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A cement-based grouting compound for interior and exterior use with ceramic and porcelain tiles, available in a range of colours

weber.joint wide

Uniclass L553

wide joint grout



About this product

weber.joint wide is a cement-based grouting compound for ceramic and porcelain tiles for interior and exterior use.

Grouts ceramic, porcelain, mosaic, quarry, natural stone, terrazzo, terracotta tiles, and brick slips.

Technical data			
Exceeds the requirements of BS EN 13888 for CG1			
Joint width	2 – 20 mm		
Working time (pot life)	2 hours		
Set time	24 hours		
Temperature resistance	5°C to 35°C during application,		
	frost resistant when set		
Water addition	0.18 litres/kg		
Particle size	Up to approx. 0.5 mm		
Note: setting times are quoted at 2	10°C and are temperature and humidity dependent		

Uses

Grouting joints in wall and floor tiling:

- Suitable for interior and exterior use
- Suitable for dry and wet conditions including pools

Constraints

Not suitable where chemical resistance or complete impermeability is needed (e.g. commercial kitchens).

Addition of an admixture is required where movement or vibration is expected.

Special care is required if the tiles have a soft face/glaze.

Features and benefits

- ▲ Manufactured under BSI Quality Assurance Scheme ISO 9001
- ▲ Suitable for joint widths up to 20 mm
- ▲ Abrasion resistant
- ▲ Can also be used on walls if a rustic appearance is required
- ▲ Performance can be enhanced with use of admixtures
- ▲ Available in the following colours beige brown charcoal grey ivory sandstone white



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Preparation

Ensure that the adhesive has set and dried and that the tiles are firm.

Adhesive should normally be left for at least 24 hours before grouting, unless using a rapid set adhesive, when it should normally be left for 2-3 hours. Longer may be required on sealed or impervious surfaces.

Ensure that tiles and joints are clean and free from grease or any other contamination.

If movement is expected, use **weber AD230** in the mix or use **weber.joint wide flex**. If the grout is required to be completely impervious to water or chemically resistant, use **weber.joint epoxy**.

Mixing

It is recommended that a low-speed mechanical mixer is used. Gradually add 3 parts of grout to 1 part (by volume) of clean water and mix to a smooth, stiff, workable paste. Allow to stand for 5 mins and re-mix thoroughly. Do not re-wet or add too much water as this will cause the set grout to be weak with a tendency to crumble. It may also cause surface discolouration and variation, especially with darker colours.

Application

Do not use at temperatures below 5°C.

Using a squeegee or a rubber float, apply the grout to a small area at a time. Completely fill the joints leaving no voids. Excess grout should be removed immediately using a rubber float held at 90° to the tiles. This should be moved diagonally across the tiles to prevent removal of grout within the joints.

When the grout has started to dry, after 5 – 10 minutes (less at temperatures above 20°C) the tiles should be cleaned with an emulsifying pad. This should be used in a circular motion to loosen the grout residue. The tiles should now be wiped with a clean damp sponge until all residue is removed.

When dry, polish the tiles with a clean, dry cloth.

Tools and equipment should be washed in water immediately after use.

Addition of weber AD230

Incorporating **weber AD230** into the grout will increase the grout's strength, flexibility and impermeability.

This is recommended in severe conditions, where there will be heavy usage, when tiling onto a water sensitive substrate, or where limited movement/vibration is likely (e.g. tiling on timber).

For mixing instructions, please refer to the **weber AD230** data sheet.

Warning

Some tiles may have a soft surface which can be scratched during grouting.

Some tiles with a matt or porous texture are prone to surface staining when coloured grouts are used. The use of an appropriate protective sealer is recommended.

Some tile faces have shallow depressions that can fill with grout. This grout must be removed before it hardens. When using a grout that is a similar colour to the tiles, it can be difficult to see any residue that is left in these shallow depressions. It is recommended that in these instances the tiles should be treated with an appropriate protective sealer that helps to stop grout sticking to the tile face.

You are advised to test the grout on a spare tile before proceeding.

Allowance for movement

Flexible joints should be incorporated to allow for slight movements due to changes in temperature, humidity etc. as indicated by BS5385:

- a) Where the tiling meets other materials (e.g. floor perimeters)
- b) Along all internal corners vertically and horizontally
- Over existing movement joints or changes in background material
- d) Dividing large tiled areas into bays (every 3 – 4.5 m on walls, 8 – 10 m on floors)

Packaging

weber.joint wide is supplied in plastic lined paper sacks:
Grey – 20 kg, 10 kg and 5 kg.
Colours – 10 kg and 5 kg.

Coverage

Approximate coverage is $0.6 - 1.2 \text{ kg/m}^2$ depending on tile and joint size.

For example:

Tile size (mm) $(I \times W \times d)$	Joint width (mm)	Coverage (kg/m²)
150 x 150 x 8	5	0.85
150 x 150 x 12	5	1.28
150 x 150 x 12	10	2.56
300 x 300 x 8	5	0.43
300 x 300 x 12	5	0.64
300 x 300 x 12	10	1.28

Storage and shelf life

When stored unopened in a cool, dry place at temperatures above 5°C, shelf life is 12 months from date of manufacture. If stored longer, setting times will increase.

Health and safety

Contains cement (Contains chromium (VI). May produce an allergic reaction). Harmful by inhalation. Irritating to eyes and skin. Keep out of the reach of children. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical help. After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of soap and water. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.

For further information, please request the Material Safety Data Sheet for this product.

Technical services

Weber's Customer Services Department has a team of experienced advisors available to provide on-site advice both at the specification stage and during application. Detailed specifications can be provided for specific projects or more general works. Site visits and on-site demonstrations can be arranged on request.

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