

Grouting Wars

Part 2

Latex/Polymer migration is totally different and is hard, sometimes impossible to remove and may require re grouting or having an epoxy coating applied over the grout which is expensive. I get asked all the time, Why is there a Resin/Polymer in the architectural range and not in the regular coloured grout range! The answer is a long one which I will keep simple, you can always ring me for more information. Grout for fine joints has no sand, most tiles that require fine joints are of a porcelain nature with no absorption, the resin/polymer binds the fine particles in the grout together and chemically adheres the grout to the side of the tile body, that's another reason the grout joint must be cleaned out. The Resin/Polymer also gives flexural strength and resistance to staining. The white bloom can be caused by one or a combination of the following,

1. Grout mix is too wet
2. To much water used in the clean up.
3. Wrong sponges and applicators
4. Wrong technique
5. Site Conditions
6. Climatic Conditions
7. Over Agitation when mixing
8. Lack of patience
9. Allowing your labourer to grout

There are many more reasons also, however I believe water is the main issue, if you use a wash boy, after you roll the water out press it on the floor and check the water content remaining, You may be surprised! If you are a commercial tiler, don't cover your tiling with plastic or polyethylene it sweats the grout and allows moisture in the

system to wick the surface of the grout which turns it white, the moisture can not escape through the tile. The installation must be able to breathe until fully cured. There is a lot to grout and grouting I have only scratched the surface so to speak , Remember less water is more... Grouting is part of the finish and should be treated so..

Grout Night update

The Trade Night at "Tiled By Design" was a great success, resulting in many questions being asked on the night. David Mulcaster from Muldoon Tiles showed his skills and demonstrated various methods of grouting. A BIG thankyou to Glenn, Deb, David, Colin and Ed from B.A.T trims for their work and contribution on the night, and to all the guests..

Photos: Top Left Iain Middleton Construction Lecturer Challenger Institute of Technology with David Mulcaster



Middle: Eddie from B.A.T Trims with guest's



On Right: Jaway - Door Prize winner
Courtesy of BAT Trims



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The new show room officially opened on the 16th September 2014, and the WOW factor! comes to mind.. With a strong influence of Wood look a like floor tiles, Morgan's Morflex Plus was used for it's high Build, anti slump properties and fast drying.. Well done to Stuart, Chris and Barbara.. The Show Room is Amazing!!!!



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Dear VIP Tilers,

This months mail out contains Part 2 of "Grouting Wars" I promise next month to leave grout alone, however it is the biggest issue I deal with on a daily basis. Thankyou to the regulars who ring me and say, I don't know what the issue is and why so many tilers get it wrong, however I have to address these issues. The VIP Tiler club as I call it keeps growing and this includes a lot of young tilers and people who have not used our products before. Knowledge and information is not only useful it's critical I believe..

In addition this months mail out includes a flyer on grouting with Aquapoxy. This product requires a skill level and an understanding of the Do's and DON'T'S. I strongly recommend if you have not used this product before don't do the job until you ring me. Please call prior to starting the job so I can run you through it and put you in touch with other tilers who use this product regularly, then you can talk one on one and hopefully avoiding a grouting disaster and starting a "Grouting War" Congratulations to this months VIP winner Chris Gillard VIP# 2035

This week I was saddened to hear of the passing of one of our VIP Tilers. Bruno Mori. Myself and the team at Morgan's send our deepest condolences to all of Bruno's family and friends, May he Rest in Peace.
A true Gentleman.

Until next time
Stay Safe
Cheers Geoff..



Chris
Gillard
VIP#2035

*Chris is currently tiling the new Dome café at Bassendean Shopping Centre
Thankyou to BAT Trims for the Prize*



Next months winner will receive a mystery prize or a Golf Package to the value of \$200 ..

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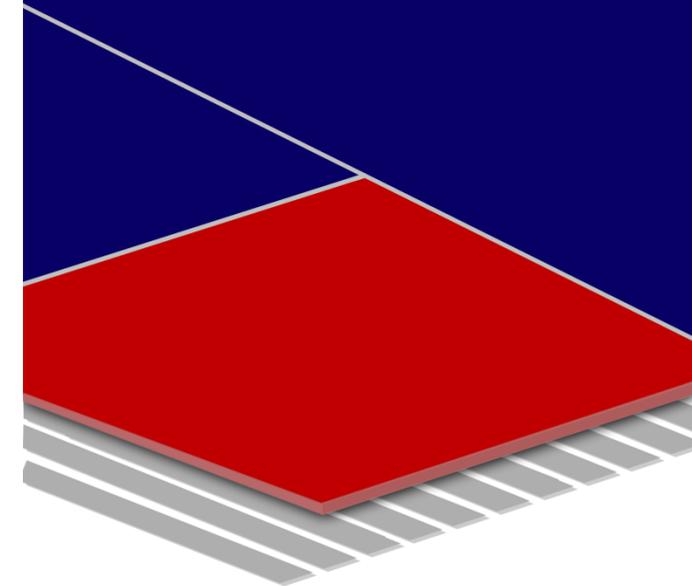
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