



New floor

Specialist Tile Adhesive for New Floor Screeds

DESCRIPTION

Fast-track, standard-setting, highly polymer-modified tile adhesive for new cement and concrete floors

Use for

- Fixing ceramics, porcelain and vitrified tiles, in dry or wet interior and exterior environments.
- Recommended for use on recently laid screed/concrete and low porosity substrate

Restrictions: NOT suitable for

Anhydrite/calcium sulfate and hemi-hydrate screed
Metal, wooden surfaces, existing glazed/unglazed tiles, natural stone and agglomerated stone tiles.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Composition: Highly polymer-modified cement-based and rubber powder.

Colours: Grey.

Type/Classification: Exceeds BS EN 12004 **C1S1** - Cementitious (Rubber/cement based), Normal Characteristics and Deformable

Pack sizes: 15kg

Key Features:

- Allows fast-track installations at 20°C
 - o On new concrete after 7 days
 - o On new cement:sand screed after 24 hours
- Enhanced adhesive to low porosity substrates.
- Flexible.
- Water/frost-resistant.

Grout after: 24 hours (at 20°C)

USAGE & SERVICE CONDITIONS

Walls	✗	Floor	✓
Interior	✓	Exterior	✓
Dry	✓	Wet	✓
Worktops	✗	Showers	✓
Limited	✓	Fully Cured	✓
Movement/ Vibration		Heated Screeds (2)(3)	

BACKGROUNDS / BASES

Cement:Sand Screeds (1)	✓
Concrete (1)	✓
Anhydrite Screeds	✗

USAGE: Bed Thickness / Time at 20°C

Bed Thickness [^]	Open Time*	Pot Life	Setting Time*
3-6mm	20 mins	5 hours	24 hours

* Open time/Setting time will be extended in colder temperatures, when fixing to impervious backgrounds or when fixing tiles of low porosity.

[^]Up to 12mm in areas of limited extent. Use minimum 3mm for floor tiling.

COVERAGE

Area	Trowel	Coverage [^]
Exterior / Floors	THICK BED SOLID BED	0.2m ² /kg

[^] May vary dependent on nature and flatness of surface, and on trowel used.

TEMPERATURE RESISTANCE**

-30°C to 60°C (up to 100°C for limited exposure)
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** Cured adhesive.

(1) Provided the surface is sufficiently flat.

(2) Check suitability for the intended purpose with the manufacture.

(3) Contact BAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY AND SPECIFICATION SERVICE

SURFACE PREPARATION

General

Ensure surfaces to be tiled are flat, clean, dry, sound and free from contamination.

Surface regularity:

Surface Regularity is defined as the deviation in height of the surface of a flooring layer over short distances in a local area. In simpler terms, it is the 'flatness' or 'measure of unevenness' of the screeded surface.

Class	MAXIMUM PERMISSABLE DEVIATION FROM a 2M STRAIGHT EDGE (MM)	APPLICATION
SR1	3mm	Recommended for direct fixing of tiles and slabs with a tile adhesive
SR2	5mm	For tiles & slabs bedded in a cement: sand mortar or a suitable tile adhesive (see the manufacturer's recommendations)
SR3	10mm	For tiles & slabs bedded in a cement:sand semi-dry mix.

SUITABLE SURFACES include:

New Cement:sand screeds

Screed must be laid to required thickness to BS 8204.
 Mix ratio: cement and fine aggregate sand (BS EN 13139) 1:3 up to 1:4.5 by weight.
 Before tiling, ensure that the substrate is flat (SR1) free from dirt and other loose materials.
 DO NOT prime surface to be tiled.
 Allow to dry for at least 24 hours.

New Concrete

Allow in-situ and power-floated concrete to dry for min. 7 days.
 Remove laitance mechanically (e.g. grit blasting).
 Ensure all loose particles cleared from surface.
 Before tiling, ensure that the substrate is flat (SR1).
 DO NOT prime surface to be tiled.

MIXING

Use a BAL MIXING BUCKET or other suitable bucket.

1. Add approximately 3-3.5 parts powder to 1 part clean cold water by weight. (see table below)
2. Mix until lump-free mortar achieved.
3. Allow mixed adhesive to stand for 2 minutes before re-mixing for 30 seconds.

Product Size	Usage	Approx., clean cold water required per size
15kg Grey	Floor Tiling	4.5 litres

NOTE: *If using electric drill mixer*, blend at slow speed (i.e. under 300rpm).

Ready for immediate use. Pot life at 20°C: approx. 5 hours.
 NOTE: Pot life/setting time will vary slightly with temperature: higher temperatures = shorter; lower temperatures = longer.

APPLICATION/USAGE

Do NOT use in temperature 5°C or damp conditions.

Trowel recommendation

Area	Trowel
External and Floors	BAL THICK BED SOLID BED

NOTE: ensure you achieve the correct contact of adhesive to both the background and tile in line with BS 5385, Parts 1-5.

Fixing procedure

1. Apply adhesive to floor surface and comb to required bed thickness ensuring the ribs of adhesive all run in one direction. The adhesive may be applied in bed thickness of 3-6mm. *If fixing large/heavily-patterned tiles, additional adhesive to tile reverse.*
2. For *tiles*: press tile firmly into the ribs of adhesive and into position, with slight twisting/sliding action to ensure optimum adhesive contact.
3. Fix tiles before adhesive forms skin (typically over 20 minutes at 20°C, depending on surface porosity/atmospheric conditions). If skin has formed, remove adhesive and apply fresh layer). Discard any adhesive that has begun to set. Do not add further water.
4. Occasionally lift a tile to check adhesive contact area. When solid-bed fixing, leave no voids behind tiles.
5. Leave adequate joints between individual tiles. Install movement joints to BS 5385, Parts 1-5.
6. Clean off surplus adhesive from tile face and between tile joints before the adhesive has dried.

Grouting

1. Wait minimum 24 hours (at 20°C) after tile fixing. Select a BAL cementitious grout such as BAL MICROMAX2 GROUT
2. Fill movement joints with suitable sealant i.e. BAL MICROMAX SILICONE SEALANT. *However, do NOT use on sensitive surfaces that could react to acetic acids released during cure.*

For intermediate movement joints, a more durable hard wearing material may be needed e.g. an Epoxy polysulphide sealant or a suitable pre-formed movement joint strip.

HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION / GOOD

PRACTICE ADVICE

For detailed information and safety guidance, please refer to Product Material Safety Data Sheet [MSDS].

TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICE

For free expert guidance on use of this product, or any aspect of tiling, contact the BAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY AND SPECIFICATION SERVICE on Tel: 01782 591120 or 0845 600 1 222 or Fax: 01782 591121.

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