

**FORGET POINTLESS SCRUBBING!
YOU NEED GROUTPRO'S COLOURSEAL**

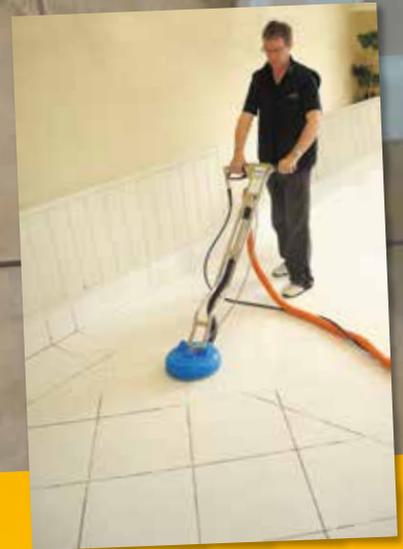
GroutPro[®]

Tile & Grout Restoration specialists

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Finally - the solution to dirty grout!

A no mess, cost effective solution to make your old grout look new again or protect your new grout..... AND STAY LIKE THAT FOR MANY YEARS!



Why does grout get dirty?

Most grout is cement based and is extremely porous. That means it absorbs any water or dirt that may happen to get on it. Here are some examples:

1. You have a tiled kitchen floor. Every time you mop your floor the dirty water (and oil from cooking) gathers in the groutlines and is absorbed by the porous grout. In a short space of time the grout becomes discoloured and permanently stained, making it impossible to get clean again. The more you try to clean it the worse it gets.

2. You have a tiled shower. Daily use of the shower subjects the porous grout to water, soap, shampoo, hair dye and body oils, all of which are absorbed and permanently stain the grout. Further to this, the moisture laden grout is a perfect environment for bacteria and mould growth. That pinky stuff in your shower's grout is bacteria, the black stuff is mould.

To prevent this happening all grout should be sealed. Unfortunately up to 95% of grout worldwide does not get sealed at time of installation and therefore, within a few months, it starts to discolour and become permanently stained. This is an industrywide problem mainly due to the fact that traditional grout sealers do not last very long and need to be reapplied as often as every six months. For that reason many tilers simply don't seal the grout at all.

When you look at a tiled surface the tiles themselves look perfect even years later. The grout however stains very quickly and makes the whole area look old and unsightly.

What is Colourseal?

GroutPro's Colourseal is a long lasting solution to this problem. It is a highly durable coloured coating that adheres to the surface of the grout creating a water and stain proof barrier that will keep the grout looking like new for many years. As well as being waterproof, Colourseal is also oleophobic which means it actually repels oils and fats making the surface much easier to clean.

Colour sealing offers 100% stain protection to grout for up to 15 years, so no more scrubbing! Spills and stains simply wipe away.

Colourseal is an acrylic polymer resin that is 100% water resistant. It contains Aluminium Oxide to provide an extremely hard, scratch resistant surface and mould inhibitors to reduce the likelihood of mould growth. It is also very flexible having an elasticity of 325% which means that if there is slight movement in the surface (resulting in hairline cracking of the grout) the Colourseal can actually stretch to keep the crack sealed.

Colourseal is also unique in that it is breathable. This enables moisture vapour beneath the tiles to escape through the grout – essential in a wet area. Colourseal is therefore able to be used in showers and outdoors.

Available in 89 different colours, Colourseal makes it easy to select a colour that is almost identical to the existing grout colour, or enabling GroutPro to change the colour of the grout without having to replace it. It provides a natural uniform colour so there are no issues when it comes to trying to match old grout with new when doing grout repairs or damaged tile replacements down the track.

Colourseal is guaranteed stainproof for 10 years in dry areas .

Protecting New Grout with Colourseal

As explained earlier, most grout does not get sealed at time of installation resulting in discolouration within a very short timeframe. Considering that a tiled area may cost many thousands of dollars, it would be a shame to have it looking old and shabby within a few months due to the grout becoming discoloured.

