

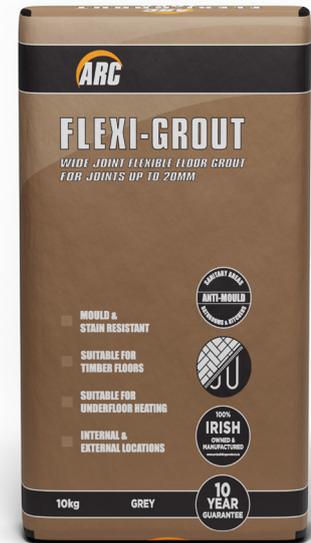
# Technical Data Sheet

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## ARC FLEXI-GROUT

### DESCRIPTION

Arc Flexi-Grout is a cement-based, highly polymer-modified, flexible joint filling compound, for tile joints from 3mm up to 20mm wide around all types of ceramic floor and wall tiles. Arc Flexi-Grout is formulated to type CG2 and it is easily applied using a sponge or rubber squeegee. Arc Flexi-Grout will dry to give improved adhesion and flexural strength, ideal for floors where slight movement and vibration can be expected. Its' durable, anti-mould and water-resistant finish makes it suitable for internal and external locations and also in fully immersed locations.



### SURFACE PREPERATION

Check that all tiles are securely fixed and that the adhesive has thoroughly dried before applying any load or pressure to the tiled surface. Ensure all joints are raked clear of any excess adhesive residues to allow an even and consistent depth of grout to be applied in all areas.

Note: Certain types of tile may be porous and hence prone to surface discolouration. Natural stone and porous, un-glazed tiles are particularly at risk from permanent discolouration. Apply mixed grout to a spare tile to determine whether staining is likely and consult the tile manufacturer prior as to whether they recommend a suitable sealing compound to protect the surface.

### MIX PREPARATION

Arc Flexi-Grout should be added to water in a clean container whilst mechanically stirring and mixing thoroughly to give a smooth, consistent and easily worked mortar. The recommended mixing proportions by volume are approximately 1 part water to 4 parts powder (2 litres per 10kg of powder). Do not add more water than is necessary as this may prolong drying, modify colour shade and significantly reduce the compressive strength of the cured grout. Part-used grout should never be "freshened up" with later water additions, but should always be discarded once it appears to lose workability. In ideal conditions (20°C), Flexi-Grout will remain workable for 40 minutes and then reach final set after about 24 hours. When grouting over a large area using several bags of grout, ensure all mixes are from the same batch and that a consistent and identical water addition is used for each mix.

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### APPLICATION METHOD

Use a rubber squeegee to work the grout thoroughly and consistently into the tile joints, removing the excess as work proceeds across the tiled area. Fine grout residues can be washed away with a lightly damp cloth or sponge up to 2 hours after application, with a final clean finish being achieved using a dry cloth to polish the surface when the joints have dried and hardened by the next day. Arc Flexi-Grout will be more difficult to remove from tiled surfaces when dry therefore extra care is necessary to ensure residues are completely removed.

### COVERAGE

This will depend on the tile size, joint width and depth and the Grout Coverage Factor, which for Flexi-Grout is 1.7. The approximate grout requirements for square or rectangular tiles can be estimated as follows:

**(Tile length + Tile width) x Joint width x Joint depth x 1.7/(Tile length x Tile width)**

Joint Width	Tile Size(mm)	Floor Grout	Joint Width	Tile Size(mm)	Floor Grout
8mm	300 x 300 x 10	0.91kg/m <sup>2</sup>	5mm	150 x 150 x 5	0.57kg/m <sup>2</sup>
10mm	200 x 100 x 8	2.04kg/m <sup>2</sup>	6mm	108 x 108 x 4	0.76kg/m <sup>2</sup>
5mm	200 x 200 x 6	0.51kg/m <sup>2</sup>	6mm	250 x 250 x 6	0.49kg/m <sup>2</sup>

You can use our free online grout calculator at [arcbuildingproducts.ie/calculators](http://arcbuildingproducts.ie/calculators) for an estimator of how much grout is needed based on the tile size and the total area to be grouted.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Mix Ratio	Pot Life	Initial Set	Final Set	Wet Bulk Density
4 parts powder to 1 part water	40-60 minutes	4-6 hours	24 hours	2.15kg/litre

### STORAGE & PACKAGING

This product has a shelf life of 12 months if stored in its original unopened packaging in normal dry conditions. It is supplied in 10kg multi-ply moisture resistant paper sacks.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

Arc Flexi-Grout contains Portland cement and is therefore classified as irritating to eyes and skin. Consult the Arc Flexi-Grout material safety data sheet for advice on handling and safety procedures.

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### NOTE

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