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## **Tile & Grout Cleaning**

Tile and grout cleaning is on the "Must Offer" list of services for professional cleaning contractors in both the commercial and residential markets. Not only is this service easy to learn and implement, it typically earns a higher rate per hour compared to other cleaning services you provide. This pamphlet outlines the equipment, tools and chemistry necessary to provide this valuable service





#### Truckmounts

#### SX-12 & SX-15 **Rotary Tile Tools**

- SX Rotary Tools are fast and efficient
- Pressure wash and recover at the same
- Increases production rates and reduces

- All plastic sprayer that is ideal for any acidic solution you need to spray
- 3 gallon wide mouth sprayer with rebuildable pump assembly and valve
- · Good for any water base solution (not





#### Gekko Wand

- Versatile Can switch out several different heads for optimum efficiency
- 2000 psi gun jet
- Lightweight and adjustable
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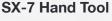






Gekko Squeegee & Brush Head

- Brush and squeegee head allow for fast and efficient cleaning of virtually any surface
- Easy to change from one to the other
- Improve cleaning and resist scratches and other concerns



- Performance of a rotary tool in a handheld device
- Ergonomic and light weight
- Great for shower stalls and tiled wall surfaces



- of SX-7 hand tool
- 10' hide-a-hose eliminates damage to sensitive surfaces

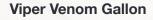
### Gekko Hand Tool

 Ideal for cleaning and touch-up in small spaces or for cleaning counter tops and shower stalls.

#### Gekko 4" Head - Single Jet

- Small and maneuverable
- Reach into tight spaces
- Ideal for the nastiest of grout lines

**GROUT CHEMICALS** 



- Aggressive alkaline tile cleaner
- Number One industry seller for decades
- Quickly emulsifies soils, oils and greases

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#### Viper Venom II Gallon

- Incredible alkaline cleaner built on surfactant technology
- Cuts through all types of soils, oils and grease
- Low foam and no odor compared to solvent boosted cleaners

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#### **Viper Renew Gallon**

- Restorative acidic cleaner
- Etches and cleans even the most neglected grout lines
- Removes efflorescence

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#### Viper Prestige (water based)

- Water base fluorochemical and impregnating sealer
- Easy to apply
- Good on any porous stone and grout
- #1687-7247

#### Viper Prestige (solvent based)

- Protects without affecting slip resistance
- Ideal solvent-based sealer for stones like marble, granite, limestone, and travertine
- Preserves the natural look of stone and can be applied to many interior surfaces

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# "How To" Guide

### Step One

### **PREPARE YOUR WORK AREA**

- Tape off or mask adjacent areas sensitive to moisture or the chemistry you are using.
- These areas include but may not be limited to carpet, appliances or baseboards (depending on material) etc.
- Pre-inspect the floor for loose or popped tiles, cracked or loose grout or any other condition that may cause concern. Note this on the invoice and point out to customer prior to beginning any work.

### Step Two DRY SOIL REMOVAL

- Pre-vacuum or sweep all areas being cleaned prior to introducing moisture or chemistry
- Elimination of dry soil improves efficiency

## Step Three

### **PRESPRAY AND AGITATE**

- Prespray the area being cleaned with your preferred Viper Venom prespray. You do not need extended dwell time (only about 5 – 7 minutes) as grout is very porous.
- Agitate prespray into the grout lines with your preferred grout brush or other agitation tool.
- You may elect to use the acidic restorative prespray Viper Renew for badly neglected or stained grout.
  - o Always use a quality plastic sprayer (AS14A) when spraying Viper Renew. Acidic pH will damage metal parts such as guns and extensions.





### Step Four

### EXTRACT AWAY SOILS AND OILS



- Extract using the preferred SX Rotary Tool or Gekko Head. Cut in edges with Gekko wand and single jet head.
- Set machine to high pressure, typically 800 PSI to 1,000 PSI, even up to 1200 PSI if the flooring, especially the grout can handle it.

### Step Five FINISHING AND DRYI



- Dry floor quickly with air movement from Mini Omni or Dri Pod airmover.
- Rapid drying helps eliminate potential for efflorescence (wicking of salts to the surface of grout joints due to moisture) and prepares grout better to receive sealer.



### Step Six SEAL GROUT

Unsealed or badly neglected grout will benefit from a quality impregnating sealer such as Viper Prestige.

- Apply preferred Prestige Sealer to grout lines via Grout Wand or direct application and wipe / buff away excess.
- Sealer will strengthen grout, repel soils and oils and make it easier to clean going forward.
- Be sure to follow instructions for preparing the floor to receive sealer, and ensuring proper application of the sealer.

**Alternative Popular Products** 

S Depending on the surface you are cleaning, soiling condition or personal preference, you may wish to try these other exceptional products from HydroForce.

