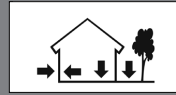




SCHÖNOX® WD FLEX

User-friendly, waterrepellent, flexible grouting mortar

for narrow joints according to DIN 18 352. For grouting of stoneware and earthenware tiles in interior and exterior areas for wall and floor application.



Product characteristics

- EMI CODE EC 1^{PLUS}: very low emission
- fulfills CG2 WA requirements according to EN 13888
- flexible
- water-resistant
- frost resistant
- slurry
- very smooth application
- very fine visual appearance
- water repellent (compared to standard joint filler)
- solid proofing (compared to standard joint filler)
- synthetic resin-modified
- highly fillable
- high adhesion to flanks
- suitable for application on subfloor heating systems
- hardening without cracks
- low in chromate according to REACH

Applications

SCHÖNOX WD FLEX is suitable for grouting of:

- earthenware tiles
- earthenware
- stoneware tiles with a water absorption capacity > 3 %
- natural stones not sensitive to discolouration

SCHÖNOX WD FLEX is suitable for grouting:

- for walls and floors for interior and exterior use

SCHÖNOX WD FLEX is free of silica sand and is also suitable for grouting of ceramics with sensitive surfaces.

Use SCHÖNOX CF DESIGN on surfaces which are often cleaned using acidic cleaning agents.

By grouting on non-slip or rough-surfaced floorings, the remaining bloom must be carefully removed being still fresh (carry out a trial grouting as well as a trial cleaning).

In case of open-pored coverings, colour pigments can adhere to the micropores in the surface of the slabs. A strong colour contrast between the tiles and the grouts should be avoided.

If there is no information about grouting or pre-treatment of the tiles on the packaging, we recommend asking the manufacturer about factory pre-treatment. In case no factory pre-treatment is existent or in case of doubt a trial grouting has to be carried out, respectively a cleaning agent manufacturer has to be contacted concerning grouting assistance / impregnation.

For laying and grouting glass mosaic in steam-baths we recommend using the epoxy resin adhesive and grouting mortar SCHÖNOX CF DESIGN.

Requirements of substrate

- Flanks of joints must be clean and free of separating substances.
- Immediately after laying, raking-out the joints to tile thickness evenly.
- The point for grouting tiles laid according to the thin-bed method is depending on the used tile adhesive and is in-between 3 and 24 hours. In the case of large-format tiles, the time until the tile adhesive has hardened can affect the substrate's absorbency and the climatic conditions. If necessary, fast-setting SCHÖNOX tile adhesives must be included.
- Using the thick-bed method, the mortar must be sufficiently hard and dry, grouting at the earliest after 7 days.
- The requirements of DIN 18 352 are applicable.

Mixing ratio

- For 15,0 kg SCHÖNOX WD FLEX approx. 4,2 l water
- For 5,0 kg SCHÖNOX WD FLEX approx. 1,3 - 1,4 l water

Technical data

- Pot life: approx. 2 hours at +20 °C
- Ready for foot traffic: after approx. 12 hours
- fully loadable: after approx. 7 days.
- Application temperature: not below +5 °C
- Joint width: from 1 to 6 mm
- Material consumption: 0,3 - 0,8 kg/m², depending on tile size and size of the grout
- Colour: available in various colors
- Temperature resistance: -20 °C up to +80 °C



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Recommended method of working

- Using a clean receptacle, add SCHÖNOX WD FLEX to cold clean water to form a homogeneous mixture. Use of a mixer with 600 rpm is recommended.
- The grout mortar is deeply inserted into the grout with a slurry consistency using a rubber squeegee, sponge board, hand sponge or grout float.
- To achieve an optimum filling of the joint, repeat the grouting, avoid to powder the joints.
- After the grout mortar starts setting (finger test) use a sponge board for washing the outlines and cleaning.
- For clean and rapid grouting we recommend using a grouting box.
- For grouting of low absorbent tiles (stoneware tiles > 3 %) reduce the mixing water.

Packaging

- 15,0 kg paper sack
- 5,0 kg polyethylene-aluminum bag (4 pieces per box)

Storage

- Store SCHÖNOX WD FLEX in cool, dry conditions.
- 15,0 kg paper bag, storage life 18 month
- 5,0 polyethylene-aluminum bag, storage life 24 month
- Opened packages should be closed immediately and used up as soon as possible.

Disposal

- Empty packaging completely and dispose of in accordance with regulations
- For the disposal of product residues, waste water and containers with adherent product residues please follow the local governmental regulations.

EMICODE

- EC 1^{PLUS}: very low emission

GISCODE

- ZP1 - cement products, low in chromate

EPD - Self-declaration

Sika Deutschland GmbH declares that the product fulfills the criteria for modified mineral mortars of group 1.

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

acc. to ISO 14025 and EN 15804

Owner of declaration

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Instructions

- Brighter colours may become soiled faster than darker colours, especially in floor and outside areas.
- Protect ceramic coverings during and after grouting against direct sunlight and draughts.
- Clean tools in water immediately after use.
- All values are approximate and are subject to local climatic fluctuations.
- All information applies to standard conditions.
- SCHÖNOX WD FLEX contains cement. Alkaline reaction when it comes in contact with moisture, therefore protect skin, eyes and respiratory system. Do not breathe in dust. In case of contact rinse immediately with plenty of water. In case of contact with eyes seek additional medical advice.
- Uneven effects of moisture caused by, e.g. the substructure, mortar bed or covering may result in colour shading in the structure of the grouts. This does not effect the quality of the grouting material and may increasingly normalize if the environmental conditions are good. We do not accept any warranty for differences in the colour tone.
- The use of SCHÖNOX WD FLEX does not replace the necessity for sealing measures.
- When selecting the grouting, we recommend always observing the specifications of the ceramics manufacturer.
- Slight colour deviations are possible. Therefore use only grout mortar with the same lot number on the same object.
- For care and cleaning of the grouted surfaces, we recommend using neutral cleaning agents. After cleaning, the surface should be rinsed with clear water.
- The grouting with SCHÖNOX WD FLEX is not acid-proof. Acidic cleaners that are made using, e.g. citric acid, acetic acid or other acids may lead to long-term damages to the grout. Therefore cleaning preferably should be done by using neutral or slightly alkaline cleaning agents. When using these cleaning agents, observe the instructions of the manufacturer and avoid overdosing. Improper cleaning voids the warranty.
- The surfaces should be wetted before using acidic cleaning agent in order to close the pores with water. After cleaning, the surfaces should be rinsed with water to neutralise them.
- Areas which are grouted with SCHÖNOX WD FLEX can be cleaned with household steam cleaners (without using scrabbers) 7 days after grouting.
- In walkable showers (without shower basin) we recommend to use SCHÖNOX UF PREMIUM or SCHÖNOX CF DESIGN for the floor.

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The applicable recommendations, guidelines, DIN regulations and safety data sheets are to be observed, together with the recognised architectural and engineering regulations. We guarantee that our products leave the factory in perfect condition. While our recommendations for use are based on tests and practical experience, they can only provide general guidance without any assurance as to product characteristics, since we have no influence over the conditions on site, the execution of the work or the method of processing. This product data sheet supersedes all previous editions.



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