

# Fugaflex

Water-based flexibilizing agent for mineral grouts.

Fugaflex increases the flexibility of grouts, guaranteeing the continuity of coverings laid on deformable substrates or subject to thermal expansion.



1. Increases adhesion
2. Does not alter workability and ease of cleaning; returns surfaces rapidly to normal use
3. Improves water-repellence and surface hardness

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## Areas of application

### → Use

Additive for mineral grouts.

Materials to be grouted:

- porcelain tiles, low thickness slabs, ceramic tiles, klinker, cotto, glass and ceramic mosaic, of all types and formats
- natural stone, recomposed materials, marble

Internal and external flooring and walls, in domestic, commercial and industrial applications and street furniture, in environments subject to heavy traffic, swimming pools, baths and fountains, to grout deformable substrates, also in areas subject to thermal shock and freezing.

Do not use on floors and walls where specific chemical resistances or absolutely no water absorbency are required; to grout elastic expansion or fractionizing joints; on substrates which are highly deformable, not fully dry or subject to moisture rising; on tiles or materials with porous or rough surfaces that are difficult to clean.

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## Instructions for use

### → Preparation of substrates

Check that tiles have been laid correctly and are anchored perfectly to the substrate. Apply grout to dry substrates. Any water or moisture rising can cause salt to build up on the surface or shade variations. Any dust and loose debris must be removed from the joints by carefully cleaning them with a vacuum cleaner.

### → Preparation

Fugaflex is used to prepare Fugabella and Fugarok grouts in partial replacement of the mixing water. Mix Fugaflex with water in the desired ratio into a clean container and add the grout gradually, mixing the paste from the bottom upwards with a low-rev ( $\approx 400/\text{min}$ ) helicoidal agitator until an even-coloured, lump-free paste is obtained. The mixing ratio indicated on the packaging is an approximate value. It is possible to obtain mixtures with consistency of variable thixotropy according to the application to be made.

### → Application

Mix Fugabella or Fugarok with Fugaflex and apply evenly on the surface of the covering with a spreader or hard rubber float. Seal the joints by completely grouting them applying the grout diagonally to the tiles. Begin cleaning the tilework when the grout is touch dry into the joint. Use circular movements to soften the film of hardened grout on the tiles and finish cleaning the joint surface. When cleaning, use an even amount of water on the whole surface to prevent any shade variations. Make sure clean water is used at all times, using appropriate trays with grills and cleaning rollers for the sponge.

### → Cleaning

Residual traces of Fugaflex can be removed from tools with water before the product has hardened.

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## Special notes

→ Before grouting highly porous surface coverings, or at high temperatures, wipe a damp sponge over the surface to close the porosity or to cool the surface, being careful not to cause water to stagnate in the joints.

→ Using Fugaflex Eco does not significantly alter the workability characteristics of Fugabella and Fugarok grouts.

# Certificates and marks



\* Émission dans l'air intérieur Information sur le niveau d'émission de substances volatiles dans l'air intérieur, présentant un risque de toxicité par inhalation, sur une échelle de classe allant de A+ (très faibles émissions) à C (fortes émissions).

# Abstract

For mineral grouts with reduced water absorption and low modulus of elasticity, replace part of the mixing water with eco-friendly, water-based flexibilizing agent for normal and rapid setting grouts, such as Fugaflex by Kerakoll Spa. Partial replacement of water determines an average coverage of  $\approx$  \_\_\_\_ kg of Fugaflex / 1 kg of cement-based grout.

Technical Data compliant with Kerakoll Quality Standard		
Appearance	white liquid	
Specific weight	≈ 1 kg/dm³	
Shelf life	≈ 12 months from production in the original sealed packaging	
Warning	protect from frost, avoid direct exposure to sunlight and sources of heat	
Pack	5 / 1 kg cans	
Recommended dosage:		
- Fugabella Color	≈ 0.35 kg / 1 x 3 kg bag – ≈ 2.25 kg / 1 x 20 kg bag	
- Fugarok	≈ 2 kg / 1 20 kg bag	
Viscosity	≈ 14 mPa · s, rotor 1 RPM 100	Brookfield method
pH	≈ 8.5	
Temperature range for application	from +5 °C to +35 °C	
Coverage	see dosages	

Values taken at +23 °C, 50% R.H. and no ventilation. Data may vary depending on specific conditions at the building site, i.e.temperature, ventilation and absorbency level of the substrate and of the materials laid.

Performance		
HIGH-TECH		
Mixture used for testing	≈ 2.25 kg Fugaflex / 2.25 kg water / 1 x 20 kg bag Fugabella Color	
Specific weight of the mixture	≈ 1.81 kg/dm³	UNI 7121
Dynamic elastic modulus after 28 days	≈ 11898 N/mm²	UNI 9524
Flexural strength after 28 days	≥ 7 N/mm²	EN 12808-3
Compressive strength after 28 days	≥ 20 N/mm²	EN 12808-3
Water absorption after 30 min.	≤ 1 g	EN 12808-5
Water absorption after 240 mins.	≤ 3.5 g	EN 12808-5

Values taken at +23 °C, 50% R.H. and no ventilation. Data may vary depending on specific conditions at the building site.

## Warning

- Product for professional use

→ abide by any standards and national regulations

→ store and use at a temperature above +5 °C.

→ Protect from frost

→ respect the preset mixing ratio

→ workability times may vary considerably, depending on environmental conditions and on tile and substrate absorbency
- apply the mixed product to a trial section first to check how the porous or microporous surface ceramic tiles or natural stone react to cleaning, as they may not be suitable for the use of grouts with latex additives

→ if necessary, ask for the safety data sheet

→ for any other issues, contact the Kerakoll Worldwide Global Service +39 0536 811 516 - [globalservice@kerakoll.com](mailto:globalservice@kerakoll.com)



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