTHER EASILY STAINED FINISHES.

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