



# Bostik

## TruColor® RapidCure™

PREMIUM, PRE-MIXED, URETHANE GROUT

### KEY FEATURES

- Consistent color every time
- No sealing required ever
- 3-day water exposure

### DESCRIPTION

Bostik TruColor® RapidCure™ Premium, Pre-Mixed, Urethane Grout is a patented, water-based grout offering the ultimate in color accuracy, water resistance, and stain and crack protection. This breakthrough formulation installs up to 50% faster than traditional grouts and never needs to be sealed. Its perfect balance of flexibility and toughness enables it to exhibit unmatched performance. Unlike other grouts that contain loose color pigments, which can cause staining or be washed away during the installation process, TruColor® RapidCure™ quartz aggregate is color coated to ensure perfect color consistency every time you install. TruColor® RapidCure™ contains Bostik's Blockade® antimicrobial protection, which inhibits the growth of bacteria, mold, or mildew on the surface of the dried grout and enables it to resist stains caused by mold. TruColor® RapidCure™ is approved for intermittent water exposure after only 3 days of cure and full-water submersion after 7 days of cure (see Typical Working Properties chart for details).

TruColor® RapidCure™ offers HXD™ Technology. HXD™ Technology enables only Bostik to offer the highest performance resin system of any premixed grout available. The resin system is the most important factor in grout performance. This breakthrough in polymer chemistry enables Bostik premium, pre-mixed grouts to offer unmatched toughness and water and stain resistance. Bostik HXD™ Technology contains an exceptionally high concentration of cross-linking molecules. This results in a larger, more unified polymer structure, or macro-molecule, which is more durable and resistant to penetration and staining from fluids. These superior characteristics provide unmatched performance in wet environments, which is further enhanced by proprietary additives that repel stains like no other pre-mixed grout.

TruColor® RapidCure™ is designed to have the perfect balance of physical properties in order to provide flexibility, strength, and adhesion, making urethane grouts an excellent choice for a wide variety of applications. TruColor® RapidCure™ contains a built-in urethane sealer technology, so it never needs to be sealed for the life of the installation and it also installs up to 50% faster than traditional grouts.



### PRODUCT BENEFITS

- Premixed for fast, easy installation
- 3-day intermittent water exposure
- Submerged applications
- No powdered pigment additives\*
- No color fading, streaking, or shading – even when wet!
- Does not contribute to efflorescence
- No sealing required ever!
- Chemical and stain resistant
- Re-usable (when stored properly in original container)
- UV stable – colors will not yellow, darken, or fade
- Easy water cleanup
- Non-sag formula ideal for vertical surfaces
- May contribute to USGBC LEED® Credits: MR 4.1 & 4.2 (Recycled Content) and EQ 4.1 (Low-Emitting Materials)

\* White contains some loose pigment

### TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Description	Results
Water Cleanability (per ANSI 118.3)	Pass
Density	14.8 lbs/gal
Vertical Joint Sag (per ANSI 118.3)	Pass
Installation Temperature Range	40°F - 100°F (4°C - 38°C)
Shelf Life	3 years (in original unopened container)
Compressive Strength	>3,500 psi <sup>1</sup>
Tensile Strength	510 psi
Recycled Content	8% pre-consumer recycled glass

<sup>1</sup>Test results were performed in an actual grout joint.

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## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Read and understand this technical data sheet and associated material safety data sheet completely before beginning. Always use protective clothing (gloves and eye protection) when working with grout. When installing tile, follow applicable ANSI, TCNA, and NTCA installation standards.

## MIXING

DO NOT add any water, liquid, or other material to TruColor® RapidCure™. This will cause grout failure and void all warranties. A translucent, milky liquid may be present on the surface of the grout upon opening the container. This is from normal settling during shipment. Mix grout in its pail with a margin trowel to bring grout to a uniform mixture. This mixing process should be approximately one minute. Use of a drill mixer is not recommended as it will introduce excessive air into the product and cause grout sagging on vertical applications, a reduction of color uniformity, and/or other performance issues such as pinholes. Continue to remix grout with margin trowel throughout the grouting process to ensure proper resin dispersion is maintained.

