

1. PRODUCT NAME

TEC® AccuColor® Premium Sanded Grout (TA-650)



2. MANUFACTURER

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3. DESCRIPTION

Premium polymer-enhanced AccuColor® sanded cement grout provides highly wear-resistant, color consistent tile joints from 1/8" to 1/2" (3 -12 mm) wide in residential to extra heavy commercial applications. Use sanded grout primarily for floor tile applications, or for walls and countertops with wider joints. Excellent performance in virtually any environment, including high traffic or wet conditions. All AccuColor® brand grouts chemically control the curing process to help ensure that grouts are evenly colored. The result is rich, uniform pigmentation and strong, smooth joints. Mixed with water, AccuColor® sanded grouts meet ANSI A118.6 Specifications for Commercial Cement Grout. For exterior use in freeze/thaw conditions or other ANSI A118.7 Latex Cement Grout applications, mix with TEC® Acrylic Grout Additive.

Key Features and Benefits

- For grouting tile joints 1/8" to 1/2" (3 -12 mm) wide
- Highly color-consistent and wear resistant
- Polymer enhanced for improved performance
- Smoother joints
- Interior/exterior use
- Meets ANSI A118.6 specifications.
- Meets ANSI A118.7 specifications when mixed with TEC® Acrylic Grout Additive

Packaging

50 lb. moisture-resistant bags (22.68 kg)[†]
25 lb. moisture-resistant bags (11.34 kg)
9.75 lb. Pure Pak* container (4.42 kg)
1 lb. plastic pail (0.454 kg)

[†] Special order for some colors.

* Registered trademark of Exello Corporation

Color

Available in 32 colors. Contact H.B. Fuller Construction Products Inc. ("HBF-CP") for a current color selection card.

Substrate Preparation

Proper preparation of the tile and joint surfaces is important and will help promote a quality installation. The joints between the tiles should be free from foreign materials, and be at least 2/3 of the thickness of the tile in depth. High ridges of adhesive or mortar should be raked out. Rubber or plastic tile spacers, if used, should be removed prior to grouting. Tiles should be held firmly in place according to manufacturer's instructions before grouting.

When AccuColor® grout is mixed with water and used under dry or hot conditions, the tile should be dampened with a sponge or by fogging prior to grouting. Avoid any accumulation of water in joints.

Due to rough surface texture or high porosity, some tiles require sealing prior to grouting. Consult the tile manufacturer's/fabricator's literature for advice regarding this point. For removing any remaining grout residue, use a grout haze remover.

Notes: 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. Use of AccuColor® Unsanded Grout may be appropriate for many tiles not suitable for use with a sanded grout.

For industrial and commercial installations where chemical resistance is required, use TEC® AccuColor EFX® Epoxy Grout and Mortar in accordance with ANSI A118.3 recommendations.

Coverage

Figures shown in the chart are presented only as guidelines.

| Approximate Coverage per Pound | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Tile Size | Joint Width | | | |
| | 1/8" | 1/4" | 3/8" | 1/2" |
| 1" x 1" x 1/4" | 2.04 s.f. | | | |
| 2" x 2" x 1/4" | 3.83 s.f. | | | |
| 4" x 8" x 1/2" | 4.86 s.f. | 2.48 s.f. | 1.69 s.f. | 1.30 s.f. |
| 6" x 6" x 1/2" | 5.46 s.f. | 2.73 s.f. | 1.92 s.f. | 1.44 s.f. |
| 6" x 24" x 3/8" | 11.7 s.f. | 5.8 s.f. | 4.4 s.f. | 2.9 s.f. |
| 8" x 8" x 5/16" | 11.66 s.f. | 5.83 s.f. | 3.89 s.f. | 2.91 s.f. |
| 8" x 8" x 1/2" | 7.29 s.f. | 3.64 s.f. | 2.43 s.f. | 1.82 s.f. |
| 12" x 12" x 5/16" | 17.49 s.f. | 8.74 s.f. | 5.83 s.f. | 4.37 s.f. |
| 12" x 24" x 3/8" | 19.4 s.f. | 9.7 s.f. | 7.3 s.f. | 4.9 s.f. |

