



Grouting Wars

Part 1

This topic dominates my life, Good grouting can make a job, poor grouting leads to BIG problems, it can start a chain of events that find you at logger heads with me, the customer, builder and sometimes in the legal system. I will be the first to admit that Morgan's had a production issue this January with new technology we were trying. Our chemist conducted all the tests over a long period of time, we even did site tests with the new grout all was good, however on a large scale in production we had a major problem as some of you know "static Electricity" Which made the grout Hydro Phobic. This has now been rectified and the new formula is working well. Morgan's didn't walk away from this issue, we paid to have the job rectified as some of you know that were involved. Now more than ever grout comes under a micro scope with the new tile trends, it is a major part of the finish and these tiles will highlight the grouts appearance, good or bad! Gone are the days of "When in Doubt Grout" The new trends call for fine joints and dark colours and this is where the issues start and your skills levels are needed. Morgan's R.D program is always on the hunt for new chemicals, resins and fillers to make the grout more user friendly, We don't sit on our hands, Trust me!

Having said all this I continually see on site cross spacers left in the site, Grout joints full of adhesive in varying depths with visible notched lines present.

The removal of spacers and brushing out of the grout joints is a simple task that make a huge difference to the grouts strength and appearance. The most common complaint I receive is in the architectural range, mainly dark coloured grouts. The white appearance "Bloom" over the grout, most people miss diagnose this issue and call it " Efflorescence" when actually the problem is "Latex/Polymer" migration, let me explain the difference. The term "Efflorescence" comes from the French language, it simply means "To flower, bloom". Pure Efflorescence can be easily removed by brushing it off or a wash with Morgan's Floor Prep or Once Over. This condition is caused when moisture is present and is activated by the wet/ Dry scenario, then via capillary action the soluble salts, Frees limes and organics are deposited on the grouts or stones surface. I have included 2 photos of pure "Efflorescence" one I have run my finger through. To be continued next month.



**Tiled By Design
Rockingham
Unit 8/ 117 -119 Dixon Road**



Tiled By Design are stockist of Morgan's products. Call in and see Glenn, Deb and the Crew..

[Grout & Information Night](#)

A grout and information night is going to be hosted by Tiled By Design

**When: Thursday 11th September
2014
Start: 5.30pm**

Please register by phone on **9527 2789** to Deb or the girls for catering purposes

Eddie from B.A.T trims will also be in attendance with the latest on Grouting tools, Sponges etc

All tilers welcome..

Geoff's Speil

Dear V.I.P Tilers

Thankyou to all that wished me a happy birthday, now that I have reached that milestone I am in denial, You know that aint just a river in Egypt...hmmm

It appears the industry is picking up which is great for all of us, it is a good sign when you can not get a brickie..

Morgan's and B.A.T Trims are hosting a Grout information night at the new "Tiled By Design" shop in Rockingham. Glenn and Deb welcome all tilers in the area to come along to meet them and enjoy the evening. Details under "What's New"

There is a new standard being developed for products such as "Kerlite" which is a 3mm or 5 mm fibre glass backed porcelain, that comes in 3m by 1m pieces and smaller sizes as well. These products require specialised application techniques and have many advantages over conventional tiles, I will keep you posted.

Congratulations to this months V.I.P winner Ross Brown #2105 & Second chance draw winner Daniel Woods # 7

Until Next time
Stay safe
Cheers Geoff



Ross
Brown
#2105



Bruce Hetherington
last months 2nd
chance winner

August 2nd
Chance
Winner
Daniel Woods
VIP# 7
Photo to
appear next
month



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