



New and Improved Grout Boost® Stain Resistant Grout Additive

1. PRODUCT NAME

Grout Boost® stain resistant grout additive

2. MANUFACTURER

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3. DESCRIPTION

Grout Boost® additive mixed with cement-based grout in place of water when grout is installed to provide resistance to water and oil-based grout stains. For interior and exterior use.

Key Benefits and Features

- Stain-proof*
- Mixes in place of water with any standard Portland cement grout
- Grout never needs sealing
- Does not affect grout color**

* Grout Boost® is stain proof to most common household, residential stains when cleaned immediately.

** Grout Boost® is mixed with a Portland cement based grout. All Portland cement based products, including grout, have the potential for efflorescence and color shading, which is not considered a manufacturing defect. Grout Boost® doesn't cause efflorescence. Refer to tecskillset.com/blog on proper installation techniques to help prevent grout efflorescence.

Coverage

For grout coverage rates, refer to grout manufacturer's published coverages. Grout Boost® additive generally will not alter the published coverage rates of grout.

Packaging

48 oz. plastic container to be used with 12.5lb. bag of TEC® Skill Set™ DesignColor® Grout and color mixes and 10 lb. bag of TEC® Skill Set™ Unsanded Grout. Use (3) 48 oz. plastic containers of Grout Boost® with 25 lb. bag of TEC® Skill Set™ Unsanded Grout.

Storage

Store in a cool, dry location. Do not store in direct sunlight.

Shelf Life

18 months from the date of manufacture in unopened package. Once opened, store any unused product in a sealed container and use within 6 months.

Limitations

When using Grout Boost® stain resistant grout additive, grout doesn't need to be sealed. If tile or stone needs to be sealed, do so before grouting, or consult groutboost.com for a list of approved sealers. Avoid applying sealer to tile/stone edges

as this may prevent proper grout bond. If enhancing tile and/or grout, use a solvent-based enhancer. Do not use Grout Boost® additive with liquid, ready-to-use or epoxy grouts. Certain tile surfaces, including glazed ceramic tile, marble, stone and agglomerate tile can be scratched, stained or damaged when grouted with sanded/colored grout. Follow tile manufacturer/fabricator recommendations or test a small area prior to use to determine suitability. Not recommended for installations where chemical resistance is required. Never mix Grout Boost® additive with latex additive or any other additives.

Cautions

For medical emergency information, contact 888-853-1758.

This Product Data Sheet has been prepared in good faith on the basis of information available at the time of publication. It is intended to provide users with information about and guidelines for the proper use and application of the covered TEC® Skill Set™ brand product(s) under normal environmental and working conditions. Because each project is different, H.B. Fuller Construction Products Inc. cannot be responsible for the consequences of variations in such conditions, or for unforeseen conditions.

4. TECHNICAL DATA

Physical Properties

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Physical State	Liquid emulsion
Color	White, dries clear
Odor	Nil
Viscosity	Thin, liquid
Wt. per U.S. Gallon	8.3 lbs. ± 0.1 lb.
Wt. per Liter	1.0 kg
Storage	Store in a cool, dry location. Do not expose nor store in direct sunlight.
Shelf Life	Maximum of 18 months from date of manufacture in unopened package.
Freeze/Thaw Stability	Product is freeze/thaw stable.
VOC	< 1 g/L

5. Installation Instructions

Surface Prep

For surface preparation, refer to grout manufacturer's instructions.

	TEC® Skill Set™ DesignColor™ 12.5 lb.	TEC® Skill Set™ Unsanded Grout 10lb.	TEC® Skill Set™ Unsanded Grout 25 lb.
Grout Boost® 48 oz. containers Needed	1	1	3
Amount of additional water that can be added	Up to 3 oz.	Up to 6 oz.	Not recommended



Mixing Instructions for 48 oz. Containers

For the amount of Grout Boost® and allowable supplemental water to use, refer to the chart above.

Mixing Directions for 12.5 lb bag TEC® Skill Set™ DesignColor Grout and 2 Color Mix Cups:

Shake well before using. To start, pour approximately 3/4 of Grout Boost® additive needed into a clean mixing bucket. Stir in contents from 2 color mix jars into the Grout Boost using a paint stick or like tool. Stir for 10 seconds. Then slowly add the Grout Base to color mixed Grout Boost. Mix well. Continue to add in more Grout Boost® additive until the desired consistency is achieved. If all of the Grout Boost® product is used and additional liquid is still required to achieve the desired consistency, an additional 3 ounces of water may be added. Mixture should be easy to spread, but not pourable. Once desired consistency is achieved, mix well with drill on low speed (300 rpm) for a minimum of 2 minutes. Allow mixture to "slake" (sit in the container) for 10 minutes. Slaking allows the water, Portland cement and other ingredients to react properly. Remix for 1-2 minutes before using. The working time (pot life) when mixed this way is approximately 1-2 hours. If grout stiffens up during use, re-mix for 1 minute to return to normal consistency. Do not add additional liquid. To help ensure color consistency across the entire installation, use the same liquid to grout proportions when using multiple containers for the same job.

Mixing Directions for TEC® Skill Set™ Unsanded Grout, 10lb and 25lb Sizes:

Shake well before using. To start, pour approximately 3/4 of Grout Boost® additive needed into a clean mixing bucket. Then slowly add grout. Mix well. Continue to add in more Grout Boost® additive until the desired consistency is achieved. If all of the Grout Boost® is used and additional liquid is still required to achieve the desired consistency, refer to chart for supplementing with additional amounts of clean cool water if allowable. Mixture should be easy to spread, but not pourable. Once desired consistency is achieved, allow to sit in container for 10 minutes, then mix again. Install grout according to TEC Skill Set Unsanded Grout instructions. To help ensure color consistency across the entire installation, use the same liquid to grout proportions when using multiple containers for the same job.

Clean-up

For clean-up, refer to grout manufacturer's instructions. Grout Boost® additive will not change the clean-up process as specified by the grout manufacturer.

Allow grout to cure a minimum of 3 days or per grout manufacturer's instructions, whichever is longer, before starting routine cleaning (such as mopping).

Protection

Protect the finished installation from traffic or impact for at least 24 hours; from water immersion or freezing for 3 days or per grout manufacturer's instructions, whichever is longer. No need to seal grout. Clean up spills immediately upon occurrence. If a stain remains after initial clean-up, follow the recommended cleaning procedures provided at groutboost.com.

6. WARRANTY

For details about our limited warranties, see your sales associate or groutboost.com.

7. Maintenance

Grout Boost® stain resistant grout additive repels dirt and resists stains. However, routine cleaning using a PH neutral cleaner such as liquid dishwashing soap for everyday cleaning is recommended. For grease and soap scum, use an alkaline cleaner. For hard water deposits and other inorganic stains, use an acid based cleaner. Some flooring cleaning processes such as damp mopping can deposit dirt residue in the grout joint. It is recommended that mop water is removed from the grout surface as well as the tile before it dries.

8. TECHNICAL SERVICES

Technical Assistance

Information is available by calling the Technical Service Helpline. Toll Free: 800-832-9023
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Technical and Safety Literature

To acquire technical and safety literature, please visit our website at tecskillset.com.