

**BUMA-TG®** 

# **CERACOLOR USG**

Unsanded, abrasion resistance tile/ stone grout for width from 1-4mm



Hard surface

Low water absorption

Low shrinkage rate

# No crack









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#### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Unsanded tile grout **Ceracolor USG** is made up of a blend of white cement, find-grained inert materials, synthetic polymers, special additive and pigments. **Ceracolor USG** is classified to CG2A in compiance with TCVN 7899:3 – 2008 and EN 13888, ISO 13007-3 and zero VOC certification

## **USES**

• Ceracolor USG is designed for internal (included wet area) grouting of floors and walls, and finishes in all types of tile, stone, glass mosaic or marble mosaic

#### **PACKAGING**

01 kg/bag (20kgs/carton box)

#### **COLOUR**

Refer to color chart - 20 colors

#### CONSUMPTION

 $kg/m^2 = (A+B)xCxDx1.5xK/(AxB)$ 

A, B, C is dimension of tile or stone
D is width of joint
K is wastage ratio (K=1.1-1.2)
All dimensions must be in mm

#### SHELF LIFE

Factory sealed containers of this product are guaranteed to be of first quality for eighteen (18) months\* if stored off the ground in a dry area

\* High humidity will reduce the shelf life of bagged product

## **LIMITATIONS**

- Do not use where hard chemical resistance is required. Instead, use epoxy grout Cerapoxy
- Do not use acid to clean grout joints
- Do not allow grout to harden on the face of the tile; clean promptly
- Jobsite conditions can affect the final color of colored grouts. Try a small test area to determine your results before grouting entire installation
- Do not mix with cement or other products, and never add water **Ceracolor** once it has started to set
- Do not mix Ceracolor with salt-water or dirty water
- Do not use **Ceracolor** for expansion joint and movement joints on wall and floors.
- In the case of tiles or slabs of stone material which have micro-porosity or rough surface, carry out a preliminary test on a small piece to check whether it may be easily cleaned. If necessary, treat the surface with a suitable sealer such as BUMASEAL S or BUMASEAL S PLUS.
- In swimming pool: use Ceracolor USG mix with tile grout admixture Ceracolor Admix or Ceracolor USG Extra, epoxy tile grout Cerapoxy

#### **INSTALLATION**

# **Surface preparation**

- Before grouting the joints, wait until the installation mortar or the adhesive is complete set
- Remove spacers and debris in grout joints and remove dust and dirt using a wet sponge
- The joints must be empty down to at least 2/3 of thickness of the tiles
- Adhesive, mortar must be removed from the joints whilst still fresh
- Do not leave water standing in joints
- Substrate temperature must be between 4°C and 32°C
- Apply grout release or sealer if necessary

# Mixing

- Pour **Ceracolor USG** into a clean water or tile grout admixture **Ceracolor Admix** while mixing, at a ratio of 33-38% by weight
- Stir the mixture, preferably with a low-speed mixer to avoid drawing in air, until a smooth paste is obtained
- Allow to slake for 3 5 minutes and remix
- Use the mix within 01 hour

# **Application**

- Fill the joints with **Ceracolor USG** mixture using BUMATECH rubber grout tool
- Ensure that join is filled and grout is not sitting on top (i.e. "bridging the joint")

Remove excess grout the face of the tiles with the edge of the rubber grout float. Hold the float at a 90° angle and pull it at a 45° angle diagonally across the joints and tile to avoid pulling out the material

- When the mixture loses its flexibility and becomes opaque (usually takes place after 10-20 minutes), remove remaining grout with a damp sponge (not wet) or a damp towel. Work diagonally to the joints. Allow to dry
- If the cleaning operations carried out too soon (the mix is still too runny), some of the mix may be removed from the joints

# Cleaning

- Due to high adhesion strength of this product (even on metals), tools should be washed before mixture becomes harden
- Once mixture setting, cleaning can only be carried out by mechanical method

# **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

- In case of contact with the eyes, rinse with running water (10-15min)
- Wear protective gloves, clothing and eyes and face protection.

## **DISCLAIMER**

- Technical details and reccomendations contained in this product datasheet correspond to the best of our knowledge and experiences at the time of printing
- These detail offered for user's consideration and evaluation. It is the responsibility of the user to conduct their own tests to validate the suitability of the products for their requests
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- The newest technical date sheet will be supplied upon user request

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# PRODUCT PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES

Test	Test Method	Specification	Result
Flexural strength under standard conditions	TCVN 7899-4:2008 ISO 13007-3:2010	> 2.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	> 6.5 N/mm²
Flexural strength after freeze-thaw cycles		> 2.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	> 4.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Compressive strength under standard conditions		> 15.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	> 25.0 N/mm²
Compressive strength after freeze-thaw cycles		> 15.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	> 20.0 N/mm²
Abrasion resistance		< 2000 mm <sup>3</sup>	< 900 mm <sup>3</sup>
Shrinkage		< 3.0 mm/m	< 2.0 mm/m
Water absorption after 30 mins		≤ 5.0 g	Pass
Water absorption after 240 mins		≤ 10.0 g	
Pot life (29°C)	n/a	n/a	1hour
VOC content	USEPA Method 24	≤ 65 g/l	0 g/l

Specifications subject to change without notification. Results shown are typical but reflect test procedures used. Actual field performance will depend on installation methods and site conditions