



SpectraLOCK® Grout

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1. PRODUCT NAME

LATICRETE® SpectraLOCK® Grout

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2. MANUFACTURER

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3. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

LATICRETE SpectraLOCK Grout is a a stainproof* (see limitations) epoxy based grout that utilizes a revolutionary breakthrough in technology. Its unique cross-linking system performs like an epoxy with respect to color uniformity, durability, and stain protection and it is easy to use like a portland cement base grout.

Uses

- Ceramic tile, glass tile and stone applications, residential and commercial.
- Interior and exterior.
- Floors and walls.
- Ideal for re-grouting applications.
- Swimming pools, fountains and other wet area applications.

Advantages

- Stainproof (see limitations).
- Inhibits the growth of stain-causing mold and mildew in the grout joints with Microban® antimicrobial product protection.
- 80 minutes working time at 70°F (21°C).
- Ideal for installations at wide temperature ranges.
- Uniform color—no blotchiness or shading.
- Easy to maintain, cleanable to the original color.
- Tough, durable, and crack resistant.
- Outperforms cement based grout.
- Non-sag formula for walls and floors.

Packaging

Unit Size	Yield	Parts A & B	Part C Color Powder
Mini	0.2 US gal (0.7 l)	A: 0.32 lbs (0.14 kg) B: 0.32 lbs (0.14 kg)	C: 2 lbs (0.91 kg)

Coverage

Refer to Coverage Chart located on Data Sheet 254.3 HC.

Actual coverage will vary depending on job site conditions, actual tile size and installed grout joint size. Add 10% for waste, spillage and clean-up, and another 10%–15% when grouting unglazed quarry tile. Expanded coverage tables at www.laticrete.com/coverage.

Shelf Life

Factory sealed containers of this product are guaranteed to be of first quality for the time listed below if stored at temperatures greater than 32°F (0°C) and less than 95°F (35°C).

Part A & B Liquids – two (2) years

Part C Powder – no limit*

* High humidity will reduce the shelf life of bagged product.

Limitations

- Not for use in areas subjected to harsh chemicals, and/or no rinse or areas exposed to aggressive cleaning regimens (e.g. steam cleaning). Not for use on floors and base areas in veterinary clinics, kennels, or in applications exposed to high concentrations of food and mineral acids or areas exposed to high temperatures. For these installations, please use LATICRETE SpectraLOCK 2000 IG.
- Epoxy grout for ceramic tile and stone is not a replacement for a waterproofing membrane. When a waterproofing membrane is required, use a LATICRETE Watertight™ Floor N' Wall Waterproofing & Crack Isolation (see Section 10 FILING SYSTEMS).
- Stain proof (residential installation only) to common household cleaners, liquids and other goods. Clean all spills immediately.

Cautions

- DO NOT add water or any other material to the mixture, or re-temper with water. This will have an adverse effect on the product and void all warranties.
- Protect finished work from traffic until fully cured.
- LATICRETE SpectraLOCK Grout liquid components might irritate eyes and skin. Avoid contact with eyes and or prolonged contact with skin.
- Wear protective gear (gloves, long sleeve shirt, and safety glasses) when applying. Flush thoroughly with water in case of initial contact.
- DO NOT ingest internally. Silica sand may cause cancer or serious lung problems. Avoid breathing dust. Wear a respirator or dust mask. See MSDS for more information.
- Keep out of reach of children.
- Protect from freezing.

- Light colors may darken and dark colors may fade slightly from direct UV exposure in exterior applications. Consult with LATICRETE Technical Services for specific exterior recommendations.
- Maximum stain resistance is achieved in seven days at 70°F (21°C). Protect from exposure to acids (such as mustard, salad dressing, etc.) and strong cleaners during this period. Protect grout from dirt, construction debris, and contamination for 7 days at 70°F (21°C).
- LATICRETE® SpectraLOCK® Grout is a sanded grout. Use of sanded grouts in joints <1/8" (3 mm) will result in a coarser surface compared to surfaces in wider joints.
- Some soft polished marble or delicate glazed or glass tile might be scratched by LATICRETE SpectraLOCK Grout during installation. Apply a small test area to determine results before grouting entire installation.
- In steam rooms and submerged applications, allow LATICRETE SpectraLOCK Grout to cure for 10 days at 70°F before turning on steam or filling with water of area. See TDS 192 and TDS 172 for more information in these applications.
- Epoxy resins may affect the color of white or porous stone (such as White Carrara, Thasos White, Royal Danby etc.)
- Test stones for compatibility with water and vinegar mixture.
- Conduct a test area to determine compatibility with metal or steel tile.

