



# B-TUFF® GROUT PM

## Precision High Strength Pointing Mortar

### 1.01 DESCRIPTION

**B-Tuff® Grout PM Pointing Mortar** is for pavers, adhered stone, thin brick, and manufactured masonry veneers. It is factory prepared and designed to be mixed with water. Formulated from a blend of high strength Portland cement, graded aggregates, and color-fast pigments. TuffGrout™ PM provides a joint that is dense, hard and durable. Please use the correct product grade that complies with VOC regulations as per federal, state, county and city regulations/codes at the place of installation of product.

### 1.02 USES

- For Mortar Joint Widths of 3/16" (5 mm) to 1-1/4" (32 mm)
- Internal And External Floor and Wall Grouting
- Pavers, Ceramic, Terrazzo, Terracotta, Slate and Quarry Tiles

### 1.03 FEATURES

- Best For Commercial and Heavy Traffic Environments
- Exceptional One Day and Ultimate Compressive
- Fast Setting, Walk On After 3 Hours
- Pre-Measured Packaging of Components
- Shrinkage Compensated Which Prevents Cracking
- Substantial Cost Savings Over New Concrete

### 1.04 TECHNICAL DATA

**B-Tuff® Grout PM** conforms to requirements for dry-set mortars found in ANSI A118.1, ANSI A108.5 and C.T.I. 64-1. When mixed with **B-Tuff® Set Enhancer**, **B-Tuff® Grout PM** conforms to requirements for ANSI A118.4. ASTM C 91 Standard Specification for Masonry Cement.

### 1.05 COLOR

Multiple colors and specials available.

### 1.06 PACKAGING

50 lbs (22.7 kgs) multiple-plastic-lined bags

### 1.07 COVERAGE

**B-Tuff® Grout PM** bag will yield an approximate coverage of 700-750 ft (213-229 m) with 3/8" (9 mm) wide by 1/4" (6 mm) deep joint.

**B-Tuff® Grout PM** bag yields 50-75 sqft (4.6 - 6.9 sqm) when using a 12" x 12" x 1/2" (30 cm x 30 cm x 1.3 cm) tile with a 1/2" (13 mm) grout joint.

### 1.08 PREPARATION

Remove all dirt, oil, and loose or foreign material. Any metal in contact with **B-Tuff® Grout PM** must be free of rust, oil, grease, and other foreign matter which would limit bond. Concrete surface must be sound and roughened to ensure proper bonding. Prior to placing **B-Tuff® Grout PM**, the surface must be saturated surface dry (SSD), if possible for an hour. Remove all excess water before placement of grout. Bolts, base plates and equipment must be secure and rigid before placement of grout. All materials and surfaces in contact with **B-Tuff® Grout PM** should be conditioned between 50-80°F (10-26.7°C) for proper

performance. Provide heating or cooling, as necessary, to compensate for temperature extremes and changes in cure time.

### 1.09 MIXING

Use approximately 4-5 quarts (3.8-4.7 liters) of clean potable water or equal amounts of **B-Tuff® Set Enhancer** 4-5 quarts (3.8-4.7 liters) for 50 lbs (22.7 kgs) of **B-Tuff® Grout PM** Pointing Mortar. Place liquid in a clean mixing container and add mortar slowly. Mix by hand or with a slow speed mixer to a smooth flowable consistency. Allow the mortar to slake for 5 minutes. Remix mortar. Always add water to mixer first, then slowly add powder. Use only the amount of water required for the desired placement consistency. Do not mix more than can be placed before in 90 minutes.

### 1.10 APPLICATION

Dampen surface with water. Use either a trowel and tuck pointing tool or a mortar bag to place mortar. Once applied, allow to firm to "thumbprint" hardness. Unglazed pavers are extremely porous. Additional wetting of the grout joints is required to prevent extreme water loss for **B-Tuff® Grout PM**. (DO NOT LEAVE STANDING WATER IN THE JOINTS.) Apply **B-Tuff® Grout PM** in all areas of the installation with the exact same procedure. The most consistent results can be achieved by filling the joints with **B-Tuff® Grout PM** until flush with the surface of tile using a hard rubber float working diagonally across the grout joints to both fill and compact the joints. As soon as possible, remove all excess **B-Tuff® Grout PM** with the same rubber float. The least amount of **B-Tuff® Grout PM** left at this time on the face of the tile will make the final clean-up easier. Most importantly, allow **B-Tuff® Grout PM** to firm in the joint acquiring its initial set before any further cleaning is to be done.

