

How to Install Grout in Hot Weather

The following are some helpful tips for using grouts during hot weather conditions:

1. Store bags of grout in the shade or, ideally, at room temperature (75 – 85°F [24 – 29°C]) 24 hours prior to the start of grouting.
2. Mix the grout with the recommended amount of water as referenced on the back package label.
3. Mix the grout with cold water. Use ice to cool down the gauging water if necessary.

Note: This will have a pronounced effect on extending the pot life and open time of the product!

4. Pre-moisten the tile work with a damp sponge or towel before spreading the grout.
5. Always clean the mixing bucket before mixing a fresh batch of grout. Left over grout on the sides of the bucket can accelerate the setting of freshly mixed grout.

Note: Contamination from Portland cement (from other grouts) or thin sets can also cause acceleration.

6. When required to grout an exterior installation in direct sunlight, adjust the time of grouting to a cooler or at least shaded time of the day.
7. Avoid prolonged and/or high-speed mixing of the grout. This may entrap air in the grout, and the excess heat created from mixing can accelerate and shorten pot life and set times.
8. Slake and allow mixed product to sit in the bucket for 10 minutes (for *Ultracolor*TM grout, a maximum of 5 minutes). Then remix for 1 minute and apply.
9. Organize the grouting process so that once the grout is mixed, slaked and remixed, the application begins immediately and proceeds continuously until the mixed batch of grout is applied and cleaned successfully.

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