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Big Wednesday no. 5 - Say goodbye to slurry!

HTC launches industry's first 100% dry grinding system for natural stone floors.

An entirely slurry- and chemical-free grinding process has until now been impossible to achieve. But with the new Diamond Xpress tools, the grinding process can be completed in half the time. Moreover, the challenges of handling chemicals and slurry is eliminated, giving more people the opportunity to grind marble and terrazzo floors. Say goodbye to slurry and hello to simple stone grinding!

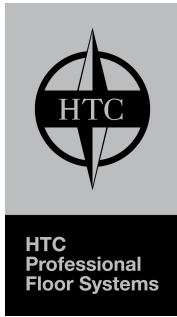
HTC is a leading pioneer in grinding technology for various types of flooring. For over 25 years, HTC has refined the methodology and tools for floor grinding. The result is a number of groundbreaking techniques – some of which have led to new industries. One example is HTC's concept for polished concrete, HTC Superfloor, which has become a worldwide standard. Another innovation, a cleaning pad that uses diamonds called Twister, has made it possible to clean and maintain large floor surfaces without using chemicals.

Natural stone grinding without water

Now it is time for a new standard in grinding natural stone – 100% water-free. The newly developed Diamond Xpress tools are based on extensive experience in both flooring materials and advanced diamond technology.

Better work environment, faster process

Diamond Xpress reduces the number of grinding steps required to achieve the desired gloss. The grinding is performed completely without water. The slurry that is normally formed during wet grinding in a conventional grinding process is a health and safety problem as well as a major expense for the contractor. Dry grinding of natural stone floors improves the work environment and reduces costs since slurry management disappears and grinding can be performed in half the time compared to conventional grinding.



Significantly higher gloss in the final finish

The new technology also reduces chemical consumption since the final gloss/finish is much higher than in conventional grinding. This provides additional savings for both the contractor and the end-user while being environmentally friendly.

This new, simpler method gives more entrepreneurs the opportunity to undertake natural grinding projects with their existing equipment, thus expanding their business.

Learn more about Diamond Xpress, please visit **www.htc-floorsystems.com/dx**

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About HTC Sweden AB

HTC Sweden is a fast growing company that was founded in 1987 by Håkan and Gunn Thysell. In 1992 HTC Sweden launched a patent pending system for grinding concrete. Today HTC is the market leader within diamond-based floor grinding and cleaning. HTC has developed unique floor solutions within polished concrete, e.g HTC Superfloor™ and 2005 was the unique diamond cleaning system Twister™ introduced globally in over 60 countries.

The head office along with production and product development is located in Söderköping. Subsidiaries operate in USA, Germany, England and France. 3i group are minority owners in HTC since August 2006. 3i is a world leader in private equity and venture capital and focuses on investing minority stakes in high growth companies expanding organically or through acquisition