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4. TECHNICAL DATA

VOC/LEED Product Information



This product has been GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified® by the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute under the GREENGUARD Standard for Low Emitting Products in finished form.

Total VOC Content pounds/gallon (grams/liter) of product in unused form is 0.00026 lb/gal (0.031 g/l).

Applicable Standard

ANSI A118.3, tested with 1244 Bright White

Physical Properties

Test/Test Method	Description	Results
ANSI A118.3 E5.1	Water Cleanability	Water Cleanable at 80 minutes
ANSI A118.3 E5.2	Initial Set Service Strength	> 2 hours < 24 hours
ANSI A118.3 E5.3	Shrinkage	< 0.25%
ANSI A118.3 E5.4	Vertical Joint Sag	Pass
ANSI A118.3 E5.5	Quarry/Quarry Bond Strength	1,000 psi (tile failure) 6.9 MPa
ANSI A118.3 E5.6	Compressive Strength	3,500 psi (7 days) 24 MPa
ANSI A118.3 E5.7	Tensile Strength	1,100 psi (7 days) 7.6 MPa
ANSI A118.3 E5.8	Thermal Shock	510 psi 3.5 MPa
ANSI A118.3	Water Absorption	< 0.50%

NOTES TO SPECIFIER: Use the constant exposure recommendations for intermittent exposure to reagents at temperatures above 90°F (32°C).

Working Properties

Density—15 lbs/gal (1.8 g/ml)

Test Standards		Temperature		
		40°F (4°C)	70° (21°C)	95°F (35°C)
ANSI A118.3 E5.1	Working Time	120 min.	80 min.	30 min.
LIL-AS-01-110904	Tack Free Time	12 hrs.	4 hrs.	2 hrs.
LIL-AS-01-110904	Ready for Light Foot Traffic	24 hrs.	12 hrs.	6 hrs.

LIL-AS-01-110904	Ready for Heavy Foot Traffic	48 hrs.	24 hrs.	12 hrs.
LIL-AS-02-110904	Dirt, Stain Resistance, Food Spills, Household Cleaners	14 days	7 days	3 days
LIL-AS-03-110904	Full Cure	28 days	14 days	7 days

Specifications subject to change without notification.

Results shown are typical but reflect test procedures used. Actual field performance will depend on installation methods and site conditions.

5. INSTALLATION

See Data Sheet 638.5, How To Install LATICRETE SpectraLOCK Grout, for detailed installation instructions. This document is available online at www.laticrete.com and is included in all Part AB units.

6. AVAILABILITY AND COST

Availability

LATICRETE and LATAPOXY® materials are available worldwide.

For Distributor information, call:

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For on-line Distributor information, visit LATICRETE at www.spectralock.com.

Cost

Contact a LATICRETE Distributor in your area.

7. WARRANTY

See 10. FILING SYSTEM

DS 230.13: LATICRETE Product Warranty

A component of:

DS 700.12HC: LATICRETE Home Center Lifetime Warranty

8. MAINTENANCE

LATICRETE and LATAPOXY grouts require routine cleaning with a neutral pH soap and water. Contact the cleaner manufacturer if another cleaner type will be used to ensure compatibility with the grout. All other LATICRETE and LATAPOXY materials require no maintenance but installation performance and durability may depend on properly maintaining products supplied by other manufacturers. Routine maintenance can be done with detergents and a sponge or mop. For tough or difficult to remove soil, a bleaching cleaner (e.g. Soft Scrub, Comet, Ajax, etc. or electric dish washing detergent) on a nylon scrubbing pad or a long handled stiff bristle brush can be used. Please note: Prior to using any cleaning material on a tile, etc. installation, test a discrete area or scrap piece of tile to insure desired results. For additional information, please refer to the LATICRETE Grout Selection and Maintenance Guide, TDS #400.

9. TECHNICAL SERVICES

Technical Assistance

Information is available by calling the LATICRETE Technical Service Hotline (hours 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM EST):

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Technical and Safety Literature

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

10. FILING SYSTEM

Additional product information is available on our website at www.laticrete.com. The following is a list of related documents:

- DS 230.13: LATICRETE® Product Warranty
- DS 700.12HC: LATICRETE Home Center Lifetime Warranty
- DS 030.0: LATICRETE SpectraLOCK® 2000 IG
- DS 638.5: How To Install LATICRETE SpectraLOCK® Grout
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- TDS 400: LATICRETE Grout Guide
- DS 660.0: LATICRETE Watertight™ Floor N'Wall
Waterproofing & Crack Isolation
- TDS 192: Installation of Ceramic Tile in Swimming Pools.
- TDS 172: Installation of Tile or Stone in Steam Rooms Over
Backer Board

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