GroutPro's Colourseal will protect your investment from day one. Prior to the new grout being exposed to contaminants, GroutPro can Colourseal your new grout ensuring a long lasting stainproof surface that will be a breeze to keep clean.

Just think about when you purchase a new lounge suite. You almost always pay a little bit extra to have the fabric ScotchGuarded against staining. Colourseal can be thought of as ScotchGuard for your grout.

Restoring stained grout with Colourseal

Most of us do not realise that grout needs to be sealed. By the time we discover that our grout is now impossible to clean it is permanently discoloured. Prior to Colourseal, the only way to fix it was to remove the grout and replace it with new – an expensive, time consuming process often filling the home with dust and with the risk of damage to the tiles.

GroutPro Colourseal is a long lasting solution to dirty, stained grout without the unnecessary mess and expense of re grouting. Colourseal enables us to restore the discoloured grout to better than new condition without the need to remove the grout and providing a stainproof surface.

First, GroutPro uses specialist tile and grout cleaning equipment to extract any greasy contaminants from the pores of the grout to ensure the sealer is able to bond properly.

Secondly, Colourseal is applied to the existing grout in the colour of your choice. The Colourseal recolours the grout making it look better than new and also seals it to prevent future staining.

The process does not generate any dust or mess, and is fast. Often the job is completed in a single day and it can be walked on immediately.

Changing the look of a room with Colourseal

Tiles are generally hard wearing and long lasting however, over time, some tiled areas appear to date or become stale. Removing old tiles and relaying new ones can be a costly exercise and an extremely messy and disruptive one too. Often by simply changing the colour of the grout (using Colourseal) the whole look of the room can change – making it appear lighter, or even bigger.

Traditionally, tilers tended to use grey grout, irrespective of the colour of the tiles, because grey hid the inevitable staining the longest. This often resulted in the grout being very pronounced in the overall look of the tiled area. As Colourseal is totally stainproof, there is no reason why you can't have a grout colour that works better with the colour of your tiles. For example, by changing the grout colour to one that is very close to the colour of the tile, the room appears larger because your eyes are no longer drawn to each individual square.

GroutPro can advise you of how Colourseal could change the look of your tiled area for the better at a fraction of the cost of retiling.

Cost Comparison – Colourseal vs Regrouting vs Re-tiling

We all know that tiles can be expensive. When considering your options on improving a tiled area that has become unsightly due simply to permanently stained grout, there are a number of factors to consider:

1. Regrouting:

While it has its place when the grout has failed or is damaged, this process requires the use of diamond grinding equipment that will generate a lot of fine dust and will most likely damage the edges of the tiles even with the greatest of care. Further to this, even if the grout is replaced, the new grout will still need to be sealed to prevent future staining.

Comparatively, regrouting and sealing is about three times the cost of Coloursealing the existing grout.

2. Retiling:

This process can be very expensive and disruptive. Firstly the existing tiles must be broken out and the old adhesive ground off. This makes the area look like a building site. Secondly, if in a wet area, the entire area must be re-waterproofed to adhere to the current building code. If underfloor heating was in place, this will be damaged and will need to be replaced. Finally when the new tiles have been laid, the new grout will still need to be sealed to prevent future staining.

Comparatively, retiling and sealing could be between five and ten times the cost of Coloursealing the existing grout.



GroutPro is New Zealand's only specialised tile and grout restoration business and part of The ProGroup, New Zealand's award winning and premier Home Service Franchise Group.

GroutPro offers a full range of services, backed by cutting edge professional products designed for applications both indoors and out.

- Professional tile & grout cleaning
- Grout recolouring and sealing (Colourseal)
- Sealing of porous tile and stone
- Damaged tile replacement
- Replacement of damaged grout
- Installation of waterproof Epoxy grout
- Silicone removal and replacement
- Shower glass restoration – removal of water marking
- Exterior machine cleaning – Paths, Decks, Drives
- Garage carpet installation
- Sectional garage door insulation

