

## **Grout Repair Instructions**

Small hair line cracks can occur due to rough shipping or poor handling. These can be easily fixed. Repairs are best made when the top is in its final resting point, i.e. customer's home or garden or retailer's floor.

First, go over the cracks in the grout with a carbide grout scraper or any standard flathead screwdriver to remove loose material and slightly enlarge the cracks. (These can be found in any hardware store.) What you are doing here is simply enlarging and cleaning the cracks so that the touch-up grout has a good surface to which it can bond.

Apply new grout mixed with water or latex additive available in any home center. (Make sure grout being reapplied is matching to the existing grout color.) The grout consistency should be a wet, slightly runny paste, not dry. Press the grout into the crack using diagonal strokes with a sponge. Wipe excess grout off the tiles as soon as it sets but before it dries. A sponge with an abrasive surface works well. Then buff the tile to remove any haze. *Reseal with standard grout sealer following sealer manufacturer's recommendations for application.*

Paint touch-up is available from our offices as well. Please request color when ordering.

Please contact our office for any grout needed for repair: (Always confirm grout color.)

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