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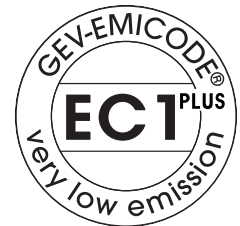
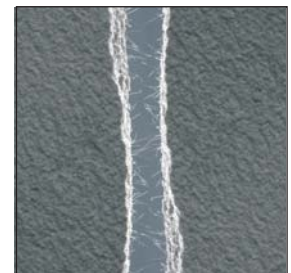
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PRODUCT DATA SHEET

ARDEX S 27 W

MICROTEC Rapid Hardening and Rapid Drying Natural Stone Wall and Floor White Tile Adhesive

Features

- MICROTEC fibre reinforcement for high performance
- RAPIDRY Formula reduces the risk of water staining, curling and warping in moisture sensitive natural stones
- Can be trafficked and grouted 2 hours after fixing, regardless of bed thickness
- Achieves an open time of up to 30 minutes
- High yield – 6.4m² @ 3mm
- Up to 60 minute pot life
- ARDEX S27W is ideal for fixing light and translucent marble and other types of natural stones



Binds the mix water within the mortar, speeding drying and hardening times irrespective of application thickness

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DESCRIPTION

ARDEX S27W is a rapid hardening and rapid drying tile adhesive with specific properties for fixing moisture sensitive natural stone, as well as porcelain, mosaics, fully vitrified and ceramic tiles, and rigid foam insulating materials e.g. polystyrene etc. in internal dry locations. ARDEX S27W is suitable for wall and floor tiles and can be used on heated screeds.

USE

ARDEX S27W incorporates ARDEX Rapidry Technology meaning that the mix water is totally bound into the hardened adhesive which virtually reduces the risk of water staining to moisture sensitive natural stone tiles, or the mix water affecting wooden substrates. ARDEX S 27 W is particularly suitable for fixing translucent stones and natural stone where a light coloured background is required.

The designation C2 FTE S1, in accordance with BS EN 12004, classifies ARDEX S 27 W as an "improved fast setting deformable cementitious adhesive with reduced slip and extended open time."

The additional characteristics of ARDEX S 27 W, determined in accordance with the test standards listed in BS EN 12004, are a tensile adhesion strength of greater than 1 N/mm². The mixed mortar has an extended open time of up to 30 minutes.

ARDEX S27W will adhere strongly to most construction materials such as concrete, cement and sand screeds, heated sub-floors, anhydrite screeds, and existing ceramic tiled surfaces.

SURFACE PREPARATION

The backgrounds and surfaces to receive the tiles must be clean, firm, free of dust, dirt, oil, grease and other barriers to adhesion, as well as being strong enough to support the weight of the tiles being fixed. Ensure that the background has adequate drying time, as given in the relevant part of BS 5385, and correctly primed, where required, prior to fixing the tiles.

Install tiles in accordance with the relevant parts of BS 5385 and BS 8000 :

Part 11 Workmanship on Building Sites.

Backgrounds to receive ceramic tiles should be finished to Surface Regularity 1 i.e. so any gap under a 2m straight edge does not exceed 3mm.

ARDEX S27W can be applied to dry or moist surfaces, but moisture sensitive materials must be dry and remain dry after fixing.

MIXING

ARDEX S27W powder is added to the recommended amount of clean water in a clean container whilst stirring and mixed thoroughly to give a slump free, easily worked mortar.

The use of an ARDEX mixing paddle with a 10mm chuck, variable speed electric drill makes light work of mixing.

The mix proportions by volume are approximately:

2.5 parts ARDEX S27W powder to 1 part water.

A 20kg bag of ARDEX S27W requires approximately 6.6 litres of water.

Do not exceed the maximum water content. The consistency of the adhesive can be adjusted to suit site conditions and the materials being fixed. The mixed mortar should be applied at temperatures above 5°C.

The pot life of the mixed mortar is approximately 45 to 60 minutes at 20°C.

