

# A Few Things You Should Know About Your Sealed Surfaces

## TESTING

### DIME SIZED WATER DROP TEST

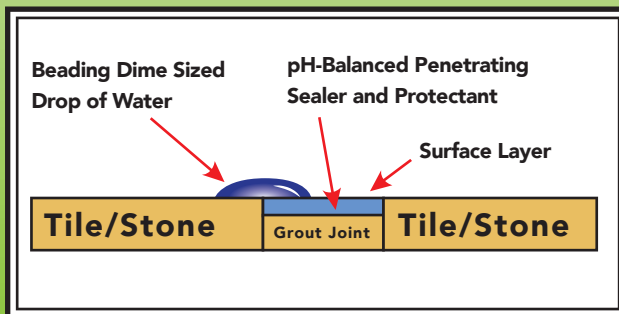
The dime sized water drop test is designed to indicate that the pH-balanced penetrating sealer and protectant has been applied to your surfaces properly.

As shown in the grout and stone diagram below, the water drop rests on the surface layer.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Place a dime size drop of water on grout or stone surface layer.
- 2 Check water for beading on top of surface. As a result, the beading water drop will be an indication that the pH-balanced penetrating sealer has crystallized into the porosity of the grout and stone and has developed a safeguard against stain causing substances.

### BEADING WATER DROP TESTING DIAGRAM



**NOTE:** If the water drop is smudged into the surface layer of the grout and stone and then wiped dry, it may appear that the water drop has penetrated the grout and stone surface layer. In reality, the grout and stone has only been affected on the surface layer and has only obtained "surface layer wetness."

## CLEANING SEALED GROUT/STONE

### WEEKLY CLEANING TO KEEP SEALED GROUT AND STONE LOOKING NEW

To keep grout and stone looking clean and new, wipe up spills immediately with clean water and sponge.

Listed below are the supplies that you will need to clean your grout and stone. pH balanced cleaners are safe to use on your newly sealed surface and will not break down the pH-balanced sealer:

### SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Clean Water/Bucket
- pH Balanced Tile Cleaner (available at Home Depot)
- Mop or Sponge
- White Nylon Bristle Brush
- Microfiber Towel

### STEPS

- 1 Floors - Vacuum or sweep floors.  
*\*Vacuum with rubber wheels and dry brush attachments that have total contact with the surface.*
- 2 Mix and dilute pH-balanced sealer safe cleaning product as recommended  
*\*Always follow manufacturer instructions to ensure proper mix and dilution ratios*
- 3 Mop entire floor
- 4 While floor is still wet, scrub and agitate any unwanted surface stains. (Surface stains are not permanent and can be removed due to penetrating sealer initially applied)
- 5 Allow 15 minutes of set time
- 6 Rinse with warm water, wipe with dry microfiber towel and allow to dry before allowing foot traffic

## CLEANING EPOXY TREATED GROUT

### WEEKLY CLEANING TO KEEP EPOXY TREATED GROUT LOOKING NEW

Epoxy treated grout requires minimum maintenance. Spills and dirt simply do not penetrate the grout joint, therefore, scrubbing or agitating is not necessary.

Listed below are the supplies that you will need to clean your epoxy treated grout:

### SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Clean Water/Bucket
- pH Balanced Tile Cleaner (available at Home Depot)
- Mop or Sponge
- Microfiber Towel

### STEPS

- 1 Floors - Vacuum or sweep floors.  
*\*Vacuum with rubber wheels and dry brush attachments that have total contact with the surface.*
- 2 Mix and dilute pH-balanced sealer safe cleaning product as recommended  
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- 3 Mop entire floor
- 4 Allow 15 minutes of set time
- 5 Rinse with warm water, wipe with dry microfiber towel and allow to dry before allowing foot traffic

**NO SCRUBBING OR WIPING FOR THE FIRST 21 DAYS AFTER GROUT HAS BEEN EPOXY TREATED**

## MAINTAINING

Cleaning and maintaining grout and stone on a routine basis is very beneficial for your floors and countertops. It is recommended that you clean your grout and stone frequently and periodically to ensure that your floors and countertops keep their new look.

### NOTE

**Sealed/ Grout Stone:** To keep your Sealed Grout and Stone surfaces protected from spills and stains, it is recommended to re-seal every 3 years.

**Epoxy Treated Grout:** To keep your Epoxy Grout protected from spills and stains, it is recommended to re-treat every 10 years.



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