## INSTALLATION

**PRIOR TO GROUTING FULL INSTALLATION, APPLY TO A TEST AREA TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH APPLICATION AND TO ENSURE PRODUCT SATISFACTION.**

### PREPARATION PRIOR TO APPLYING GROUT

- Ensure tile is firmly set and mortar is completely dry. NOTE: When waterproofing, ensure waterproofing products are installed over the mud bed (not under). Wait at least 24 hours after setting tile before grouting with TruColor® RapidCure™. Always follow tile manufacturer's instructions before grouting.
- Remove all spacers, water, debris, and adhesive from tile joints. Make sure the tile and the grout joints are clean and free of any contaminants that may inhibit the bond. For best results, the surface of tile should be at room temperature (70°F/21°C to 75°F/24°C). Urethane materials are affected by temperature and humidity variations. Cool temperatures and/or high humidity will slow cure time.
- To facilitate cleaning it is helpful to pre-seal porous or matte-finished surfaces (including unglazed porcelain, matte-finished glazed tile, and matte glass) with a water-based sealer (natural stone) or grout release (tile), including sides of natural stone. The textured surfaces of these tiles allow the grout to settle into the textured surfaces during application making it more difficult to easily clean. For glass, metal, marble, stone, and other soft tiles, prepare a mockup and test the grout to ensure compatibility and that the grout may be installed without scratching the tile.
- Prior to re-grouting existing grout joints, completely remove all of the old grout and any surface contaminants. Rinse any residual material out of grout joints, then allow joints to completely dry before re-grouting.

### APPLICATION OF GROUT

- Lightly dampen a sponge with clean water and apply to the top of the tile in a 2-to-10 square-foot area (an arm's length). Wet tile enough to dampen while ensuring water is not pooling in grout joints. **INSTALLATION TIP:** Add 1 tablespoon of Dawn® dishwashing liquid per gallon of water and use to pre-wet tile to act as a grout release on matte-finished tile surfaces. **NOTE:** Do not use Dawn® dishwashing liquid in water used to clean up grout after application.



## TYPICAL WORKING PROPERTIES

Description	Time
Working Time	3 hours
Tack-Free Time	8 hours
Ready for Light Foot Traffic	24 hours
Ready for Heavy Foot Traffic	3 days
Stain Resistant (Food, Beverages, etc.)	3 days
Cure Time Before Intermittent Water Exposure (>70°F/21°C and <50% RH)	3 days
Cure time before use in submerged installations**	7 days

\*\*Contact Bostik Technical Services to determine suitability for grouting any tile or stone that is to be submerged.

## CHEMICAL RESISTANCE PROPERTIES (PER ASTM C267)

Chemical Resistance	Typically Found In	Results
Acetic Acid (3%)	Vinegar	Pass
Ammonium Chloride	Shampoo	Pass
Citric Acid Solution (100 g/L)	Household Cleaners	Pass
Lactic Acid	Milk	Pass
Phosphoric Acid (10%)	Household Cleaners	Pass
Sulfamic Acid (10%)	Cleaning Agents	Pass
Sodium Hypochlorite (1:1) 3%	Bleach, Household Chemicals, Disinfectants	Pass
Hydrochloric Acid (10%)	Muriatic Acid	Pass

Results shown are typical and reflect test procedures used by the Tile Council of North America (TCNA).

### WHILE SPREADING GROUT

- Grout small areas at a time. Typically grout a 2-to-10 square-foot area (an arm's length) or an area you can comfortably grout in 2 to 3 minutes. It is more a matter of time spent spreading grout than distance covered. Spreading too far without cleaning within two to three minutes will allow the grout to begin to cure on the surface of the tile and create haze issues. Work grout back and forth along the joint holding the float at a 45 degree angle to the face of the tile ensuring grout joints are completely packed. Ensure you have enough product on the surface of the tile while grouting to ensure you can easily move it around and pack the joints. Then hold the float at a 90 degree angle to the face of the tile and moving the trowel at a 45 degree angle to the line of the grout joint remove the excess grout with the float. This should remove 95% of the grout from the tile surface. **NOTE:** For best results, do not grout a large area, and make sure to clean as you go.



### INITIAL CLEANUP

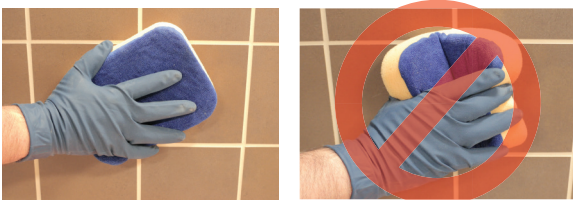
We recommend using a sponge with a blue microfiber on one side and two rinse buckets as follows:

- Double-rinse your sponge before each cleaning by dipping the sponge into the first bucket of water and then the second bucket of water. Squeeze sponge after rinsing in each bucket.
- Using the yellow side of the sponge, lightly work the sponge in a circular motion to loosen grout residue on the surface of the tile and tool and form the grout joints. Now dip the sponge in the second bucket of water. Using the blue side of the sponge, hold the sponge flat on the surface of the tile and wipe off excess grout residue at a 45 degree angle to the grout joints.
- Repeat this process once and then move on to the next grouting area. Remember not to spread an area larger than you can clean within 2 to 3 minutes.

- Change the first bucket of rinse water approximately every 50 to 100 square feet or when the second bucket of rinse water no longer appears clean or clear. This avoids re-depositing the clear urethane binder back on the surface of the tile.
- There is no need to change both buckets of rinse water as you simply move the second bucket into the first bucket position and place the fresh bucket of rinse water in the second bucket position. This saves time and water! Check your work as you clean. Repair any low spots with additional grout. DO NOT over wash grout joints. **INSTALLATION TIP:** If working alone, only grout as far as you can reach (arm's length) before cleaning. If working as a team, one person should grout, while the other(s) are cleaning immediately (no more than 2 to 3 minutes) behind the first person.
- Squeeze as much water out of sponge as possible before placing on tile.



- Place sponge flat on tile surface and use light pressure to ensure a full, flush grout joint. Use light pressure and keep sponge flat on tile surface. Do not bend sponge as this pulls grout from the joint.



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#### AFTER SPREADING GROUT

If this process is followed consistently, the only grout residue remaining should be easily removed by moving a dry cotton (white and lint free) or microfiber cloth across the surface of the tile in a circular motion two or three times.

After grouting, inspect the area to see if you notice a film/haze on the surface of the tile. If you notice a film or haze, lightly tap the grout joints with your finger to ensure the joint is firm and the grout does not transfer to your finger tip. When joint is firm, use an alcohol-based clear glass cleaner (for luxury vinyl tile, test first on a separate piece for compatibility) to remove any residual film or haze. Spray alcohol-based clear glass cleaner on a nylon cleaning pad (such as a microfiber towel or 3M® Doodlebug™) designed for delicate surfaces. Rub the cleaning pad lightly over the urethane haze on the tile being careful not to disturb the grout joints. Excessive haze may require a direct spray on the surface of the tile, more dwell time or repeated cleaning. Do not flood surface with cleaner. Allow cleaner to rest on the tile/stone surface for at least 60 seconds to ensure sufficient penetration. Use a damp sponge and clean water to rinse and remove film and cleaner. Finish by drying the tile surface with a clean towel or cloth. Remove any remaining film/haze before moving to next area to be grouted. This process eliminates the chances of having to go back for secondary haze removal (next day).

**NOTE:** Videos for the prevention and removal of haze are available at [www.youtube.com/BostikUSA](http://www.youtube.com/BostikUSA).

