DESCRIPTION
Keracolor S Sanded Grout is a premium-grade, pre-blended, polymer-modified sanded Portland-cement tile grout that requires only the addition of water for mixing. It will grout joints from 1/8” to 5/8” (3 to 16 mm).

FEATURES AND BENEFITS
- For interior/exterior floors and walls
- Contains BioBlock® technology for mold and mildew resistance

INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND APPROVALS
- ISO 13007: Classification CG2WA
- ANSI: Meets or exceeds ANSI A118.6 industry standards

LEED v3 Points Contribution

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* Using this product may help contribute to LEED certification of projects in the categories shown above. Points are awarded based on contributions of all project materials.

WHERE TO USE
- For grouting interior/exterior residential and commercial floor and wall surfaces in dry or wet conditions
- For grouting dimensional stone, slate, granite, stone agglomerates and most types of ceramic, ceramic mosaic, quarry, brick paver, porcelain, glass and clay tiles
- For joint widths from 1/8” to 5/8” (3 to 16 mm)
- For application in submerged conditions (swimming pools, spas, water features and fountains), once fully cured (after 21 days)

LIMITATIONS
- Do not install over substrates containing asbestos.
- Do not use to grout joints less than 1/8” (3 mm) wide. Instead, use Keracolor U Unsanded Grout, Ultracolor® Plus FA or an appropriate MAPEI epoxy grout (see the respective Technical Data Sheet [TDS] for details).
- Do not use when a highly chemical-, impact- and stain-resistant grout is required or in heavy industrial tile installations. Instead, use an appropriate MAPEI epoxy grout (see the respective TDS for details).
- When grouting in temperatures above 80°F (26°C), see the Technical Bulletins at www.mapei.com or consult MAPEI’s Technical Services Department.

Consult MAPEI’s Technical Services Department for recommendations regarding installation over substrates and conditions not listed.

SURFACE PREPARATION
- Certain tiles with high absorption, surface porosity or rough surfaces may require sealing before grouting to prevent permanent staining.
• The application of a grout release over certain types of porcelain or textured surface tiles or stone may be advantageous where a fine surface porosity might trap fine cement particles or color pigments. Seek the advice of the tile or stone manufacturer and site-test (mock up) on separate samples before grouting.

• Caution: Some types of glazed ceramic tiles, marble, granite and marble agglomerates can be permanently stained, scratched, dulled or damaged when grouted with pigmented grout or sanded grout formulas. Generally, white grout is best suited for grouting white or light-colored marble or granite. Take all the necessary precautions to ensure that the marble, granite or tiles are compatible with colored grouts. Check the tile or marble manufacturer’s literature and test grout on a separate sample area before grouting to determine the suitability of the product with colored and/or sanded grouts.

• Before grouting, make sure the tiles or stones are firmly set and the adhesive or mortar is completely dry.

• Remove all spacers, pegs, ropes and strings.

• Grout joints must be clean and free of standing water, dust, dirt and foreign matter. Remove excess adhesive or mortar from the joint area so that 2/3 of the depth of the tile is left available for grouting.

• Clean the tile or stone surface thoroughly to remove dust, dirt and other contaminants that may cause grout discoloration.

See MAPEI’s “Surface Preparation Requirements” document in the Reference & Installation Guides section of the Tile & Stone Installations Systems page on MAPEI’s Website.

**MIXING**

Choose all appropriate safety equipment before use. Refer to the Safety Data Sheet for details.

1. For best results, have the same person mix all of the grout. Consistent mixing techniques will promote more uniform results.
2. Before mixing the grout with water, dry-blend the product so that the finished grout does not show color variations, which may arise due to pigment settling during shipment. If two or more bags are to be used, variations, which may arise due to pigment settling during shipment. If two or more bags are to be used, dry-blend all of the contents together.
3. Mix Keracolor S Sanded Grout with cool, clean water or an approved MAPEI additive. Mix by using the following water-to-grout proportions:

   Water                  Keracolor S Sanded Grout powder
   2.5 U.S. oz. (74 mL) ............. 1 lb. (0.45 kg)
   13 U.S. oz. (384 mL) ............. 5 lbs. (2.27 kg)
   26 U.S. oz. (769 mL) ............. 10 lbs. (4.54 kg)
   2 U.S. qts. (1.89 L) ............. 25 lbs. (11.3 kg)
   1 U.S. gal. (3.79 L) ............. 50 lbs. (22.7 kg)

4. Pour the required amount of clean, cool water into a clean mixing container. Gradually add the proportionate amount of Keracolor S Sanded Grout while slowly mixing. To avoid shade variation in the finished grout joints, always add the powder to the water while being consistent in the mixing process and with the quantity of water used from batch to batch.

5. Mix thoroughly with a low-speed mixer (at about 350 rpm) for about 3 to 5 minutes, or until obtaining a smooth, creamy, homogenous paste consistency and a uniform shading of the colored grout.

6. Avoid prolonged mixing, which could trap air and shorten the pot life.
7. Allow the grout to sit (“slake”) in the container for about 5 minutes.
8. Remix for about 1 to 2 minutes without adding more liquid or powder.
9. Wash hands and mixing tools with water immediately after mixing.

**PRODUCT APPLICATION**

Read all installation instructions thoroughly before installation.

1. Use only at temperatures between 50°F and 100°F (10°C and 38°C).
2. Using consistent application and cleaning procedures will produce consistent results.
3. To aid in spreading the grout, slightly moisten the tile or stone surface with a damp sponge just before application. Do not flood the tiles or allow water to stand in the ungrouted joint areas.
4. Force Keracolor S Sanded Grout into the joints with a rubber grout float. Make sure all joints are well-compacted and free of voids and gaps.
5. Remove excess grout from the tile surface, moving the grout float diagonally to the joints while the Keracolor S Sanded Grout is still fresh.
6. The grout surface should be flush with the tile edge.
7. Some stiffening may occur before all material is used (usually within about 1 hour at room temperature). If this occurs, simply remix but do not add any liquid.
8. Provide for expansion and control joints as specified per TCNA Handbook method EJ171 or TTMAC Specification Guide 09300, Detail 301EJ.
9. Allow the Keracolor S Sanded Grout to firm up in the joints sufficiently to avoid damaging the grout surface, usually in 15 to 30 minutes depending upon the temperature, humidity and absorption rate of the tile or stone.
10. Use two buckets of cleaning water: one for rinsing the majority of the grout residue from the grout sponge, and one for moistening the sponge in clean water.
11. Dip the sponge in a bucket of water and wring out the excess, so that the sponge does not drip water. Using...
very little pressure, pull the sponge diagonally across
the grout joints to remove the excess grout from the tile
surface. Also use the sponge to smooth the surface of
the grout joint. Turn the sponge over and make another
pass in an adjacent area. After using both sides, rinse
the sponge in one bucket and wring out the excess water.
Dip the sponge in the second bucket of water, wringing
out the excess and continuing the process.

12. Change the water in the buckets frequently to help limit
the amount of haze that forms on the tile or stone surface.

13. To prevent efflorescence, discoloration and soft/
powdery joints, avoid cleaning with excessive water.

14. To control color variations and minimize efflorescence,
buf the grouted surface with cheesecloth or a clean,
dry cotton cloth when a haze is visible on the tile surface,
usually one to two hours after grouting. This should
remove any remaining surface water or grout residue.

15. Clean hands and tools with clean, soapy water while
the grout is fresh.

16. Never use acid for cleaning marble, glazed tile or
pigmented grout surfaces. If a persistent haze remains
after normal cleaning, see the Technical Bulletins
at www.mapei.com or consult MAPEI's Technical
Services Department.

PROTECTION

• Provide for dry, heated storage on site and deliver materials
at least 24 hours before tilework begins.

• For residential showers and tub surrounds, restrict use
for 24 to 48 hours after grouting. For steam showers,
restrict use for 14 days after grouting.

• For at least 21 days after grouting, protect the installation
from freezing and water immersion (see the TDS of the
adhesive or setting system for details).

• Floors: Keep the grout installation free from heavy traffic
for at least 72 hours after grouting.

• Walls: Protect the grout installation from impact, vibration
and hammering on adjacent and opposite walls for 14 days
after tile installation (see the TDS of the adhesive or setting
system for details).

• Because temperature and humidity (during and after
installation of tile) affect the final curing time of all
cement-based materials, allow for extended periods
of cure and protection when temperatures drop below
60°F (16°C) and/or when the relative humidity is
higher than 70%.

MAINTENANCE

• Sealing is not required. However, a high-performance
penetrating grout sealer may still be applied from
MAPEI's UltraCare™ family of sealers, which includes
Penetrating Plus Stone, Tile & Grout Sealer; and
Penetrating Plus SB Stone & Porcelain Tile Sealer.

Follow the directions provided in the UltraCare
Maintenance Guide.

• Grout must be fully cured for 21 days before regular
cleaning.

• MAPEI grout products are produced to the highest
standard of quality. To maintain a clean tile surface,
use a neutral-pH cleaner for maintaining the floor,
followed by a clean-water rinse.

• Do not use harsh chemical cleaners to maintain the
tile surface. Before proceeding with cleaning, consult
the cleaner's manufacturer for compatibility, use and
application instructions. Remove or rinse fatty acid
residue from the grout surface to avoid potential grout
deterioration caused by prolonged exposure.
### ISO 13007 Classification

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<td>≤ 5 g after 4 hours</td>
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### ANSI Specification

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### Shelf Life and Product Characteristics (before mixing)

- **Shelf life**: 2 years when stored in original, unopened packaging at 73°F (23°C)
- **Physical state**: Powder
- **Colors**: Available in MAPEI’s palette of 40 colors, organized into 5 color collections. Refer to MAPEI’s grout/caulk color chart. Sample color chips are available upon request.

### Application Properties* at 73°F (23°C) and 50% relative humidity

- **Pot life**: About 1 hour
- **Application temperature range**: 50°F and 100°F (10°C and 38°C)
- **Full cure**: 21 days
- **VOCs (Rule #1168 of California’s SCAQMD)**: 0 g per L

*Application properties vary based on jobsite conditions.

### Packaging

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### Approximate Coverage*

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RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Technical Bulletin: Grout Cleaning 041101-TB*
- Technical Bulletin: How to Install Grout in Hot Weather 010404-TB*
- Grout Troubleshooting Guide* *

* At www.mapei.com

Refer to the SDS for specific data related to health and safety as well as product handling.

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