

Finally -- A Tile Grout That Works!

FROM THE FLOOR UP by Tom Dardis

The introduction of today's porcelain floor tile has resulted in floor and wall tile that is the easiest to clean ever. The next step was to develop a grout that is as easy to clean as the tile. The truth is that there have been products available that are very easy to keep clean for many years. The problem with them was that they were difficult and expensive to install. Most tile installation professionals are familiar with the epoxy grouts that are still available. Only a few take the challenge of using them.

There is a new technology product available that combines the ease of maintenance with ease of installation and affordability is thrown in as a bonus.

Finally, there is a grout that is better than epoxy and easier to use than cement. It is truly grout that works. Quartz-Lock is a urethane based grout that contains NO Epoxy, NO cement, and NO pigments. The grout comes ready to use in the bucket. The rich colors are derived from colored quartz, not pigments. Quartz-Lock grout stays colorfast and will match every time. The water based formula makes workability and clean up a snap and cures to a hard, semi-elastic and self sealed finish that looks great and lasts. The anti-microbial formula resists mold, mildew and fungus. Best of all, Quartz-Lock grout leads the pack in stain and chemical resistance and exceeds ANSI standards for both. Quartz-Lock grout captures all the benefits of epoxy grout without the headaches (or the allergies).

Quartz-Lock grout is an excellent replacement product for epoxy and cement grouts. Its combination of unique features and benefits makes it an excellent choice for a variety of indoor and outdoor applications. Some of the more notable features include:

- Pre mixed and ready to use
- Self sealing. No sealer required, EVER!
- Stain/chemical/mildew resistant
- Non-fading quartz colors, consistent colors from batch to batch
- Non-allergic reaction
- UV resistant. Light colors won't fade or yellow
- Semi flexible. Low shrinkage and highly crack resistant.
- Left over grout can be saved for future use.

Park Shore Kitchens & Interiors is a leader in supplying and installing this newest technology product. There are 30 designer colors to select from and it cleans with water and standard grout cleaners.

Installation crews at Park Shore Kitchens & Interiors have been trained and are experienced in Quartz-Lock with ceramic, porcelain, glass tile, and stone applications.

Every standard cement grout application should be sealed annually. In most instances, by the time you are half finished with the second sealer application, you have paid for the newest in stain and mildew resistant technology.

Recently, a proud home owner was celebrating her brand new kitchen remodel when that proverbial glass of red wine went tumbling off the counter top. Everyone panicked and ran for the abrasive and caustic cleaners. A simple damp cloth removed the wine with only water. Shouldn't your grout be that easy to care for?

The Floor Covering Division of Park Shore Kitchens & Interiors has been testing a brand new line of Star Quartz products called Star Glass translucent grout. This product has been specifically designed for glass and metal tile. Along with all the other advantages of Urethane Grout Technology, Star Glass is translucent, 3-dimensional, and reflective. The results of the tests have been nothing less than incredible.

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