tile & grout

Tile adhesive and grout for walls

DESCRIPTION

Ready-mixed, non-slip water-resistant tile adhesive and grout for walls.

Use for
- Fixing ceramics (up to 300x300mm), mosaics and some natural stone in dry or wet interior environments.
- For domestic areas including showers/kitchens/bathrooms.
- Suitable for heavy duty wet areas including communal showers and commercial kitchens.

Restrictions: NOT suitable for
- Exterior use or total immersion areas (e.g. swimming pools).
- Not suitable for floors.
- Non-porous tiles.
- Bedding depths exceeding 3mm.
- Grouting for power showers or commercial applications.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Composition: Acrylic based organic dispersion
Colour: White
Type/Classification: Exceeds BS EN 12004 D2TE – Dispersion (ready-to-use), Improved / Additional Characteristics, Reduced Slip, Extended Open-Time
Pack size: 10ltr, 5ltr and 2.5ltr

Key features:
- Ready-to-use
- One product for both adhesive and grout (grout for domestic environments)
- Non-slip (no battens required)
- High bond strength

Grout after: 24 hours (at 20°C)

USAGE & SERVICE CONDITIONS

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|.BACKGROUNDS / BASES

Rendering ✓
Clay Brick / Medium ✓
Density Concrete (2) ✓
Sheets & Boards (3)(4) ✓
Tile Backer Boards (5)(6) ✓
Plasterboard (3) ✓
Plaster (3) ✓
Glazed Tile & Brick (6) ✓
Painted Surface (6) ✓

| USAGE: Bed Thickness / Time

Bed Thickness ✓
Open Time* 20 mins
Setting Time* 24 hours at 20°C

3mm max ✓

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

| COVERAGE

Area ✓
Dry Wall ✓
Wet Wall ✓

Trowel ✓
Round Notched ✓
Thin Bed Solid Bed ✓

Coverage ✓
0.76m² per litre
0.38m² per litre

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

Note:
(a) Do not use shower for at least 2 weeks after completion of grouting – BS 5385:Part 4

TEMPERATURE RESISTANCE**

-30°C to 100°C

** Cured adhesive.

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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 over short distances in a local area. In simpler terms, it is the ‘flatness’ or ‘measure of unevenness’ of the surface. It is important the surface is to SR1 (+ or – 3mm or less over a 2 meter straight edge.

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<td>SR1</td>
<td>3mm</td>
<td>Recommended for direct fixing of tiles and slabs with a tile adhesive</td>
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In domestic shower areas: waterproof background with BAL TANK IT, BAL WATERPROOFING KIT FOR SHOWERS or BAL WP1 TANKING SYSTEM. NOTE: Drying times will be extended, i.e. leave adhesive to dry for a minimum of 3 days before grouting.

SUITABLE SURFACES include:

Clay Brickwork/dense concrete/blockwork walling
Allow new block mortar to dry for minimum 6 weeks before rendering/plastering. If direct fixing tiles, wall must be smooth-faced and providing the surface is sufficiently flat (SR1).
NOTE: Direct fixing of tiles to lightweight blockwork is NOT recommended.

Cement:sand renders
Before tiling, ensure that the substrate is flat (SR1), free from efflorescence, laitance, dirt, polished concrete and other loose materials. Remove by the use of suitable mechanical methods (see BAL TECHNICAL DATA SHEET on BAL BOND SBR or BAL PRIME APD for priming information).
Allow the following minimum drying times:
– Concrete block walls/clay brickwork: 6 weeks
– Cement:sand rendering: 2 weeks
BAL QUICKSET CEMENT: rendering
– Rendering (bonded): 4 hours**

BAL BOND SBR SLURRY
**1 part sand to 1 part BAL QUICKSET CEMENT by weight, mixed with appropriate amount of BAL BOND SBR pre-diluted 1:1 with clean cold water to achieve desired consistency
BAL QUICKSET RENDER: 2 hours

Existing glazed ceramic tiles/glazed bricks
Ensure existing tiles/bricks are soundly bonded to a stable background that is sufficiently strong enough to support the weight of the new tiling.
If areas are loose or hollow-sounding, remove and make good with BAL QUICKSET RENDER or 1:3 cement:sand mortar over a slurry bonding coat (1 part sand to 1 part cement by weight, mixed with appropriate amount of BAL BOND SBR pre-diluted 1:1 with clean cold water to achieve desired consistency).
NOTE: Drying times will be extended, i.e. leave adhesive to dry for a minimum of 3 days before grouting.

Fibre reinforced cement boards and lightweight tile backer boards
Install boards to BS 5385 – i.e. moisture-resistant boards screwed to seasoned timber or suitable proprietary framework at maximum 300mm centres vertically and horizontally or as per the board manufacturer’s recommendations. Ensure no fixings protrude.
Do NOT seal or prime surfaces to be tiled.
NOTE: Drying times will be extended, i.e. leave adhesive to dry for a minimum of 3 days before grouting.
IMPORTANT NOTE: Obtain manufacturer’s confirmation that boards are suitable for tiling and for relevant fixing instructions.