#### 18 LB. UNIT COVERAGE CHART (FT<sup>2</sup>)

Tile Size	1/8"	3/16"	1/4"	5/16"	3/8"	1/2"
1" x 1" x 1/4"	63	32	-	-	-	-
2" x 2" x 1/4"	126	63	-	-	-	-
3" x 6" x 3/16"	402	206	140	108	-	-
4" x 4" x 3/16"	382	196	134	102	-	-
4 1/4" x 4 1/4" x 5/16"	214	107	71	54	36	27
4" x 8" x 1/2"	168	84	56	42	28	21
6" x 6" x 1/2"	189	95	63	47	32	24
8" x 8" x 3/8"	337	168	112	84	56	42
12" x 12" x 3/8"	505	253	168	126	84	63
13" x 13" x 3/8"	547	274	182	137	91	68
16" x 16" x 3/8"	673	337	224	168	112	84
18" x 18" x 3/8"	758	379	253	189	126	95
24" x 24" x 3/8"	1010	505	337	253	168	126

#### 9 LB. UNIT COVERAGE CHART (FT<sup>2</sup>)

Tile Size	1/8"	3/16"	1/4"	5/16"	3/8"	1/2"
1" x 1" x 1/4"	32	16	-	-	-	-
2" x 2" x 1/4"	63	32	-	-	-	-
3" x 6" x 3/16"	201	103	70	54	-	-
4" x 4" x 3/16"	191	98	67	51	-	-
4 1/4" x 4 1/4" x 5/16"	107	54	36	27	18	13
4" x 8" x 1/2"	84	42	28	21	14	11
6" x 6" x 1/2"	95	47	32	24	16	12
8" x 8" x 3/8"	168	84	56	42	28	21
12" x 12" x 3/8"	253	126	84	63	42	32
13" x 13" x 3/8"	274	137	91	68	46	34
16" x 16" x 3/8"	337	168	112	84	56	42
18" x 18" x 3/8"	379	189	126	95	63	47
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Average coverage per container - coverage will vary based on tile size, joint width, and depth.

#### RESIDUAL HAZE

If additional haze removal is necessary, Bostik Blaze™ Urethane Grout Haze Cleaner or Texspar Plus™ may be used. Make sure the grout is sufficiently cured to withstand light finger pressure without losing form. The approximate waiting time before additional cleaning is 3 hours in low humidity/warm temperature (<50% RH and >70°F/21°C) environments and 6 hours in high humidity/cool temperature (>50% RH and <70°F/21°C) environments. Spray Blaze™ on a nylon cleaning pad (such as a 3M® Doodlebug™) designed for delicate surfaces. Rub the cleaning pad lightly over the urethane haze on the tile being careful not to disturb the grout joints.

Excessive haze may require direct spray on surface, more dwell time or repeated cleaning. Do not flood surface with cleaner. Allow Blaze™ to rest on the tile/stone surface for at least 60 seconds to ensure sufficient penetration. Use a damp sponge and clean water to remove film and cleaner.

Finish by drying the tile surface with a clean towel or cloth. If the product has remained on the floor an extended period of time prior to cleaning or excessive residual product was not removed by Blaze™ use Texspar Plus™. See technical data sheet for use details. Contact Bostik Technical Service if a persistent haze exists.

## MAINTENANCE

After grout has completely cured, for daily cleaning, use a neutral pH, water-based cleaner designed to be used for ceramic tile. Periodically or when grout joints appear soiled, a mild abrasive everyday household cleaner such as Soft Scrub® with bleach may be used. Apply Soft Scrub® with bleach directly on the grout joint and allow it to sit for approximately 5 minutes. Then, gently scrub the grout joints with a white scrub pad, rinse and allow to dry. DO NOT use undiluted bleach or other harsh chemicals. The use of "No Rinse" and/or acid-based cleaners is not recommended.