| Approximate Coverage per Kilogram | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tile Size | Joint Width | | | |
| | 3 mm (1/8") | 6 mm (1/4") | 9 mm (3/8") | 12 mm (1/2") |
| 25 x 25 x 6 mm | 0.42 m ² | | | |
| 1" x 1" x 1/4" | 4.50 s.f. | | | |
| 50 x 50 x 6 mm | 0.78 m ² | | | |
| 2" x 2" x 1/4" | 8.44 s.f. | | | |
| 100 x 200 x 12 mm | 1.00 m ² | 0.51 m ² | 0.35 m ² | 0.27 m ² |
| 4" x 8" x 1/2" | 10.71 s.f. | 5.47 s.f. | 3.73 s.f. | 2.87 s.f. |
| 150 x 150 x 12 mm | 1.12 m ² | 0.56 m ² | 0.39 m ² | 0.29 m ² |
| 6" x 6" x 1/2" | 12.04 s.f. | 6.02 s.f. | 4.23 s.f. | 3.17 s.f. |
| 150 x 609 x 9 mm | 2.40 m ² | 1.19 m ² | 0.90 m ² | 0.59 m ² |
| 6" x 24" x 3/8" | 25.8 s.f. | 12.8 s.f. | 9.7 s.f. | 6.4 s.f. |
| 200 x 200 x 8 mm | 2.39 m ² | 1.19 m ² | 0.80 m ² | 0.60 m ² |
| 8" x 8" x 5/16" | 25.71 s.f. | 12.85 s.f. | 8.58 s.f. | 6.42 s.f. |
| 200 x 200 x 12 mm | 1.49 m ² | 0.75 m ² | 0.50 m ² | 0.37 m ² |
| 8" x 8" x 1/2" | 16.07 s.f. | 8.02 s.f. | 5.36 s.f. | 4.01 s.f. |
| 300 x 300 x 8 mm | 3.58 m ² | 1.79 m ² | 1.19 m ² | 0.89 m ² |
| 12" x 12" x 5/16" | 38.56 s.f. | 19.27 s.f. | 12.85 s.f. | 9.63 s.f. |
| 300 x 609 x 9 mm | 3.98 m ² | 1.99 m ² | 1.50 m ² | 1.00 m ² |
| 12" x 24" x 3/8" | 42.8 s.f. | 21.4 s.f. | 16.1 s.f. | 10.8 s.f. |

Storage

Store in cool, dry location. Do not store open containers.

Shelf Life

Maximum of 18 months from date of manufacture in unopened package.

Limitations

- Do not use in temperatures below 50°F (10°C).
- Although AccuColor® chemically controls the curing process to help ensure color consistency, color variation can occur in any Portland cement product due to job conditions and cleaning methods.
- Efflorescence (a whitish powder or surface crust) can occur in any Portland cement product. AccuColor® is made with Portland cement and for this reason, HBF-CP cannot guarantee that efflorescence will not occur.
- To remove efflorescence, allow grout to cure a minimum of 10 days. Follow industry accepted acid or non-acid cleaning procedures.
- Acid cleaning of unglazed tile, marble or natural stone is not recommended.

Cautions

Read complete cautionary information printed on product container prior to use. For medical emergency information, call 1-888-853-1758.

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® 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

Applicable Standard

Mixed with water and tested in accordance with ANSI A118.6 Specifications for Ceramic Tile Grouts, Dry-Set Grouts

AccuColor® Premium Sanded Grout (TA-650)

| Description | ANSI Requirement | Typical Results |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 28 Day Compressive Strength | ≥ 3000 psi (20.7 MPa) | 3600-5000 psi (24.8-34.2 MPa) |
| 28 Day Tensile Strength | ≥ 350 psi (2.4 MPa) | 450-500 psi (3.1-3.4 MPa) |
| 28 Day Flexural Strength | ≥ 500 psi (3.4 MPa) | 850-1100 psi (5.8-7.5 MPa) |
| 27 Day Linear Shrinkage | < 0.30% shrinkage | 0.08-0.09% shrinkage |
| Water Absorption | < 10% absorption | 5-7% absorption |

Greater than: > Greater than or equal to: ≥ Less than: < Less than or equal to: ≤

Physical Properties

| Description | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Physical State | Dry powder |
| Color | Available in white, gray and pigmented colors |
| Pot Life | 1 to 2 hour |
| Initial Cure [at 72°F (22°C)] | 24 hours |
| Final Cure | 21 days |
| Foot Traffic Rating (ASTM C627) | Residential to Extra Heavy Commercial |
| Storage | Store in cool, dry location. Do not store open containers. |
| Shelf Life | Maximum 18 months from date of manufacture in properly stored, unopened package. |

5. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Mixing—With Water

For best results pour liquid in a bucket and then add powder. In a clean mixing container, add AccuColor® grout to clean, cool water as specified below:

| Size | Water |
|---------------------|---|
| 50 lbs. (22.68 kg) | 3½-4 quarts [112-128 fl. oz.] (3.30-3.78 L) |
| 25 lbs. (11.34 kg) | 1¾-2 quarts [56-64 fl. oz.] (1.65-1.89 L) |
| 9.75 lbs. (4.42 kg) | 2¾-3 cups [22-24 fl. oz.] (600-700 mL) |
| 1 lbs. (0.454 kg) | 2.25-2.5 fl. oz. (66-74 mL) |

Mix well. Avoid breathing dust and contact with eyes and skin. Allow mixture to “slake” (sit in the container) for 10 minutes, then remix before using. Slaking allows the water, Portland cement and other ingredients to react properly. The working time (pot life) when mixed this way is approximately 1 to 2 hours.

Note: If less than a full container of AccuColor® grout is going to be mixed at one time, or multiple bags are used from different lot numbers, mix the dry grout prior to taking out desired amount. (The fine pigment particles may settle during shipment and color variance can occur in the finished joint unless you first dry blend in this fashion.)

To ensure color consistency across the installation, use the same liquid to grout proportions when using multiple containers for the same job.

Mixing—With Latex Additive

For exterior or other applications subjected to freeze/thaw conditions or other ANSI A118.7 applications, use TEC® Acrylic Grout Additive in place of water. In addition, H.B. Fuller Construction Products Inc. (“HBF-CP”) recommends use of liquid latex additive in any installation where increased flexibility is desired

or high water resistance is required. **Note:** Liquid latex additives should not be used when grouting marble or natural stone.

Application

Fully pack the joints between the tiles by spreading AccuColor® grout with a clean, hard rubber float. Work only a small area at one time [5-10 sq. ft. (0.5-1 m²)]. Apply in a diagonal direction across the joint lines to prevent the grout from being dragged out of the joints. Go over each area several times from all directions to make sure that the grout is fully packed in. Remove any excess grout from the surface of the tile by holding the float at a 90° angle to the surface and moving it diagonally across the joints. Repeat the entire process until all joints are grouted.

Clean-up

Allow the grout to firm up in the joints, ½ to 1 hour for grout mixed with water and 30 minutes for liquid latex-modified grout. Wet a grout sponge in a pail containing cool, clean water and wring out all excess liquid. Move the dampened sponge across the tiles diagonally to smooth the grout down to the proper height in the joint. Continue this procedure, repeatedly rinsing the sponge in clean water and wringing out excess liquid. Do not allow excess cleaning water to remain on the surface of the grout joint. Allow the grout to dry an additional hour before removing any remaining grout residue with a dampened terrycloth towel.

For removing any remaining grout residue, use a grout haze remover.

Protection/Damp Curing

Protect the finished installation from traffic or impact for at least 24 hours; from water immersion or freezing for at least 72 hours. Sealing grout is recommended. HBF-CP recommends the use of TEC® brand premium sealers for protecting grout, tile and stone from staining. Consult sealer directions for proper application.

Damp curing is highly recommended in cementitious grout installations to promote complete cure. Damp curing is best accomplished by covering the tile and grout with a single layer of 40# natural kraft paper for 72 hours. Periodically, mist the kraft paper with water to maintain a moist atmosphere over the tiled surface. Do not use newspaper, plywood overlay or polyethylene film for curing.

6. AVAILABILITY

TEC® Premium Tile and Stone Installation Products are available nationwide. To locate TEC® products in your area, please contact:

Phone: 800-832-9002

Website: tecspecialty.com

7. WARRANTY

For warranty details, see your sales associate or tecspecialty.com.

8. MAINTENANCE

Not applicable

9. TECHNICAL SERVICES

Technical assistance

Information is available by calling the Technical Support Hotline.

Toll Free: 800-832-9023

Fax: 630-952-1235

Technical and safety literature

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

10. FILING SYSTEM

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