MAVS Grout
High Quality Masonry Grout

Product Description

MAVS GROUT is manufactured with portland cement, lime, masonry sands and other proprietary additives to produce a high quality masonry grout. It is used for grouting in exterior and interior applications of most natural and manufactured veneers, thin brick, pavers, brick, tile, stone, precast, and block. It can be used on vertical and horizontal installations in residential and commercial projects. Omega AkroLoc or Siena Admix AX100 can be used to impart greater flexibility, improve bond strength, increase water retention, and surface appearance. MAVS Grout is part of Omega’s Masonry Adhered Veneer Systems (MAVS) family of products backed by Omega’s system warranties.

Manufactured to the highest quality control standards, MAVS Grout exceeds ASTM C270 and ANSI A118.6 requirements. It is available in grey, white, and also a variety of standard and custom colors. MAVS Grout is part of Omega’s Masonry Adhered Veneer Systems (MAVS) family of products backed by Omega’s system warranties.

Features

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<td>Masonry grout</td>
<td>Exceptional adhesion and performance</td>
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Basic Uses

MAVS Grout is designed to be used between veneer joints of natural stone and manufactured veneers, brick, tile, stone, pavers, block, precast and masonry. It can be used on vertical and horizontal substrates in residential and commercial, exterior and interior applications.

Area of Use

MAVS Grout is used between veneer joints on the following substrates:
1. Natural stone veneers
2. Manufactured veneers
3. Thin brick, brick
4. Pavers
5. Tile and stone
6. CMU
7. Precast

Note: Do not use over fluid-applied membranes.

Optional Product Upgrades/Enhancements

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<td>AquaShield</td>
<td>Integral sealer to improve water-resistance, improve freeze/thaw performance, and reduce staining</td>
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<td>AkroLoc/PolyLoc/Admix 500</td>
<td>Liquid admixtures that reduce cracking and increase tensile, bond, and flexural strengths</td>
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<td>OmegaCure</td>
<td>Liquid accelerator to improve hydration, increase early strength/hardness, and allow cold weather application</td>
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Surface Preparation
All surfaces to receive application must be structurally sound, clean and free of debris, dirt, dust, efflorescence, wax, grease, oils, curing agents, cleaning solutions, sealers, or anything that would hinder proper bond. Dampen surface prior to application, but do not allow water to puddle.

Mixing
Mix approximately 1.2 gallons (4.5 liters) clean, cool potable water per 50 lb bag. Add approximately two thirds of the water to the mixer. Gradually add MAVS Grout while mixing. Add the remaining amount of water and continue to mix for 3 - 5 minutes to achieve the desired creamy consistency. Allow mixture to sit (stop mixing) for 5 - 10 minutes then break the set (remix). When a polymer-modified grout is needed, replace half of water with Siena Admix AX100 or use Omega AkroLoc and follow mixing instructions above. Do not add additional water, admix or powder after slake period. During the application, occasionally stir the mixture to help maintain workability.

NOTE: Always maintain a consistent water-cement ratio to achieve consistency in workability and color.

Application
Apply MAVS Grout per the recommendations of the veneer, thin brick or masonry product manufacturers’ specifications. Grouting should be done 24 - 48 hours after veneer installation.
1. When hot, dry, or windy conditions exist, provide additional moisture or other protection to prevent flash drying of the grout.
2. Verify that all veneers are firmly attached and mortar is dry.
3. All joints to receive grout must be clean and free of debris, spacers, dirt, dust, efflorescence, grease, oils, curing agents and cleaning solutions.
4. Remove excess mortar from the joints until at least 2/3 of the depth is free from mortar.
5. Porous veneers may require sealing to avoid staining from the grout color. Consult the manufacturers’ recommendations.
6. Moisten porous veneers with a damp sponge to ease the application, but do not leave water standing in the joints.
7. Use a grout bag or a rubber grout float to fill joints completely. Apply material as needed to cover all voids and gaps and to ensure that the material is well compacted.
8. Remove excess grout using a damp sponge. Avoid using too much water because discoloration may occur.
9. Once the grout has started to set, approximately thumb print hard, strike back or sponge the grout to achieve the desired appearance.
10. Clean any grout from veneer face before grout dries.

NOTE: Some veneers can be scratched by the sand from grout or stained when color grout is used. See manufacturers’ recommendations prior to use.

Curing
Curing and/or drying time may vary due to climate and job conditions. Drying should occur within 24 hours at an ambient and surface temperature of 70°F (21°C) and 55% R.H. When hot, dry, or windy conditions exist, protection should be provided. All freshly applied material must be protected from inclement weather until fully dry. Full curing strength typically occurs in approximately 28 days.

Limitations

DO NOT apply directly over wood or wood products, gypsum mortar beds, asphalt sheeting, vinyl covered wall board, Masonite, cement asbestos board, metal, glass, plastic or any dimensionally unstable substrate.

DO NOT apply product when the ambient and surface temperature is below 40°F (4°C).* The ambient and surface temperature must maintain the above requirements until fully dry (See CURING). Material that is allowed to freeze before fully dried may suffer irreparable damage.

DO NOT add any other materials to the mixture of the product without written approval from Omega Products International.

DO NOT deviate in the mixing or application procedures contained in this, or any other Omega data sheets without written approval from Omega Products International.

DO NOT use with green or red marbles as they may react with the mortar, warp and detach. For these moisture sensitive materials use Siena Epoxy Mortar & Grout.

NOTE: Failure to follow manufacturer’s written specifications could result in the following, but not limited to spalling, cracking, peeling, chipping, delamination, discoloration, wash off, and overall system failure.

To ensure proper hydration in cold weather applications (approximately 50°F to 32°F) use OmegaCure admix. Refer to OmegaCure data sheet for additional information.

Cleaning
Cleaning may be accomplished with water immediately after use.

Safety
Avoid contact with eyes or prolonged contact with skin. Wash thoroughly after handling. In case of eye contact, flush immediately with running water for at least 15 minutes. Consult a physician immediately. Do not take internally. Be sure to provide adequate ventilation in enclosed areas. Use of an approved respirator is recommended.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN