



LATICRETE International Inc. produces easy to use epoxy based grouts. When LATAPOXY® and LATICRETE® Grouts are used in accordance with installation and clean up methods they will enhance your tile project by creating long lasting durability and beauty. To avoid grout haze, follow the installation instructions outlined in the How To Install Brochures of the grout being used. For LATICRETE SpectraLOCK™ Grout; use data sheet 638.5. For LATAPOXY SP-100 Stainless Grout for Floors N' Walls and LATAPOXY 2000 Industrial Epoxy Grout use data sheet 631.5 INTL.

Epoxy grout haze is the byproduct of improper cleaning and not a product defect. The following steps can be taken to remove epoxy haze.

FOR LATICRETE SPECTRALOCK GROUT, LATAPOXY SP-100 STAINLESS GROUT FOR FLOORS N' WALLS AND LATAPOXY 2000 INDUSTRIAL EPOXY GROUT HAZE:

The best way to alleviate the residue in the first place is to ensure that a final wash is done the same day that the grout is installed. Within 1 hour for LATICRETE SpectraLOCK Grout, 12 hours LATAPOXY 2000 Industrial Epoxy Grout, and 24 hours for LATAPOXY SP-100 Stainless Grout for Floors N' Walls, the tiles should be cleaned with a new sponge or nylon pad with soapy water (clear liquid dishwashing detergent works best). Liquid Electric Dishwashing detergent with a nylon scrub pad can also be used on LATICRETE SpectraLOCK Grout and LATAPOXY SP-100 Stainless Grout for Floors N' Walls within 24 hours of the grout installation.

Good results have been achieved by using one of the following cleaners for installations that are older than 24 hours:

Mask off the work area to protect adjacent finished surfaces. Follow the manufacturer's application instructions.

- The Miracle Company – Epoxy Grout Film Remover (800) 350-1901
- The Miracle Company – H2O Strip (800) 350-1901
- Aqua Mix – Sealer & Adhesive Remover (800) 366-6877
- Dominion Restoration – Petra 7 (800) 835-4456
- Stone Tech – Heavy Duty Coating Stripper (888) 786-6343
- Walter Legge Company – Legge Stripper/Tex Spar (800) 345-3443

For stubborn film that also includes part C filler powder use a commercial gel type water cleanable paint remover (e.g. Zip Strip, Strip Eze, Red Devil, Jasco), and scrub with a nylon pad to dislodge the haze. Always conduct a small test area to verify results. Do not over expose the grout joints to these cleaners.

Neutralize the effects of the cleaners by thoroughly rinsing the floors with either TSP or a solution of baking soda and clean water. Then rinse thoroughly with clean water. WARNING/ CAUTION: Strong detergent solutions require eye protection and gloves.

Another alternative that can be used for tiles that will not scratch:

- Use Electric Dishwasher Detergent Powder Type (Cascade/Electrosol, etc...). 1/4 cup (0.059 Liters) per 3.5 gallon (13.2 Liters) pail of warm water. Wet floor with a mop (liberally) and apply the dishwasher detergent /water solution. Then broadcast silica sand over the floor. Use a buffing machine with a white 3M pad and make several passes over the floor. Next, vacuum up the solution and sand with a wet vac. Rinse well with clean water. Repeat process as required.
- Thoroughly rinse area with clean water to insure that all the detergent solution has been removed.
- The cleaners listed above can also be used with sand and then agitated with a nylon scrub pad.

To ensure good results and compatibility with the tile or stone, always verify results with a small test area.

The best way to avoid grout haze is to do a thorough cleaning the day of the installation.

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