### 1.11 CURING

During the first 72 hours, care must be taken to prevent **B-Tuff® Grout PM** from drying out by covering the installation with natural kraft paper. Plastic sheeting or newspaper should not be used. If additional water is required to maintain a moist joint on non-latex-modified grouts, it should be applied in even amounts, but in no case should standing water be allowed. During this time, it is also important to keep the installation covered with kraft paper, not polyethylene, to prevent staining and dirt being worked into the fresh grout joints by other construction trades.

**Hot weather conditions:** Accelerates setting time and causes premature drying of the grout. Keep the grout cool. Store unopened bags in the shade. Provide shade for the area to be grouted. Use cool or chilled mixing water. Protect grout from direct sun exposure for up to 24 hours after grouting. For additional information, refer to ACI 305 (Recommended Practices for Hot Weather Concreting).

**Cold weather conditions:** Retards strength gain and set time. Warm the grout above 50°F (10°C). Raise the temperature of the area to be grouted with space heaters or steam. Warm the mixing water. Cover and insulate the grout to retain warmth. The minimum temperature (ambient, substrate, and grout) for grouting is 40°F (5°C) unless special provisions are followed. For additional information, refer to ACI 306 (Recommended Practices for Cold Weather Concreting).

### 1.12 CLEAN UP

Tools and Equipment: Clean with water or PSI's **EnviroClean™**.

### 1.13 STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

The material should be stored between 40–95°F (4–35°C) in a cool, dry area away from direct sunlight. The shelf life of properly stored, unopened containers is 12 months from date of manufacture. An excessive temperature differential and/or high humidity can shorten the shelf life expectancy.

### 1.14 LIMITATIONS

- DO NOT place at temperatures below 40°F (5°C) unless special provisions are followed.
- At low temperatures, water requirement should be field tested.
- DO NOT mix over 5 minutes.
- DO NOT over water; this can cause bleeding or separation.
- DO NOT retemper.
- DO NOT add cement, sand, or admixtures.
- Avoid hazards by following all precautions found in the Safety Data Sheets (SDS), product labels, and technical literature.

### 1.15 SEALING AND STAINING

Sealers, waxes, and stains may be used to further enhance the grout by offering richer colors and future prevention of unwanted stains. A period of at least 30 days and complete satisfaction of grout conditions

should be allowed before these products are applied. Some sealers may have adverse effects on grout joints, such as softening or discoloration. Try a small test area to be sure.

### 1.16 CAUTION

Wear protective gloves and goggles. Avoid prolonged skin contact. May cause eye, skin or lung injury. Contains free silica. Prolonged exposure to dust may cause delayed lung disease (silicosis). Eliminate exposure to dust. Use NIOSH approved mask for Silica dust. Contains Portland cement. If any cement or cement mixtures get into the eye, flush immediately and repeatedly with water, and consult a physician promptly. Freshly mixed cement, mortar, concrete or grout may cause skin injury. Avoid contact with skin where possible and wash exposed skin areas promptly with water.

**READ SDS PRIOR TO USING PRODUCT. FOR PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. MADE IN THE USA.**

PHYSICALS	
Compressive Strength (ASTM C109)	
7 days	>2600 psi (17.92 MPa)
28 days	>3500 psi (24.13 MPa)
Water Absorption (ASTM D570)	< 6%
Hardness (ASTM D2240)	>80 Shore D
Density (ASTM D1475)	16.7 lbs/gal (2.01 g/cc)
Compressive Modulus (ASTM D695)	350,000 psi (2413 MPa)
Initial Set (ASTM C266)	1 1/2 Hours
Final Set (ASTM C266)	4 Hours
Pot Life	1 1/2 Hours
All values approximate - will vary with temperature and humidity.	

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