Plywood/chipboard/sheets (walls)
(internal dry areas only)
Ensure boards (i) capable of supporting the tiled finish i.e. the weight of tiling should not exceed 30kg per m²; (ii) are sufficiently dry, rigid and securely fixed, with no protruding fixings; (iii) are free from any surface contamination incompatible with adhesion. Using a suitable water resistant grade plywood, min. 12mm thick, Insertoggings to support all board edges and to allow screw (not nailed) fixing at 300mm centres. Seal timber surface on the underside and edges with undiluted BAL BOND SBR. Allow to dry.
Do NOT prime surfaces to be tiled.

Plaster (finish coat only)
Must be at least 4 weeks old before tiling. Ensure that the plaster is free from dust, laitance and friable material. If plaster is shiny or polished, brush thoroughly with a stiff bristled brush before priming with 2 coats of (second coat applied at 90⁰ to the first):
– BAL PRIME APD (diluted 1:1 by volume with clean water) or
– BAL BOND SBR (diluted 1:4 by volume with clean water)
Allow each coat of primer to dry.
Typical weight restrictions for tiling onto plaster i.e. a maximum weight of 20kg/m².
NOTE: When priming, drying times will be extended, i.e. leave adhesive to dry for a minimum of 3 days before grouting.

Plasterboard (If required)
Ensure boards are dry, securely fixed and rigid and suitable thickness used.
NOTE: If the plasterboard is dot and dabbed at 300mm centres and around the perimeter, leave to dry before fixing tiles.
Typical weight restrictions for tiling onto plasterboard i.e. a maximum weight of 32kg/m².

Painted surfaces
Remove all loose and flaking paint.
Check by applying a suitable self-adhesive tape to clean dry paint surfaces. Tear off tape after 10 mins. If paint is removed with the tape, the paint is unsound.
Remove unsound paint mechanically. Do NOT use paint strippers.
NOTE: Drying times will be extended, i.e. leave adhesive to dry for a minimum of 3 days before grouting.
APPLICATION/USAGE
Do NOT use in temperatures below 5°C or in damp conditions.
If fixing larger format tiles (advised up to max. 300x300mm or fixing onto a non-porous background (e.g. tiles), drying times will be extended.
For larger size tiles contact BAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY AND SPECIFICATION SERVICE.

Trowel recommendations

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<td>Internal Dry Wall Area (up to 300x300mm tiles)</td>
<td>BAL ROUND NOTCHED</td>
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<td>Internal Wet Wall Area (up to 300x300mm tiles)</td>
<td>BAL THIN BED SOLID BED</td>
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<td>Mosaics (up to 100x100mm tiles)</td>
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NOTE: ensure you achieve the correct of adhesive to both the background and tile in line with BS 5385, Parts 1-5.

Fixing procedure
1. Apply adhesive to wall surface and comb to required bed thickness ensuring the ribs of adhesive all run in one direction.
2. For mosaics: using a rubber tile float, press mosaics into adhesive and beat into required position, ensure joints between sheets match joints between mosaic tesserae (i.e. staggered). 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 mosaics/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.
4. Occasionally lift a mosaic/tile to check adhesive contact are 50% coverage for dry areas; min. 100% coverage for wet areas (i.e. When solid-bed fixing, leave no voids behind tiles).
5. Leave adequate joints between individual tiles unless self-spacing tiles used.
6. Install movement joints to BS 5385, Parts 1-5.
7. Clean off surplus adhesive from tile face and between tile joints before the adhesive has dried.

Grouting
7. After tiling on porous surfaces, allow adhesive to set before grouting – typically 24 hours.
8. Work in small areas with a BAL GROUT FLOAT or rubber squeegee. Completely fill joint lines with BAL TILE & GROUT and compact well, removing excess grout from tile surface as work proceeds.
9. Using a dampened sponge or sponge board, carefully clean surface diagonally to grout lines. Rinse out sponge/sponge board frequently with clean water.
10. When grout has set sufficiently within joints, polish tile surface with dry clean cloth OR give surface final wash with dampened sponge and clean cold water.
11. Wait minimum 24 hours before subjecting tiles to normal service conditions*.
12. Fill movement joints and seal around baths/shower trays with BAL MICROMAX SILICONE SEALANT.
If completing a shower, do NOT use shower for at least 2 weeks (as required by BS 5385: Part 4, clause 7.2.1).

If grouting in food preparation areas or Power showers or wherever waterproof grout required, use a suitable BAL Epoxy grout i.e. BAL EASYPOXY AG. Do NOT use BAL TILE & GROUT.

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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