

FTG 2-4 Grout

Flexible wall and Floor tile grout



FTG 2-4 mm is a specially formulated, flexible, cement based wide joint grout. It is manufactured using high quality fine fillers to improve ease of finishing and high-performance additives and polymers to resist dirt pick-up. FTG 2-4 is suitable for grouting ceramic, fully vitrified tiles, natural stone, and mosaics and in a variety of applications including overheated screeds and in power showers

**ADVANCED STAIN RESISTANT
FORMULATION
UP TO - 4mm JOINT
WATER RESISTANT
RESISTS FUNGAL & MOULD GROWTH
FLEXIBLE
BS EN 13888 TYPE CG2W**



TECHNICAL INFORMATION (continued):

*Typical Results to BS EN 13888

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION*	
ABRASION RESISTANCE:	$\leq 2000\text{mm}^3$
FLEXURAL STRENGTH:	$\geq 2.5\text{MPa}$
COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH:	$\geq 15\text{MPa}$
SHRINKAGE:	$\leq 3\text{mm/m}$
WATER ABSORPTION:	@30 min $\leq 2\text{g}$ @240 min $\leq 5\text{g}$
CLASSIFICATION:	Type CG2 W

DIRECTIONS FOR USE:

PREPARATION

All substrates must be suitable to receive tiling as per current good working practices. Ensure the tile adhesive is sufficiently cured prior to commencing grouting. Allow a minimum of 12-18 hours when using standard setting adhesives and ready mixed tile adhesives or 2 – 3 hours when using fast setting adhesives. Ensure that the joints are clean and dust free. **Grout joints** should be a minimum of 2mm, it is recommended that current best practice and in accordance with BS5385 a tile with an area of .1m² and no side greater than 600mm requires a minimum grout joint of 2mm. A tile with an area of .1m² to 1m² and no side greater than 1200mm requires a minimum joint of 3mm. A tile or Panel greater than this requires a minimum of a 5mm grout joint. **Movement Joints** It is important to ensure that there is adequate provision of movement joints in all wall and floor tiling. It is recommended to follow the guidance provided in BS5385, by the TTA and by proprietary joint manufacturers. Ideally, movement joints should be detailed by the designer at the outset. As a guide in external applications max bay size should be 10m²; internally with underfloor heating, max bay size should be less than 40m² and internally on stable substrates without underfloor heating, maximum bay size should be less than 100m². All joints in the substrate should also be carried through the tiling. For further information or for situations which are not covered above, consult our website or contact our Technical Dept. e.g. current TTA or COP guidelines are always followed. For further information or for situations which are not covered below, consult our website, or contact our Technical Dept.

MIXING

The grout should be added to clean water and mixed to a thick creamy consistency at approximately 5kg of powder to 1.75L of water. Allow to stand for 3-5 minutes, and then mix again. The mixed grout is usable for up to 60 minutes depending on site temperature and conditions. Do not add extra water as this will cause a loss in performance.

APPLICATION

Apply the grout to the joints with a grouting trowel, squeegee, or sponge, ensuring that the joints are filled. Compact the grout in the joints and clean off excess with a damp cloth or sponge as the grouting proceeds. Allow the grout to harden sufficiently to prevent removal from the joints when cleaning. This hardening will usually occur within 1-2 hours. When cleaning the face of the tiles, the use of excess water may result in colour shade variation and weakness/dustiness in the surface of the grout. In exterior conditions, it is essential to provide protection from all extremes of climate for as long as possible during and after grouting has been completed (a minimum of 72 hours is recommended).

RESTRICTIONS

Variation in the mixing ratio, the use of excessive cleaning water and site conditions may cause a variation in the colour of the grout. Always trial a small area first if there is any doubt over the suitability of either the product or colour. Swimming pools can only be grouted if the chemical nature of pool water permits the use of cementitious grouts (consult TTA guidelines for further advice). Swimming pools should not be filled for at least 3 weeks after grouting. All tile surfaces should be tested before starting to ensure that colour staining will not occur during grouting. Cement based products will take longer to harden and set at lower temperatures and should not be used below 5°C. All tiling should be carried to current best practice, including British Standards and TTA Guidance documents.