APPLICATION

The mixed adhesive is applied to the prepared surface with a trowel and then combed through with a suitably sized notched trowel in straight ribs to give a ribbed mortar bed. The tiles should be fixed within the open time of the applied adhesive and pressed into place with a twisting and sliding action to achieve the required contact. For tiling to walls in dry internal locations the adhesive contact should be such that maximum practical contact between the tile and the adhesive is achieved. Tiles with a surface area of less than 0.1 m², but which weigh more per square metre than 70% of the background's capacity to carry the weight, should be solidly bedded. Tiles with a surface area of 0.1 m² or greater, should be solidly bedded.

When tiling to floors a solid bed usually requires the back of the tiles to be buttered immediately prior to placing into the ribbed bed so no voids are left beneath the tiles.

The size of notched trowel selected depends on the tile size, the surface being tiled, the profile on the back of the tile and the degree of coverage required.

ARDEX S27W is classified as having an extended open time of up to 30 minutes with freshly mixed material, when used in accordance with BS EN 12004.

For optimum performance under typical UK site conditions tiles should be fixed within 20 minutes, and can be adjusted for up to 15 minutes at 20°C.

GROUTING

Grouting can proceed once the tile bed has hardened sufficiently so that the tiles will not be dislodged.

When grouting wall or floor tiles, ARDEX S27W is normally hard enough after 2 hours at 20°C, depending on the porosity of the tile and the background.

Higher temperatures will shorten, and lower temperatures will lengthen these times. The tile joints should be grouted with the appropriate ARDEX-FLEX Tile Grout. For moisture sensitive natural stones consider the use of ARDEX MG Grout to reduce the risk of picture framing and water staining.

COVERAGE

A 20kg bag of ARDEX S 27 W will yield approximately 19.3 litres of mortar, using approximately 1kg of powder per m² per mm thickness of adhesive bed.

The actual coverage achieved in practice will depend on the back profile of the tile, notched trowel and technique used to bed the tiles e.g. a 20kg bag of ARDEX S27W will cover approximately 6.4m² at 3mm thickness.

PRIMERS

ARDEX P51

Concentrated Water-Based Primer and Bonding Agent for use on absorbent backgrounds, plaster and anhydrite/ calcium sulphate screeds prior to the use of ARDEX S27W. Dilute ARDEX P 51 1:3 with water.

ARDEX P4

Ready Mixed, Multi-Purpose, Rapid Drying Primer for use on ceramic and porcelain tiles, concrete and terrazzo. ARDEX P4 Primer is solvent free, and dries after 30 minutes.

ARDEX P82

Non-Flammable, Water-Based Synthetic Primer for use on smooth impervious surfaces including existing ceramic tiling, internal asphalt, terrazzo, sound and well adhered paint coatings and old adhesive residues, prior to the use of ARDEX S27W.

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GUIDANCE NOTES ON BACKGROUNDS TO BE TILED

Concrete

Allow at least 6 weeks, preferably at least 12 weeks drying time prior to fixing tiles onto new concrete. Mechanically clean concrete and ensure mould oil and curing agents are removed.

Cement/sand screed and renders

Wood float finish and prevent rapid drying of the surface for 3 days (*renders*) or 7 days (*screeds*). Allow to air dry in good conditions for at least 2 weeks (*render*) or at least 3 weeks (*screeds*) prior to tiling.

Note for Screeds: With an ARDEX A38 cement/sand screed, tiles can be fixed after only 4 hours.

Note for Renders: With ARDEX AM100 Rapid Hardening One Coat Tiling Render, tiles can be fixed after only 2 hours.

Gypsum Plaster

Do not use in wet or damp conditions. Gypsum plaster must be dry and at least 4 weeks old prior to tiling. Wire brush plaster to remove dust. Use ARDEX P51 Primer. Tiling weight should not exceed 20kg/m².

Plasterboard

Ensure boards are rigidly braced and adequately supported. Fix directly to the paper facing. Do not skim with plaster. Tile weight should not exceed 32kg/m².

Fibre-reinforced cement boards and lightweight tile backer boards

Install boards to BS 5385 i.e. moisture-resistant boards screwed to seasoned framework at maximum 300mm centres vertically and horizontally. Important note: Obtain manufacturer's confirmation that boards are suitable for tiling and for relevant fixing instructions.

