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Revise the section number and title to suit project requirements, specification practices and section content. Refer to CSI *MasterFormat®* for other section numbers and titles.

## SECTION 09 30 00.26

### TILING - GROUT

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

##### 1.1 SUMMARY

- A. Section Includes: Pre-mixed, urethane-based, semi-flexible, crack-resistant grout for use with tile and stone.

##### 1.2 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: Manufacturer's technical product data including manufacturer's installation instructions.

**Specifier Note:** Retain paragraph below if grout colors will be selected after award of the contract.

- B. Samples for Initial Selection: Samples, not less than 3 inches long, of full range of grout colors available. Printed colors are not acceptable.

**Specifier Note:** Retain paragraph below if grout colors are specified in PART 2, or if grout colors will be selected after award of the contract.

- C. Samples for Verification: Assembled samples, not less than 12 inches square, mounted on rigid panel, with grouted joints, for each type of tile or stone and for each grout color.
- D. Special Manufacturer Warranty: Copy of specified warranty.

### 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

#### A. Installer Qualifications:

1. Installer is a Trowel of Excellence member of the Tile Contractors' Association of America.
2. Installer employs Ceramic Tile Education Foundation Certified Installers or installers recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor as Journeyman Tile Layers.

#### B. Preinstallation Meeting: Conduct preinstallation meeting prior to commencing work to verify project requirements, substrate conditions and coordination with other building products, and to review manufacturer's installation instructions and manufacturer's warranty requirements.

1. Representatives of the owner, architect, contractor, tile installer, and any other parties who are involved in the scope of this installation shall attend the meeting.

### 1.4 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

#### A. Deliver and store packaged materials in original containers with seals unbroken and labels intact until time of use.

#### B. Store materials on elevated platforms, under cover, and in a dry location.

### 1.5 FIELD CONDITIONS

#### A. Environmental Limitations: Do not install materials until construction in spaces is complete and ambient temperature and humidity conditions are maintained at the levels indicated in referenced standards and manufacturer's written instructions.

### 1.6 WARRANTY

#### A. Special Manufacturer Warranties: Furnish manufacturer's standard warranty executed by authorized company official.

**Specifier Note: Retain following subparagraph for extended warranty if a preparation or setting material manufactured by Bostik will also be used for the installation. Refer to the Warranty Duration Table that is a part of the online manufacturer's warranty.**

1. System Installation Warranty: Materials will be free from manufacturing defects from the time of purchase and conform to manufacturer's written specifications under normal usage for a period of [five] [ten] [twenty-five] [lifetime limited warranty] years when applied according to manufacturer's written installation instructions and industry standard guidelines. If the nature of the defects of the products specified by this Section warrants, the warranty will include materials and labor for the replacement of the installation. Refer to manufacturer's warranty for specific details.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MANUFACTURER

#### A. Manufacturer: Bostik, Inc., 11320 West Watertown Plank Road, Wauwatosa, WI 53226, Telephone: 800.726.7845, Fax: 414.774.8775, Inquiry: inquiry@bostik-us.com, Website: www.bostik.com/us.

## 2.2 GROUT

**Specifier Note:** Retain paragraph below for proprietary method specification. Use of such phrases as “or equal” or “or approved equal” or similar phrases may cause ambiguity in specifications. Such phrases require verification (procedural and regulatory) and assignment of responsibility for determining “or equal” products.

A. Product: TruColor® RapidCure™.

1. Description: Premium, premixed, urethane, water-based grout with color consistency and antimicrobial protection; no color fading, streaking or shading; chemical and stain resistant; and UV-stable.
2. VOC Content: 35 g/L as calculated by SCAQMD Rule 1168.

**Specifier Note:** Select and retain one of the following subparagraphs.

3. Color: Jamoca - H162.
4. Color: Kahlua Cream - H143.
5. Color: Char Black - H139.
6. Color: Portabella - H184.
7. Color: Misty Gray - H144.
8. Color: Alabaster - H189.
9. Color: Delorean Gray - H160.
10. Color: French Gray - H142.
11. Color: Summer Wheat - H150.
12. Color: White - H152.
13. Color: Sand Beige - H148.
14. Color: Mobe Pearl - H145.
15. Color: Natural - H146.
16. Color: Champagne - H138.
17. Color: Almond - H153.
18. Color: Latte - H192.
19. Color: Classic Bone - H158.
20. Color: Shadow - H195.
21. Color: Flash Walnut - H141.
22. Color: Antique White - H135.
23. Color: Linen - H163.
24. Color: As selected by Architect from manufacturer’s full range of colors available.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine substrates, areas, and conditions where materials will be installed, with Installer present, for compliance with requirements for installation tolerances and other conditions affecting performance of the Work.
- B. Proceed with installation only after unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

### 3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Comply with manufacturer’s written instructions, including product technical bulletins and product package instructions.

### 3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. Comply with ANSI A108 and manufacturer's written instructions, including product technical bulletins and product package instructions.
- B. Install materials according to TCNA Installation Method [     ].
- C. Procedure:
  - 1. Lightly dampen tile before grouting.
  - 2. Spread grout over face of tile using the type of float recommended by the manufacturer.
  - 3. Work grout back and forth at 45 degree angle to the face of tile to ensure complete filling of joints.
  - 4. During grouting, clean surfaces according to manufacturer's written instructions so they are free of foreign matter.
  - 5. Allow to cure.

### 3.4 PROTECTION

- A. Limit foot traffic over installation according to manufacturer's written instructions.

END OF SECTION