



# TILER'S MASTIC TILE ADHESIVE

**DUNLOP TILER'S MASTIC TILE ADHESIVE** is a high bond strength tile adhesive which is specially formulated to have an extended open time while being flexible and non-slump for large format tiles on walls and floors.

## TILES

Ceramic, porcelain, natural stone (excluding moisture sensitive stone), mosaics, fully vitrified and translucent tiles.

**CLASSIFICATION: C2TES1**

**COLOUR: WHITE**

## SUBSTRATES

Suitable for use over render, screeds, plasterboard, medium density fibre cement sheet (internal walls), compressed fibre cement sheet floors, concrete, ceramic tile underlay, compressed fibre-cement sheet (floors), existing ceramic tiles (indoor) and DUNLOP Undertile Waterproofing Membranes.

## SURFACE PREPARATION

Surfaces must be consistently flat and firmly fixed. Clean off dust, oil, grease and all loose contaminating materials. Ensure surfaces are dry before tiling, with no residue or permanent damp. Prime porous surfaces with DUNLOP PRIMER & ADDITIVE or DUNLOP MULTIPURPOSE PRIMER.

## CONCRETE

Concrete should have a wood float finish. Allow at least four (4) weeks for concrete to cure prior to tiling. For tiling, the surface must be true and smooth, and for large format tiles level. Where falls to drains are required, the surface shall be pitched to drainage. Remove any concrete sealers or curing compounds from the surface, e.g. chlorinated rubber, resin, wax sealers. Steel trowel finished concrete shall be roughened mechanically to remove laitance and provide a good key for tiling.

## CEMENT RENDER WALLS & SCREEDED FLOORS

New renders and screeds should be finished with a wood float to the required surface regularity. Screeds should be pitched to drains where required. For bonded screeds allow 24 hours to cure prior to tiling. For unbonded screeds allow at least 7 days to cure prior to tiling. Prime with DUNLOP PRIMER & ADDITIVE or DUNLOP MULTIPURPOSE PRIMER and allow to dry.

## FIBRE-CEMENT SHEETS (WALLS), COMPRESSED FIBRE CEMENT SHEETS (FLOORS)

Fix sheets according to manufacturer's instructions, making sure the surface is completely clean. Priming with DUNLOP PRIMER & ADDITIVE or DUNLOP MULTIPURPOSE PRIMER is recommended for fibre-cement sheets. Refer to manufacturers' installation guide for jointing compressed fibre-cement sheets.

## PLASTERBOARD

Plasterboard does not require priming. However where jointing compound is used, prime joints with DUNLOP PRIMER & ADDITIVE or DUNLOP MULTIPURPOSE PRIMER.

## DUNLOP WATERPROOFING MEMBRANES

DUNLOP Undertile Waterproofing Membranes must be applied according to instructions and thoroughly dry prior to tiling.

## EXISTING CERAMIC TILES (indoor dry areas only)

The existing tiles must be firm and stable. Roughen the surface of existing tiles by mechanical means and clean off contamination and dust before tiling. Ensure that at least 80% of the glaze is removed. Alternatively use DUNLOP BONDCOAT as per the recommendations. Tiling over existing tiles is not recommended in immersed applications.

## CERAMIC TILE UNDERLAY (CTU) (over engineered sheet timber)

Should be fixed as per the CTU manufacturer's instructions. The CTU must be a minimum of 6mm and made specifically for this purpose. Tiles under 100mm edge length cannot be fixed using this method. Please refer to Technical Services for further details.

## MIXING

Use 6–6.5 litres of water per 20kg bag.

- Add powder to clean water in a clean container and mix to a creamy consistency.
- Allow to stand for 5 minutes.
- Re-stir the mixture thoroughly and the adhesive is ready for use for up to 3 hours at 23°C and 50% relative humidity. Do not use additional water.

