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## Beauty of Epoxy Grout, the risks of Epoxy Grout Residue and the challenges of Epoxy Grout Haze Removal

Epoxy grout is the king of all grouts. It has been widely used in commercial applications for decades; however of the past few years epoxy has gained popularity in domestic applications as well. This is due to the fact that people are starting to realize the amazing benefits of epoxy grout.

### The benefits of Epoxy Grout include:

1. Epoxy grout provides smooth, flush and uniform joints
1. Epoxy grout does not stain
2. Epoxy grout repels most chemicals and acids
3. Epoxy grout does not shrink, chip or crack
4. Epoxy grout provides a hygienic surface as it absorbs nothing
5. Epoxy grout can be installed on floors and walls
6. Epoxy grout comes in a variety of colours
7. Epoxy grout never needs sealing
8. Very hard wearing

### The risks of Epoxy Grout Residue

The most common areas where epoxy grout is used are hospitals, kitchens, swimming pools, bathrooms, floors applications in heavy traffic areas, cafes, pubs, laboratory, cool rooms and freezers. Epoxy grout consists of 3 components which have to be mixed carefully and precisely in order to achieve best results. Since it consists three components, a resin, hardener and a pigmented filler powder, there is a chemical reaction involved after mixing; hence it is all about the timing between applications and cleaning or curing. Since there're hundreds of variations of formula, reactivity varies. But as a general rule that excess epoxy should be removed by cleaning within 30-45 minutes of application and it is called initial cleaning. Final cleaning can be done after 3-4 hours of first cleaning. If, sometimes cleaning is not proper, then epoxy haze may deposit on the tile surface. But at any cost, the residue or haze on the tile surface needs to be removed in the first 24 hours or becomes very difficult. The most problematic thing is epoxy grout residue or haze on the surface of tile leads to a hazy, dirty look that is difficult to almost impossible to remove – depending on the time it remains on the floor. If in fact the residue or haze is not removed in the final cleaning, steps needed to be made to remove sooner rather than later.

### Challenges of Epoxy Grout Haze Removal

Keep in mind most acid or low pH cleaners have no effect on epoxy hazes, and they may damage the grout, tile or stone. It is always best to get the manufacturer or a reputable consultant involved. Always, test cleaning materials and methods before taking on a large area. ACEBOND offers an innovative and international quality epoxy haze remover called ACECLEAN Epoxy Haze Remover



## ACECLEAN Epoxy Haze remover

ACECLEAN Epoxy Haze remover is a fast acting cleaner, used to remove epoxy haze from tile and stone surface. It does not leave behind residue or any harmful deposits. In addition to epoxy, Aceclean Epoxy Haze remover will also remove haziness of varnishes, acrylics, gums, lacquers etc.

### ADVANTAGES:

- Economical, fast acting
- Easy to use, reduced odour
- Provides clean surroundings
- Effective against epoxy haze, lacquers, varnish hazes, acrylic deposits.

**APPLICATIONS:** Interior and exterior application. Multiple applications may required for deep haziness

**SUITABLE SUBSTRATES:** Ceramic, vitrified tiles and not for corrosive surfaces

**AVAILABLE PACK SIZE:** Available in 500 ml, 1ltr and 5 ltr packing

### CAUTION:

- Store in cool and dry place.
- High temperature or moisture will affect the product.
- Once bottle is opened, then finish it off without keeping for long time.
- This product contains corrosive cleaning agent and other chemical additives. Avoid eye contact or prolonged contact with skin.
- Wash thoroughly after handling. If eye contact occurs, flush with water for 15 minutes and consult a physician.
- Do not breathe directly; wear PPE whenever necessary

### COVERAGE:

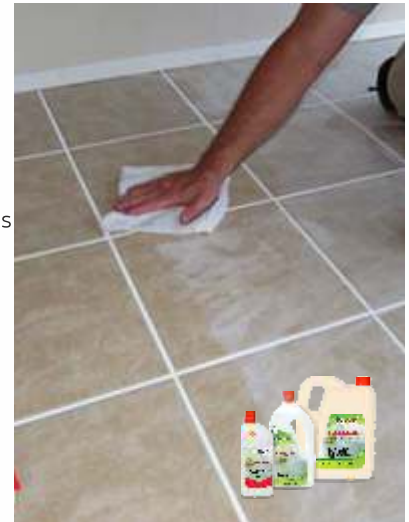
Approximately 15 to 150sft per ltr. Coverage will vary depending on surface nature, deepness of haze or residue and application variances.

### IMPORTANT NOTE

- It is recommended to perform small testing on actual surface to make sure the product is not harming the surface.
- Repeated cleaning with haze remover may harm glossiness of the surface.

Epoxy grout haze must be removed within 24 hours or as early as possible and may require 2-3 applications if you delay in cleaning. It also requires soft scrubber or sponge and personal protection during application. Some fumes might be present during the cleanup process so the areas of installation require adequate ventilation. Clean the area thoroughly with fresh water as soon as you finish cleaning with epoxy haze remover. For more information, please refer technical data sheet or log on to [www.acebond.in](http://www.acebond.in)

Having said that, epoxy grout can last a life time with minimal maintenance and never needs to be sealed. The extra money spend in the beginning is definitely worth it in the long run.



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## Thinking "Out of the Box"

Many hundreds of years ago in a small Italian town, a merchant had the misfortune of owing a large sum of money to the moneylender. The moneylender, who was old and ugly, fancied the merchant's beautiful daughter so he proposed a bargain. He said he would forget the merchant's debt if he could marry the daughter. Both the merchant and his daughter were horrified by the proposal.

The moneylender told them that he would put a black pebble and a white pebble into an empty bag. The girl would then have to pick one pebble from the bag. If she picked the black pebble, she would become the moneylender's wife and her father's debt would be forgiven. If she picked the white pebble she need not marry him and her father's debt would still be forgiven. But if she refused to pick a pebble, her father would be thrown into jail.

They were standing on a pebble strewn path in the merchant's garden. As they talked, the moneylender bent over to pick up two pebbles. As he picked them up, the sharp-eyed girl noticed that he had picked up two black pebbles and put them into the bag. He then asked the girl to pick her pebble from the bag.

What would you have done if you were the girl? If you had to advise her, what would you have told her? Careful analysis would produce three possibilities:

1. The girl should refuse to take a pebble.
2. The girl should show that there were two black pebbles in the bag and expose the moneylender as a cheat.
3. The girl should pick a black pebble and sacrifice herself in order to save her father from his debt and imprisonment.



The above story is used with the hope that it will make us appreciate the difference between lateral and logical thinking. The girl put her hand into the moneybag and drew out a pebble. Without looking at it, she fumbled and let it fall onto the pebble-strewn path where it immediately became lost among all the other pebbles. "Oh, how clumsy of me," she said. "But never mind, if you look into the bag for the one that is left, you will be able to tell which pebble I picked." Since the remaining pebble is black, it must be assumed that she had picked the white one. And since the moneylender dared not admit his dishonesty, the girl changed what seemed an impossible situation into an advantageous one.

**MORAL OF THE STORY:** Most complex problems do have a solution, sometimes we have to think about them in a different way.



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