

Instruction Guide 16

# GROUT PROTECTION

For all types of cement based wall and floor grout between glazed ceramics and glazed and unglazed porcelain.

Most grouting is water resistant and not waterproof so it absorbs moisture. It is normally moisture carrying dirt particles that will discolour grout. The following instructions are a guide to help ensure that your grouted joints will remain protected and easy to clean for many years.

## THE 3 STEP INSTRUCTION OVERVIEW (see page 2 for more information)

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### LTP Grout Stain Remover

Coverage 1 litre/50m<sup>2</sup>



### INITIAL CLEANING OF NEWLY INSTALLED SURFACES IF REQUIRED (used surfaces see page 2).

**LTP GROUT STAIN REMOVER:** Cleans and removes residual grout from the surface of the tiles (not to be used on acid sensitive surfaces such as limestone and marble).



Dilute LTP Grout Stain Remover 1:5 with water.



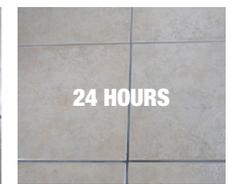
Apply solution to the surface with a mop or sponge. Under floor heating must be off.



Agitate with a stiff brush or emulsifying pad.



Rinse well with plenty of water.



Allow the surface to dry.

**EQUIPMENT:** Bucket, mop, scrubber or scrubber dryer machine if available.

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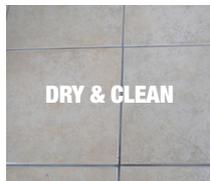
### LTP Grout & Tile Protector

Coverage 1 litre/15m<sup>2</sup>



### PROTECT AGAINST STAINS (for more information see page 2).

**LTP GROUT & TILE PROTECTOR:** Invisible finish – protects against water, oil, grease dirt, grime and aids maintenance.



Surfaces must be clean and dry. Under floor heating must be off.



Spray 15-20cm from the surface along the grout joint.



Allow to dry. Do not walk on the surface for at least 2-3 hours.



Test area with a little water and apply another coat if water is absorbed.



Protect from water for 24 hours.

### DEEPER WIDER JOINTS

**LTP GROUT PROTECTOR (for walls and floors):** Liquid impregnating sealer.

**NOTE:** If using this product, any excess sealer on the surface of tiles either side of the joint must be removed within 30 minutes. This should be done using a dry towel.

**EQUIPMENT:** Respiratory mask, gloves.

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### LTP Waxwash



### REGULAR MAINTENANCE (for more information see page 2).

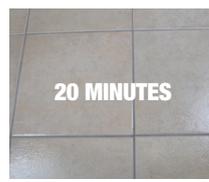
**LTP WAXWASH:** A mild detergent that will clean without removing the seal.



Add one cap full of product to one bucket of water.



Mop the surface of the tiles and grout joints with the solution. Do not rinse.



Allow to dry. Do not walk on the surface during drying time – 20 minutes.

A one litre LTP Waxwash will wash a 20 sq.m floor 40 times.

**EQUIPMENT:** Bucket, mop.

Always read the product label before proceeding.

## NEWLY INSTALLED SURFACES

**BEFORE SEALING:** Surfaces must be thoroughly cleaned.

### 1 CLEANING AND REFURBISHING – Used and heavily soiled surfaces

- Before sealing the tiles and grout joints must be thoroughly cleaned. Residues from aftercare products and deposits must be removed.
- Dilute LTP Grimex 1:3 with water, apply to the surface with a sponge or water brush and leave to sit on the surface of the tiles for as long as it takes for the dirt to release. 5-30 minutes depending upon the level of dirt.
- Agitate the joints and the surface of the tiles with a nylon pad or scrubbing brush and leave for a further 5 minutes (scrubber machines can be used).
- Continue to scrub while adding clean water. Remove residues from the surface using a cloth or scrubber dryer machine.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean fresh water using a mop to remove all remaining residues.
- Allow the surface to dry for a minimum of 12 hours before applying the protective seal.
- For the removal of other types of dirt refer to the table below.
- If you are unsure please call our helpline for advice.

### OTHER TYPES OF DIRT

Care product residues, ground in dirt and grime	LTP Grimex or LTP Power Stripper
Mould and mildew	LTP Mouldex
Deeply engrained oil stains	LTP Spot Stain Remover and LTP Fullers Earth

### 2 PROTECTIVE SEAL TREATMENTS

- LTP Grout & Tile Protector and LTP Grout Protector (for walls and floors) will render the surface water and oil repellent.
- This product prevents staining, aids cleaning and simplifies the removal of surface stains.
- Provides an invisible barrier of protection that will not greatly alter the surface character. Overspray on most surfaces dries invisible.
- There are no health concerns once the product has properly cured.
- LTP Grout & Tile Protector and LTP Grout Protector (for walls and floors) are micro porous and allow microscopic transition of moisture, so can be used 20-30 minutes after grouting and dusting off.
- Suitable for internal and external use.
- If surfaces are properly maintained we recommend touching up the protective treatment every 3-4 years.

NB. Always test the product on an inconspicuous area. Very wet surfaces cannot be treated. Overspray on highly glazed or polished surfaces may in some cases leave a slight residue. In which case wipe up residues within 5 minutes. If stubborn residues are left on the surface these can be removed with the application of more LTP Grout & Tile Protector which should then be buffed off immediately. Do not spray on to acrylic or stained timber surfaces.

### 3 MAINTENANCE

#### LTP WAXWASH (for floors)

Formulated for use on glazed and unglazed tiles this product is ideal for washing tiles and grouting sealed with LTP Grout & Tile Protector. Use it routinely in place of your normal detergent. 1 litre will wash a 20 square metre floor 40 times.



#### LTP STONEWASH (for walls)

A gentle surface cleaner formulated for use in bathrooms and kitchens. This product will clean without breaking down and removing protective seals.



#### LTP MOULDEX (for walls and floors)

Effectively removes mould, dirt and grime from grouting and silicone.

A unique easy to use gel based spray on formula.



NB. Always follow the detailed instructions on the product labels. Do not use abrasive materials on mechanically polished surfaces. Avoid using normal detergents or strong bleach cleaners on sealed surfaces as they will gradually remove the protective seal.

This information is offered without guarantee. The material should be used so as to take account of the local conditions and the surfaces to be treated. In case of doubt, the product should be tried out in an inconspicuous area.  
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