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New Urethane Grout Challenges Epoxy

The image is a promotional graphic for StarQuartz Quartz-Lock Grout. It features a red background. On the left, there is a white bucket of grout with the StarQuartz logo. In the center, the product name 'Quartz-Lock™ Grout' is written in a stylized font. To the right, a yellow starburst contains the text 'NO MIXING! EASY TO USE! DURABLE!'. Below the product name, contact information is provided: 'PH: 866-220-4500 FAX: 866-220-4700 EMAIL: GROUT@STARQUARTZ.COM'. The bottom half of the graphic shows a close-up of a hand using a grout float to apply the product into the joints of light-colored square tiles. A list of features is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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Urethane Technology !

- ✧ No Mixing Required
- ✧ Comes Ready to Use
- ✧ No Epoxy - No Cement
- ✧ Self Sealing
- ✧ Stain Resistant
- ✧ Mildew Resistant
- ✧ UV Resistant
- ✧ Chemical Resistant
- ✧ Rich Quartz Colors
- ✧ No Pigments to Fade
- ✧ Semi - Elastic
- ✧ Excellent Adhesion
- ✧ Unmatched Workability
- ✧ Save Excess for Next Job

StarQuartz Industries, Inc., a manufacturer of high technology flooring products, has introduced Quartz-Lock™, a urethane-quartz based grout for tile.

“We think urethane based grout will replace epoxy in the non-cement segment of the grout market,” says Curt Russell, President of StarQuartz Industries, located in Baltimore, MD.

The secret is the patented urethane technology used in conjunction with a colored quartz aggregate, providing excellent finish properties and is much easier to work for installers.

Distributors are finding that they can make more margin, while providing an excellent product that installers love. “Our goal is to be very user friendly for distributors, installers, architects and end users,” says Russell.

Quartz-Lock™ requires no mixing, and comes ready to use right out of the bucket. This saves time at the beginning of a job and ensures perfect color matching by eliminating field mixing. Quartz-Lock™ Grout is water soluble, making clean up a snap. Installers are finding significant time savings versus epoxy installations.

Quartz-Lock™ Grout is stain resistant, mildew resistant, chemical resistant, and self-sealing. The quartz component gives rich color to the grout and is guaranteed not to fade. Since Quartz-Lock™ Grout is *not* a two-part product, left over grout can be re-sealed in its original container and saved for the next job.

Quartz-Lock™ Grout is available through better distributors across the United States.

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