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Things to Know



- Rubber gloves
- Margin Trowel*
- Hard rubber-edged grout float*
- 5-gallon bucket with a fresh water supply
- Sponge designed for cleaning grout*

** Included in SnapStone Installation Toolkit available at www.snapstone.com*

- SnapStone Flexible Grout is for use with the SnapStone Tile System and tile installed using traditional methods. It is not approved for use with other floating tile floors.
- Using SnapStone Flexible Grout is a critical part of installing the SnapStone Tile System –No other grout should be used. These instructions are for installing SnapStone Flexible Grout over a SnapStone Tile floor.
- Stir grout thoroughly before use. Please note: A milky liquid may be present at the surface, and should be mixed in until a consistent grout texture is reached.
- Do not add water or any other material to SnapStone Flexible Grout. This will have an adverse effect on the product and will void all warranties.
- Protect grout from freezing prior to opening and throughout curing process.
- Condition the grout to a temperature of approximately 60°F (16°C) - 70°F (21°C). This will allow for easier application.
- SnapStone Flexible Grout may be applied as soon as you have finished installing your SnapStone Tile floor.
- Remove grout residue **AS YOU WORK** using water and a sponge. Do not use too much water – the sponge should be lightly damp. Never grout more than 10 square feet before cleaning.
- Protect finished surface from light traffic for at least 24 hours at 70°F (21°C). A complete cure requires 72 hours at 70°F (21°C) and 50% relative humidity. Do not expose grout to stains or cleaners for 7 days.
- Use Krud Kutter® Original to cleanup any grout residue that remains on the tile surface after 24 hours.
- After curing, grout can be cleaned using Soft Scrub® with Bleach and a soft, bristled brush.
- **KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

Coverage

- When installing SnapStone 12"x12" tiles, a 9 lb pail of SnapStone Flexible Grout will cover approximately 50-65 square feet. This coverage will vary if used with other tile sizes or grout widths.

Surface Preparation

- Conduct a final floor inspection, verifying:
 - all tabs are fully engaged.
 - all grout intersections are properly aligned.
 - grout joints are clean, dry, and free from debris.
- Surface temperature must be above 40°F (4°C) and below 80°F (27°C).

Preparation for Grouting

- Use a margin trowel to thoroughly stir grout.
- Liquid maybe present at the surface of the grout when opened. This is from settling. Stir liquid into the grout using a margin trowel - be sure to mix through to the bottom of the bucket.
- Please note: SnapStone Flexible Grout is measured by weight, not volume. Extra space is left in the bucket to allow for stirring.
- Working time of grout is 2 to 3 hours at 70°F (21°C). Working time is affected by many variables including surface and room temperatures and humidity. For example, warmer climates will shorten working time, while colder conditions will extend working time.
- **DO NOT** add any water, liquid or other material to SnapStone Flexible Grout!
- Prepare one 5 gallon (18.93 liters) bucket of cleaning water.

Grouting

- Use a hard, rubber-edged grout float. Do not use a foam-edged grout float.
Step #1: With float at a 45 degree angle, spread SnapStone Flexible Grout diagonally, pressing firmly to ensure joints are filled completely.
Step #2: With float at a 90 degree angle, pull diagonally across joints removing excess grout from tile using the edge of the float like a squeegee. Use caution not to pull grout out of filled joints.
- Inspect grout joints and pack additional grout if needed.
- SnapStone Flexible Grout should not be used to fill in the expansion gap along the perimeter of the room. In an environment exposed to moisture such as a bathroom, a caulk should be used to seal the perimeter.

Initial Cleaning

- Remove grout residue AS YOU WORK, particularly in warm or dry climates. If working alone, never grout more than 10 square feet before cleaning.
Step #1: With damp sponge, lightly wipe grout joints and tile surface in a circular motion, loosening grout residue while make the joints smooth.
Step #2: Wipe the loosened grout residue diagonally rinsing sponge after every pass; use each side of sponge only once between rinsing.
- Check work as you clean. Repair any low spots with additional grout.
- Do not wash too vigorously - just a light motion will do. The best grout joint is one that completely fills the void up to the edge of the tile.

Final Cleaning

- After 24 hours, use a sponge and water to remove any remaining grout residue - this will have a shiny appearance on the surface of the tile.
- Allow cleaned areas to dry and inspect the floor again. If grout residue still remains, spray Krud Kutter® Original on the affected area, wiping any excess spray from grout joints. Let it set for 1-2 minutes, then scrub the tile surface.
- Protect finished surface from light traffic for at least 24 hours at 70°F (21°C).
- A complete cure requires 72 hours at 70°F (21°C) and 50% relative humidity.
- Low spots can be touched up after 24 hours.
- Never cover grout during curing
- Do not expose grout to stains or cleaners for 7 days.
- No sealing required.

Long-Term Care

- SnapStone Flexible Grout may be cleaned using Soft Scrub® with Bleach and a soft, bristled brush.
- Do not use a vinegar cleaner or an enzyme cleaner.

Cleaning Tips

- Use a sponge designed for cleaning grout. This has a denser texture, and will make it easier to remove grout haze during the cleaning process.
- Keep water clean. It is best to rinse sponge in a 5-gallon bucket filled to the top with water. This allows grout from the sponge to sink to the bottom, keeping the top area clean for rinsing.
- When cleaning the grout, don't use too much water - the sponge should be lightly damp.
- Use Krud Kutter® Original to cleanup any grout haze that remains on the tile surface after 24 hours.