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admix ADl

Admixture for wall and floor adhesives

DESCRIPTION

Water-based polymer additive for BAL cementitious wall and floor adhesives

Use for

- Added to BAL cementitious adhesives to improve physical properties and performance in dry or wet, interior and exterior environments.
- Suitable for use with:
 - BAL CTF4
 - BAL SUPERCOVER RAPIDSET
 - BAL FLEX ONE
 - BAL RAPID FLEX ONE
 - BAL XL FLOOR ONE
- Increases tensile and shear adhesion strength.
- Increases flexural strength and flexibility.
- Reduces water permeability.
- Reduces water demand.

Restrictions: NOT suitable for

- Use with certain cementitious adhesives and ready mixed products.
- Timber walls.
- Use with cementitious grouts and epoxy grouts.
- Use with painted surfaces, metal.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Composition: Water-based synthetic polymer emulsion

Pack size: 2.5L

Key features:

The addition of BAL ADMIX AD1 to BAL's cement-based adhesives greatly improves their physical properties and characteristics:

- Improves adhesion to the background and tile types.
- Increased flexural strength and flexibility.
- Provides greater protection used with tanking systems.

NOTE: Refer to BAL TECHNICAL DATA SHEET on Adhesives for application, mixing and performance.

USAGE: COVERAGE

BAL Product	Size	Diluted Ratio	Usage	Typical Coverage: ^ Volume (litres) of ADMIX AD1 required
BAL CTF4	20kg	1:1	Wall & Floor	2.8
BAL SUPERCOVER RAPIDSET	15kg	1:1	Floor	3.0 - 3.25
BAL FLEX ONE	20kg	1:3	Wall & Floor	1.35
BAL RAPID FLEX ONE	20kg	1:3	Wall	0.9 - 1.0
BAL RAPID FLEX ONE	20kg	1:3	Floor	1.25
BAL XL FLOOR ONE	20kg	1:3	Floor	1.0

[^] When used in conjunction with the appropriate BAL cement-based adhesive.

SURFACE PREPARATION

General

As recommended for use with certain BAL cementitious adhesives, (see BAL TECHNICAL DATA SHEET on preparation before tiling). At higher temperatures the open time of the modified adhesive may be slightly less than that of the unmodified material. The setting time of the adhesive will be slightly longer.

APPLICATION/USAGE

Do NOT use in temperatures below 5°C or in damp conditions.

Usage procedure

- 1. Shake container well before use.
- 2. Dilute BAL ADMIX AD1, at a ratio of 1:1 or 1:3 with clean cold water and mix thoroughly.
- Add the BAL cementitious adhesive to the correct quantity of diluted liquid. Mix thoroughly until slumpfree mortar achieved.

NOTE: Mortar consistency can be adjusted by slightly increasing or decreasing adhesive amounts in mix (see BAL TECHNICAL DATA SHEET on mixing).

4. Clean surplus adhesive from tools/tiles before it dries. NOTE: Setting time of adhesive that has been modified with BAL ADMIX AD1 may be extended.

TILE TYPES

TILL TITLS			
Glazed Ceramic	✓	Mosaic –	✓
		Ceramic	
Unglazed	\checkmark	Mosaic –	✓
Ceramic		Glass	
Porcelain	\checkmark	Mosaic –	✓
		Porcelain	
Natural Stone –	\checkmark	Mosaic –	✓
Translucent **		Stone	
Natural Stone –	\checkmark	Resin	✓
Non- Translucent		agglomerate	
		Stone **	

^{**}When using with BAL RAPID FLEX ONE or BAL XL FLOOR ONE.
Confirm suitability with tile manufacturer

BACKGROUNDS / BASES

Brick (13)/Concrete (2)	✓	Plaster (3)(5)	✓
Rendering (3)	✓	Plasterboard (5)	✓
BAL BOARD/Tile Backer/Fibre Cement Boards (3)(4)(5)(9)(11)	√	Unglazed Ceramic Tiles / Hard Natural Stone (4)(11)	√
Cement:Sand Screed (3)(4)(11)	√	Lightweight Blockwork (13)	✓
Anhydrite/Calcium Sulfate Screeds (4)(8)(9)(11)	✓	All Timber Floors (3)(4)(5)(6)(10)	√
Mastic Asphalt (7) (4)(11)	✓	Glazed Tiles/Bricks (4)(11)	✓
Vinyl Tiles/Sheets (4)(11)	√		

USAGE & SERVICE CONDITIONS

Walls	✓	Floor	✓
Interior	\checkmark	External	✓
Dry	✓	Wet Areas	✓
Worktops (1)	\checkmark	Showers (a)(5)	✓
Swimming Pools (b)(c)	✓	Hydrotherapy Pools (b)(c)(1)	✓
Communal Areas (4)(11)	✓	Heavy Duty Areas	✓
Underfloor Heating Systems (3)(4)(9)(10)	✓	Limited Movement/Vibration (4)(10)	✓

- (1) Tiles must be grouted using BAL ABSOLUTE GROUT.
- (2) Provided the surface is sufficiently flat.
- (3) Prime with BAL PRIME APD. (See BAL TECHNICAL DATA SHEET for more information).
- (4) Do not need to prime or use BAL ADMIX products when using BAL FLEXBONE 2Easy uncoupling mat.
- (5) In wet conditions tank out with BAL TANK-IT or BAL WATERPROOF 1C.
- (6) Seal back face and edges with undiluted BAL BOND SBR.
- (7) Check suitability of the grade of asphalt (flooring grade only).
- (8) Prime with BAL PRIME APD, first coat 1:1 with water by volume, second coat undiluted $90^{\rm o}$ to the first coat.
- (9) Check suitability for the intended purpose with the manufacturer or check BAL TECHNICAL DATA SHEETS on any BAL Products.
- (10) When used with BAL RAPID-MAT/BAL FLEXBONE VAried or BAL FLEXBONE 2Easy uncoupling mats or overlaid with a suitable tile backer board.
- (11) May be used in conjunction with BAL RAPID-MAT/BAL FLEXBONE VAried or BAL FLEXBONE 2Easy uncoupling mats.
- (12) Contact BAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY for further information.
- (13) Apply a cement: sand render e.g. BAL QUICKSET RENDER or a
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Note:

- (a) Do not use shower for at least 2 weeks after completion of grouting BS 5385:Part 4.
- (b) Do not fill pool for at least 3 weeks after completion of grouting- BS 5385:Part 4.

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: 03330 030160 or Email: info@building-adhesives.com

SHELF LIFE

12 months under normal dry conditions. Protect from frost and damp.

QUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

Manufacturing quality assurance standards conform to BS EN ISO 9001. Satisfies the environmental management requirements and operational scope of ISO 14001.

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