PRE-COATING UNPOLISHED PORCELAIN BEFORE GROUTING

When working with textured or matte unpolished porcelain tiles, it is sometimes helpful to use a pre-grout coating to ease grout clean up and temporarily fill the micro-texture of unpolished porcelain tile.

Aqua Mix® Grout Release is an easy-to-use, temporary, water-soluble, low VOC coating. Applied 30 minutes before grouting, it eases grout clean-up and helps prevent grout staining.

As differences exist in the manufacturing of porcelain tile from company to company, variations in the tiles' porosity, absorption and texture exist. Always do a test mock-up of the job to ensure that desired results are achieved.

1. Ensure that the surface is dry and clean.
2. Apply one coat of Aqua Mix Grout Release using a sponge mop applicator, heavy-textured paint roller or brush, preventing build up in grout joints.
3. Allow a minimum of 30 minutes drying time prior to grouting.
4. Grout Release is removed with clean water following the grout manufacturer's clean-up procedures.
5. If necessary, use a soft-bristle brush during the final wash to ensure that Grout Release is thoroughly removed from surface and voids.

Note A:
Do not use acid cleaners in grout clean-up procedures as acids will crystallize Grout Release residue, making it difficult to remove.

Note B:
For some highly textured porcelain tiles, a temporary floor finish coating such as Aqua Mix® Floor Shine & Hardener may be needed.

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