## CURE TIME & PROTECTION

- Humidity, more than temperature, affects the rate at which TruColor® RapidCure™ cures. The lower the humidity, the faster the cure.
- Under normal conditions, light foot traffic is acceptable after 24 hours; heavy foot traffic after 72 hours.
- Let cure at least 72 hours before exposure to food stains.
- For **ANY** area that will later receive intermittent water exposure, allow the area to cure 3 days.
- Wait 7 days before exposing grouted area to household cleaners (see Chemical Resistance Properties Table).
- Protect outdoor installations (having proper drainage-no standing water) for 3 days by tenting the grouted area (at least one foot above the surface).
- Protect grout from stains and chemicals while curing.

## LIMITATIONS

- Follow manufacturer's instructions for setting materials, waterproofing, anti-fracture membranes, etc., used on the job.
- Minimum recommended grout joint width is 1/16" for floors and walls.
- Maximum recommended grout joint width is 1/2" for floors and 1/4" for walls.
- Do not use with river rock or pebble tiles as joints may exceed 1/2".
- Do not use as a setting mortar.
- Not for use in heavy commercial or industrial applications (i.e., chemical plants, commercial kitchens, commercial showers, shipping/receiving, service areas, dairies, breweries, meat packing houses, etc.), or in areas subjected to harsh or persistent chemicals or enzymatic cleaners, or areas exposed to aggressive cleaning routines such as pressure washing or steam cleaning.
- Not a replacement for a waterproofing membrane. When a waterproofing system is required under ceramic tile or stone, consult Bostik Technical Service.
- Do not use on slabs with high moisture emission rates. **NOTE:** When waterproofing, ensure waterproofing products are installed over the mud bed (not under).
- Protect grout from stains and chemicals during the cure process.
- Do not grout when tile surface is above 100°F (38°C).
- Do not use vinegar or acid solutions for clean up during installation process.
- Do not use for commercial re-grouting or wet environment re-grouting installations, including showers, steam showers, and outdoor applications.
- Use care when grouting glass, metal, or polished surfaces to avoid scratching. Test on a small area first.
- Use of a sealer before grouting is always recommended on frosted glass, marble, stone, slate and other natural, porous tiles.
- For installations that require enhanced chemical resistance, use Bostik 1900™.
- For installations where a high chemical and stain resistance is required, use EZPoxy™ EZClean™ which meets ANSI A118.3.

- Use an approved waterproofing membrane on top of mud bed installations before installing tile or stone. Follow manufacturers' recommendations for all waterproofing materials. For liquid-applied waterproofing materials, apply to within 1" of any drains to prevent weep hole blockage.
- Use of enzymatic floor cleaners will void all warranties.
- Caulk all corners (floor/wall change of plane) with an appropriate caulk after grout has cured, such as Bostik Pure Silicone™ Sealant or Tub and Tile Caulk™.
- Long-term exposure to any substance increases the potential for staining.

## STORAGE/SHELF LIFE

- TruColor® RapidCure™ can be used for a period of up to three (3) years from date of manufacturer if stored in original unopened container at temperatures above 32°F (0°C).
- After opening, TruColor® RapidCure™ can be saved for reuse if properly resealed in original container (always wipe the pail lip clean prior to resealing to ensure proper seal is achieved with the vapor lock lid).
- Do not freeze.

## CAUTION

IRRITANT. MAY IRRITATE EYES, SKIN AND RESPIRATORY TRACT. Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing. Do not breathe fumes. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling. Store container in a cool, dry area with lid tightly sealed. Do not reuse container.

## KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

## FIRST AID TREATMENT

Contains silicon dioxide, polyurethane polymer, and titanium dioxide. If in eyes or on skin, rinse with water for at least 15 minutes. If swallowed, call a Poison Control Center or doctor immediately. Do not induce vomiting.

## SEE SAFETY DATA SHEET

**CHEMICAL EMERGENCY:** 800-424-9300 (USA),  
703-527-3887 (International)

**MEDICAL EMERGENCY:** 866-767-5089

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