

**Wide Joint Tile Grout**

**DESCRIPTION** • *ArtGrout 304* is highly durable, polymer-modified, non-shrink, colored tile grout formulated specifically for filling joints up to 20 mm wide.

**USES** • *ArtGrout 304* is suitable for filling 6 mm to 20 mm joints of quarry tile, pavers, ceramic, mosaic, facing stone, glass bricks and generally all natural or artificial stones and bricks, whether used for floor paving or wall cladding. *ArtGrout 304* may be used on interior as well as exterior applications.

**ADVANTAGES** •

- ✓ Fills wide joints without cracking or shrinking.
- ✓ High bonding strength; adheres to any substrate and fills joints deeply and permanently.
- ✓ Lower water absorption than cheaper grouts.
- ✓ Available in a wide range of colors.
- ✓ Easy to work with.
- ✓ Polymer modified
- ✓ Single component; just add water.

**COVERAGE** • Coverage will vary depending on tile size, joint width and depth.

Coverage rate in m<sup>2</sup>/kg:

Tile Size (mm)	Joint Width			
	13 mm	19 mm	25 mm	32 mm
200x200x19	0.25	0.15	0.12	0.10
300x300x9.5	0.34	0.22	0.17	0.15

**LIMITATIONS** • For industrial and commercial installations where high chemical resistance is required, use 100% epoxy-based *MortCrete AB10*. Do not mix or apply if ambient temperature is expected to drop below 5°C during installation or in the proceeding 24 hours, or if rain is expected in the proceeding 24 hour period after application. Do not mix or apply when ambient temperature is expected to exceed 35°C. Avoid working in direct sunlight. Temporary protection from weather and other damage must be provided at all times until entire job is completed. Color variations in any Portland cement-based grout may occur due to variations in tile type, tile porosity, job conditions, and cleaning methods. Using excess amounts of water for cleanup will cause color variations, shrinkage, cracks, and pinholes. Efflorescence, a crystalline deposit that can occur with any Portland cement based product, may appear on cement grouts as a whitish powder or crust. If it does occur, remove with a sulfuric acid cleaner or grout haze remover. **CAUTION:** Chemicals used in salt-based water filtration systems may cause reactions with blue, green and red grouts.

Certain tiles with high absorption, a porous surface, or rough texture may have to be sealed with *A-Z Penetrating Sealer* to prevent staining by the grout color. Test on a small area prior to installation.

**SURFACE PREPARATION** • Tiles must be firmly attached to a sound subsurface and tile adhesive must be cured a minimum 24-48 hours prior to grout application. Remove any loose material or dust from tiles and joints. Remove all spacers. Joints must be uniform in width and depth.

**MIXING** • Start with 750 ml of cool water. Mix in 5 kg of grout with margin trowel or low speed mixer (less than 300 RPM) to a lump free, paste-like, non-pourable consistency. Do not use additives. Add up to 200 ml of water to adjust consistency. Let stand 10 minutes, re-mix before use. Periodically re-stir during application. Do not add additional water once mixed as this might weaken the material; inconsistency in the mixing ratio between batches will also cause color shade variations. Do not use once material stiffens, discard all remaining amounts.

**APPLICATION** • Installation to conform to ANSI A108.10. Lightly dampen absorptive, porous tile with clean, cool water. Holding a rubber grout float at a 45° angle, force grout diagonally into joints until joints are completely filled. Remove excess grout using edge of float held at a 90° angle. Shaping joints and clean up can begin when grout can be slightly indented when pushed hard with your fingernail, about 10-20 minutes after application depending on tile type and ambient conditions. Use a damp, small pore grout sponge in a circular motion to smooth joints and clean excess grout from tile. Use as little water as possible. Wait 2 hours before removing haze from tile with a soft, dry cloth. Meets ANSI A118.6 specifications.

**CURING** • Proper curing is necessary for grout to achieve maximum strength. After final soft cloth polishing, wait 2 to 4 hours, then lightly dampen installation with clean, cool water and cover entire surface for a minimum 3 days with Kraft - type paper with edges lapped. If this is impractical, lightly mist grout several times a day for 3 days.

**CLEANING** • Clean all tools and equipment promptly with clean water.

**STORAGE** • Keep material covered and off the ground to prevent exposure to moisture. Store in a dry area. When stored at specified conditions in original unopened packaging, shelf life is 12 months from date of purchase.

**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS** • KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. DO NOT TAKE INTERNALLY. Portland cement and silica based products present health hazards. Irritating to eyes and skin. Use in adequate ventilation and do not breathe dust. Contains silica aggregates (quartz). May cause delayed lung injury (silicosis). Use neoprene gloves and a dust mask when handling. FIRST AID: Eyes – Do not rub eyes, immediately flush with fresh water. Skin – Wash with soap and water. Inhalation – If experience difficulty breathing or if inhaled, move to fresh air. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

**PACKAGING** • 25 kg bag.

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