## APPLICATION RANGE

- Tiling practices must be in accordance with AS 3958. Use the appropriate notched trowel to achieve 100% coverage. As a general guide, use a 6 x 6 x 6mm trowel on walls, 10 x 10 x 10mm trowel on floors. For large format tiles over 450mm use a larger size notched trowel and apply adhesive using the back buttering application method to achieve 100% coverage.
- Before fixing tiles, ensure the back of the tiles are free from dust and release agents.
- Spread approximately one square metre at a time ensuring that a skin has not developed prior to bedding the tiles (this adhesive has an open time of 30 minutes before skinning occurs depending on site conditions). Do not apply adhesive at a bed thickness greater than 10mm.
- Press and slide the tile at right angles to the notch pattern to



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ensure 100% coverage on the back of the tile.

- Deeply keyed quarry tiles and tiles greater than 450mm on an edge do require buttering of the adhesive on the back of the tiles to ensure complete coverage.
- Tiles should be laid with a joint width of no less than 3mm for floors and 1.5mm for walls.
- Lift a tile from time to time to check that there are no voids beneath the tile. Do not spot fix tiles.
- Any surplus adhesive must be removed from the surface of the tile and joints, before the adhesive sets.
- Allow adhesive to set firm (24 hours) before grouting and allowing foot traffic, depending on temperature and surface porosity.

## DRYING TIME

Approximately 24 hours, at 23°C and 50% relative humidity. Allow longer for dense tiles/substrates, humid climates and low temperatures.

## GROUTING

Use DUNLOP COLOURED GROUT for flexible and mould resistant joints. For joints greater than 8mm, use DUNLOP WIDE JOINT GROUT. To enhance the colour of the grout, impart a degree of flexibility and reduce porosity and staining, use in conjunction with DUNLOP PRIMER & ADDITIVE.

## MOVEMENT JOINTS

Movement joints must be in accordance with AS3958. As a general guide, movement joints should be incorporated at 3–5 metre intervals and around the perimeter of the floor. Any structural movement joints must be carried through to the face of the tiling. These joints must be approximately 6mm wide and kept free from adhesive and grout droppings. They shall be filled with a suitable flexible material such as DUNLOP COLOURED SILICONE or a proprietary jointing system. For walls, incorporate movement joints at internal corners, fixtures interrupting the tile surface, at 3.5 metre intervals and storey height for external fixing.

## COVERAGE

20kg of DUNLOP TILER'S MASTIC TILE ADHESIVE is sufficient for approximately 10m<sup>2</sup> of tiling when using a 6 x 6 x 6mm notch trowel, and 6m<sup>2</sup> when using a 10 x 10 x 10mm notch trowel. Coverage will vary depending on site conditions, tile type and application technique.

## CLEANING

All tools should be cleaned with water immediately after use.

## PRODUCT PRECAUTIONS

- Do not use this adhesive to fix moisture sensitive natural stone (e.g. green marble).
- Do not use this adhesive in areas subjected to water immersion – e.g. swimming pools, use DUNLOP TILE-ALL or DUNLOP UNIVERSAL TILE ADHESIVE.
- Do not use this adhesive over timber, metal or substrates subject to movement.
- Not to be used on floors with a deflection greater than the joist span divided by 500. Joist span must comply with AS 1684.
- Do not apply at temperatures below 10°C.

## SHELF LIFE

12 months when stored in original unopened packaging in a dry place at 23°C and 50% relative humidity.

## SAFETY DATA

This product causes skin irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Causes serious eye damage. May cause respiratory irritation. Suspected of causing genetic defects. May cause cancer. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Do not breathe dust/fume. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection and face protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Store locked up. Check with your local Council regarding disposal of contents. Keep out of the reach of children. At times updates can occur to data, for additional information and the most current technical and safety information please consult the latest Safety Data Sheet (SDS) and Technical Data Sheet found on the product page of [dunloptrade.com.au](http://dunloptrade.com.au).

## 10 YEAR GUARANTEE

Ardex Australia Pty Ltd ("we" or "us") guarantees this product (also referred to as "our goods") is free from manufacturing defects and will perform to any applicable specification published by us for 10 years from the date of application of the product if such application occurs within this product's specified shelf life. Our liability under this guarantee is limited at our option to replacement of the product, repair of any damage to the immediate surface or area of application of the product, or the cost of such replacement or repair, in each case if we are satisfied loss or damage was due to a breach of



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