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ARDEX WA Installation and Cleaning Tips

Please see below for a summary of best practices for installing and cleaning ARDEX WA.

Temperatures: The room and substrate temperature should be between 50 - 85° F (10 - 30° C).

Tools: Quality epoxy grout float, White Scotch Brite pad and an ARDEX sponge.

Application:

Mixing – The resin (part A) and hardener (part B) components must be mixed together completely in the resin container using a drill and mixing paddle. When removing the hardener (part B) from its container, be sure to scrape out all the material completely using a margin trowel, spatula or paint stick.

Installation - The installation of the WA can be carried out according to the ARDEX WA technical data sheet.

Cleaning: All epoxy materials can yellow in certain environments. Therefore, a 3-step cleaning process, as detailed below, is best practice.

Initial cleaning (15-20 minutes after installation): Wet the surface (wall/floor) with a little water using a pump sprayer. Then use a white Scotch Brite pad (without additional water) to re-emulsify the surface and smooth the joints. The dissolved residues are then removed with an ARDEX sponge. IMPORTANT: Dissolved residue must not dry on the surface. The washing water must be changed often.

Second Cleaning (60-90 minutes after initial cleaning): Clean with a mixture of a high alkaline cleaner (pH 12-14) and water in a mixing ratio of 1:10, with the aid of a pump sprayer and an ARDEX sponge. Allow the cleaner to sit on the surface for 5-10 minutes before rinsing.

Final Cleaning (next day): Clean with a mixture of the high alkaline cleaner and water using a pump sprayer, white Scotch Brite pad and an ARDEX sponge. The cleaner can be applied undiluted and scrubbed for heavy epoxy residue. Allow the cleaner/water mixture to sit on the surface for 15-30 minutes, depending on the severity of grout residue. In the case of heavy residue, repeat the procedure and increase the reaction time to 60 minutes. Be careful not to allow the dissolved residues to dry up!

Should you have any questions on this information, please contact the ARDEX Technical Service Department.

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