Wood-based sheets and boards

NOTE: As of May 2024 Plywood/Timber is not a suitable base for tiling directly to on walls or floors -BS 5385 -3: 2024

Option 1 - Overlay with a suitable tilebacker board of appropriate thickness and fixed as per manufacturers instructions.

Option 2 - An uncoupling matting such as ARDEX Flexbone VA/2E* can be selected providing that the plywood/timber floor is:

- the correct grade
- sufficiently dry, rigid and stable able to carry all anticipated static and dynamic loads without deflection
- have adequate ventilation below
- flat and level (SR1)
- securely fixed (screwed to joists at 300mm centres, including any cross-noggins, if necessary)

When installing bonded uncoupling mattings down to the surface of the timber with AF 200 Plus*, it should be prepared to receive the adhesive. Sanding of the timber surface may be required to ensure any surface coatings are removed, e.g. varnish, lacquers, etc. *Refer to the relevant product data sheet for further advice.

NOTE: BS 5385-1 advises that plywood and other wood-based sheets or boards should not be used for direct tiling to walls.

Timber-based sheets or boards should be replaced or over sheeted with plasterboard, or suitable tile backer board.

Painted surfaces

ARDEX's advice is always to remove the painted finish to reveal a sound substrate without barriers to adhesion. Where the contractor deems the painted finish as sound, it should be primed with ARDEX P 82 primer before tiling with ARDEX S 27 W commences. A trial application is recommended first. Internal, dry areas only.

Calcium Sulfate-based screeds i.e. Anhydrite

Ensure they have been laid and prepared in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Generally they require sanding and must have a moisture content of 0.5% or less measured using the carbide method. Prime with ARDEX P51, diluted with 3 parts of water.

Existing glazed ceramic tiling

Ensure existing tiling is well adhered and can support the new tile bed. Thorough cleaning and rinsing off is essential. Prime tiles with ARDEX P 82 or ARDEX P 4 Primer.

Asphalt sanded

With well adhered sand key no primer is required. Internal areas only. If sand key is poor or worn off, proceed as for smooth asphalt.

Asphalt smooth

Priming with ARDEX P82 recommended.

Underfloor heating

ARDEX S 27 W is suitable for fixing ceramic tiles to concrete or cement and sand screeds with underfloor heating. When fixing uncalibrated stone to either concrete or cement and sand screeds the adhesive can be used up to 15mm thick.

PACKAGING

ARDEX S 27 W is packed in paper sacks incorporating a polyethylene liner - net weight 20kg.

STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

ARDEX S 27 W must be stored in unopened packaging, clear of the ground in cool dry conditions and be protected from excessive draught. If stored correctly, as detailed above, the shelf life of this product is 12 months from the date shown on the packaging.

PRECAUTIONS

ARDEX S 27 W is considered non-hazardous in normal usage. The presence of cement in the product gives an alkaline mortar which may cause some local irritation if prolonged contact with the skin takes place. Care should be taken to avoid inhalation or ingestion of dust and prevent contact with the eyes.

For further information consult the relevant health and safety data sheet.

TECHNICAL DATA

Weight of fresh mortar approximately 1.4kg/litre

Working time (20°C) approximately 45-60 minutes

Fixing time (20°C) up to 30 minutes

Adjusting time (20°C) approximately 15 minutes

The pot life of the mixed mortar is approximately 45-60 minutes at 20°C.

PROPERTIES TESTED (BS EN 12004 REQUIREMENTS)

Open Time: approximately 30 minutes

Slip Resistance: Slip - less than 0.5mm

Tensile Adhesion Strength: Greater than 1 N/mm² under all test conditions.

PROPERTIES TESTED TO BS EN 12002

Transverse Deformation: Classification S1
(Deformation greater than or equal to 2.5mm and less than 5mm)

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Country specific recommendations, depending on local standards, codes of practice, building regulations or industry guidelines, may affect specific installation recommendations.

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