

# Grout Sealer

## Problem Solving Guide



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**Problem:** If the product problem you are experiencing is not covered by the guide then it is most likely something that is job specific. Therefore please contact Aqua Mix directly for more detailed advice and information.

**Solutions:** The solutions described are not necessarily the only way to solve the specific problem. However they are based on giving you the most efficient and direct solution without resorting to more complex solutions that may require a professional. If the solutions outlined do not solve the problem it is most likely job specific. Therefore please contact Aqua Mix directly for more detailed advice and information.

**Note:** Please read the full product label before using any product and observe the Test Area instruction noted on all labels.

Problem	Reason	Solution
Visible residue on surface.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Too much sealer applied.</li> <li>• Excess sealer residue not completely wiped dry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Aqua Mix NanoScrub, clean water</li> <li>• Use Aqua Mix NanoScrub clean water and white nylon pad.</li> </ul>
Does not seal/water does not bead on surface.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not enough sealer applied.</li> <li>• Grout was not dry before sealing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow grout to dry until it can accept water.</li> <li>• Apply another even coat of sealer.</li> </ul>
Patchy look to sealed surface.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sealer applied unevenly or grout too damp before application.</li> <li>• Grout unevenly hydrated before sealing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean grout with Aqua Mix NanoScrub and apply another even coat.</li> <li>• For unevenly hydrated grout apply Aqua Mix Grout Colorant.</li> </ul>
Surface water beading reduces after a few weeks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is normal as a small amount of excess sealer is worn off leaving the active sealer below the surface.</li> <li>• No need to reseal.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Sealer does not bead water even after several applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sealer has not cured because grout is too damp.</li> <li>• Has been previously cleaned with an incompatible cleaner such as acid.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reseal after grout has properly dried.</li> <li>• If an incompatible cleaner has been use, clean grout with Aqua Mix Concentrated Stone and Tile Cleaner, rinse well with water and allow to thoroughly dry before resealing.</li> </ul>
Sealer effect disappears after heavy duty cleaning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sealer may be damaged when cleaned with harsh cleaners such as acids, bleaches or by steam cleaning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only maintain sealed grout with ph neutral cleaners such as Aqua Mix Concentrated Stone and Tile Cleaner.</li> </ul>