

SnapStone[®] flexible GROUT

INSTRUCTIONS

THINGS TO KNOW

- ☑ Using SnapStone Flexible Grout is a critical part of installing the SnapStone Tile System, no other grout should be used. These instructions are for installing SnapStone Flexible Grout over a SnapStone Tile floor.
- ☑ SnapStone Flexible Grout is a urethane-based grout that contains NO epoxy and NO cement.
- ☑ SnapStone Flexible Grout comes ready to use right out of the bucket.
- ☑ Do not add water or any other material to SnapStone Flexible Grout. This will have an adverse effect on the product and will void all warranties.
- ☑ SnapStone Flexible Grout may be applied as soon as you have finished installing your SnapStone Tile floor.
- ☑ Protect grout from freezing.
- ☑ Condition the grout to a temperature of approximately 60°F (16°C) - 70°F (21°C). This will allow for easier application.
- ☑ KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

COVERAGE

- ☑ When installing SnapStone 12"x12" tiles, a 9 lb pail of SnapStone Flexible Grout will cover approximately 50-65 square feet. This coverage will change when installing other tile sizes.

CLEAN-UP SUPPLIES

- ☑ Fresh water supply
- ☑ Tile sponges
- ☑ Rubber gloves

SURFACE PREPARATION

- ☑ Inspect the completed SnapStone Tile installation and verify all tabs on the trays are fully engaged.
- ☑ Make sure tile surface and open grout joints are clean, dry, and free from debris.
- ☑ Surface temperature for installation must be above 40°F (4°C) and less than 80°F (27°C).

PREPARATION FOR GROUTING

- ☑ SnapStone Flexible Grout comes READY TO USE!
- ☑ DO NOT add any water, liquid or other material to SnapStone Flexible Grout!
- ☑ Liquid may be present on the surface of the grout when opened. This is from normal settling in shipment. Use only a margin trowel to fold the liquid into the grout.
- ☑ Prepare one 5 gallon bucket of cleaning water.



GROUTING

- ☑ Holding sharp-edged, firm rubber grout float at a 45 degree angle, spread SnapStone Flexible Grout diagonally, pressing firmly to ensure the joints are filled completely.
- ☑ Holding grout float at 90 degree angle, pull diagonally across joints removing excess grout from tile using the edge of the float like a squeegee. Use caution not to pull grout out of filled joints.
- ☑ Inspect grout joints and pack additional grout if needed.

INITIAL CLEANING

- ☑ **For best results, remove grout haze AS YOU WORK, particularly in warm or dry climates.** If working alone, only grout as far as you can reach before cleaning. Rinse clean sponge in water and wring until damp. Change water mixture after 100 square feet or when dirty.
- ☑ Lightly wipe grout joints and tile surface with a damp sponge in a light circular motion, loosening grout residue while making the joints smooth.
- ☑ Wipe the loosened grout residue diagonally rinsing sponge after every pass; use each side of sponge only once between rinsing. Check work as you clean. Repair any low spots with additional grout.
- ☑ Do not wash too vigorously - just a light motion will do. The best grout joint is one that completely fills the void up to the edge of the tile.

FINAL CLEANING:

- ☑ If a slight haze remains after 24 hours, scrub with sponge. After loosening grout haze, rinse the floor by wiping it with a sponge and clean water.
- ☑ Allow cleaned areas to dry and inspect tile surface. Persistent grout haze may require extra scrubbing.
- ☑ Working time of grout is 2 to 3 hours at 70°F (21°C). Working time is affected by many variables including surface and room temperatures and humidity. For example, warmer climates will shorten working time, while colder conditions will extend working time.
- ☑ Protect finished surface from light traffic for at least 24 hours at 70°F (21°C).
- ☑ A complete cure requires 72 hours at 70°F (21°C) and 50% relative humidity.
- ☑ Do not expose grout to stains or cleaners for 7 days.

LONG-TERM CARE

- ☑ SnapStone Flexible Grout may be cleaned using a citrus-based cleaner.

