



## **GROUTING TIPS FOR CROSSVILLE'S WEATHERSTONE **XT****

- GROUT RELEASES or Aqua Mix Floor Shine and Hardener (800-366-6877) or Miracle 511 Impregnator (800-350-1901) applied before grouting will assist in cleanup.
- Use cloth towels, moisten but do not saturate. Since the tile has little to no absorbency, economical application is necessary to avoid excessive amounts of grout release or sealer from collecting on the edges of the tile or puddling on the face of the tiles.
- To be effective two moderate applications may be necessary. The second coat should be applied at right angle to the first. Wait five to ten minutes, again using a fresh towel wipe off any excess.
- If applying the grout with a "grout bag" use a short piece of garden hose wrapped around your fist to pack and smooth the fresh grout joints while minimizing grout residue on the face of the tile
- If applying the grout with a float, work small areas, drag off excess with burlap or jersey cloth (ex: Grout Eater (800-730-5884) - polyester double knit). These materials should be laundered or soaked in water prior to use in order to soften the burlap, remove fines and loose strands and minimize snagging the material on the tiles' rough surface.
- Do not use traditional grout sponges, the tile is too abrasive, and the loose pieces will end up in the grout joints.
- Use Doodle Bug pads (nylon scrub pad ex 3M Company (800-852-9722)) following up with a wet/dry vacuum.
- Prompt removal of dirty grout slurry using wet/dry vacuum is strongly recommended and most efficient.
- Do not attempt to mop with loose string mops. This type of mop leaves too many snagged threads, and they always leave a film on the floor. If the floor has to be mopped during the grout clean-up process, make sure a looped-end tail banded/ stitched bottom mop (ex Rubbermaid Super Stitch Blend Mop (800-347-9800)) is used to avoid snags and dirty film.
- For ongoing maintenance see Crossville's Maintenance Brochure. The **XT** finish will benefit from regular deck brushing and wet vacuuming. Again, if mops are used be sure they are tail banded/stitched bottom (Rubbermaid Super Stitch Blend Mop (800-347-9800)).

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