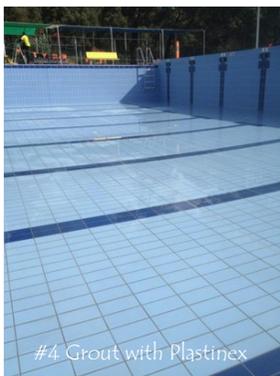


Swimming Pools

Pool Grout

The common question I get asked is. "I am tiling a concrete pool, what grout do you recommend?" I have been told an epoxy grout is best! The question sounds simple however it is not. There is a lot to consider when tiling a pool be it residential or commercial, so here I go with my answer. hmmm HOLD ON!!!!!! Firstly if your using mosaics in your pool be sure they are "Fit for purpose" secondary ensure you use a saw tooth trowel "appropriate size" this will give you maximum contact coverage which is of the upmost importance, for a pool environment. Ensure you bed the tiles into the adhesive with a rubber float or similar. This process/ application method promotes the tile adhesive to fill the grout joints which creates a problem with in its self, especially if you want to use an epoxy grout. You must brush out all the surplus adhesive from these joints, a grout joint must be as deep as the tile is thick especially if the mosaics are of a thin nature. For grout to survive in a pool situation it needs everything going for it and the most important part is depth and width. Don't forget epoxy grout is not suitable for 1-2mm joints. It needs a 3mm joint to promote strength and longevity.



Pool Grout continued

I normally recommend Morgan's S1 or regular #4. Why? because S1 remains compressible and does not fade where as epoxy is ridged, also if you use Morgan's OPM as the tile adhesive the S1 grout is more forgiving if your grout joints can not be brushed out! Blue or Black grouts are not recommended for pool applications, chemical and UV attack will affect the look of these. Hydrotherapy pools I will recommend an epoxy purely for hygiene sanitary purposes. I conduct a lot of pool inspections with Scott Rowson who specialises in aquatic constructions and we are both of the opinion that the people looking after the pools maintenance namely the chemical side, overdose the pool or use the wrong chemicals, we believe less is best. When we visit some commercial indoor applications you can not breathe! then you test the warm to hot water and it's a chemical cocktail, eating away at the grout. The use of chemicals containing Sulfate should be avoided. Sulfate will not only attack the grout it will ingress into the adhesive, render and the shell its self causing problems in the long run. Chemicals and salt should not be left on the the bottom of the pool on the tile surface. eg Don't throw a bag of salt into the pool and allow it to dissolve. This concentration promotes an aggressive action in one spot that erodes grout, cut the bag and walk around the pool letting it disperse evenly, same with chemicals, then get your pool brush and move it all around.



Pool Grout continued

In summing up, grouting is a minefield. Every body has an opinion, if it was my pool I would use S1 superior or regular white grout mixed with a pre mix of water and black label Plastinex, ratio 1.5 Plastinex to 4 litres of water. Don't forget to protect and hydrate the application. Cheers Geoff.



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Hardware Ace is **NOW OPEN** don't be fooled by the name there is a tile showroom incorporated also, the owners Bashir and Jimmy have a back ground in silicone sealing expansion joints and sealing of stone and tiles. They are stocking a range of Morgan's Products, tiles and tiling tools and as the names states hardware. The shop is located on High Road Willetton the old "High road Tile shop site"

Geoff's Spiel

Dear VIP Tilers,
It appears the industry is picking up finally! I speak to a lot of Tilers, builders and retail outlets and ask the obvious question "Are you busy?" and its fair to say I receive a mixed bag of answers from no, flat out or there is a lot coming!

The VIP mail out you receive each month was undertaken by Morgan's and myself to be a "tool" an information link to tilers, tile shops, builders and training facilities in regards to standards, techniques, new products and industry matters. Giving vital information to run your business more effectively and efficiency. My focus is and always will be trying to improve the skill levels and share information to all with the aim of a quality out come.

Recently I had a meeting with Luke McGinness and Daniel Summers and some other dedicated tilers who have the same work ethics and desires to improve our industry. In today's changing world people want/ need answers immediately. Luke, Daniel and a team have set up an **NEW** facebook Page "Wall and Floor Tilers of Perth" They have excellent tiling knowledge and know how. Head on over and "like their page" Watch this space for more news and updates.

Until next time
Stay Safe
Cheers Geoff



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