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Tile Adhesive for Walls

DESCRIPTION

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

Use for

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

Restrictions: NOT suitable for

- Exterior use or total immersion areas (e.g. swimming pools).
- Some non-porous tiles (depending on size/background).
- Bedding depths exceeding 3mm.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Composition: Acrylic based organic dispersion.

Colour: White

Type/Classification: Exceeds BS EN 12004 **D2TE**

Pack size: 10ltr, 5ltr and 2.5ltr

Key features: Ready-to-use/easy to apply. Highly water-resistant. Highly flexible. Excellent non-slip (no battens required). High bond strength.

Grout after: 24 hours (at 20°C)

USAGE & SERVICE CONDITIONS

Walls	✓	Worktops	✓
Interior	✓	Dry	✓
Wet	✓		

Domestic Showers (1)	✓
Communal Showers (1)	✓

- (1) Do not use shower for at least 2 weeks following completion of grouting – BS 5385: Part 4. .
- (2) Provided surface is sufficiently flat
- (3) Check suitability of sheets/boards for the intended purpose with the manufacturer.
- (4) In frequently wet conditions tank out with the BAL-WP1 TANKING SYSTEM.
- (5) Drying times will be extended, i.e. leave adhesive to dry for a minimum of 3 days before grouting.

BACKGROUNDS/BASES

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

Usage: Bed-thickness/Time		
Bed-thickness	Open Time*	Setting Time
3mm max.	20 mins	24 hours at 20°C

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

** Cured adhesive.

Temperature Resistance**
-30°C to 100°C

Usage: Tools/Coverage		
	Recommended Application Tools	Typical Coverage [^]
Dry areas	Round notched trowel	0.66m ² /kg
Wet areas	Thin bed solid bed trowel	0.5m ² /kg

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

SURFACE PREPARATION

General

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

If fixing onto plaster/plasterboard, check that tile weight (INCLUDING adhesive) will NOT exceed 20kg/m² (plaster) or 32kg/m² (plasterboard)

SUITABLE SURFACES include:

Blockwork

Allow new walls to dry out for min. 6 weeks before rendering/plastering/tiling.

Direct fixing of tiles to lightweight blockwork is NOT recommended.

Brickwork/concrete

Allow new walls to dry out for min. 6 weeks before rendering/plastering/tiling.

Direct fixing of tiles to clay brick/medium density concrete is acceptable if surface is sufficiently flat.

Cement:sand screeds

Must be at least 2 weeks old before tiling. If render based on BAL QUICKSET CEMENT, allow to dry for min. 24 hours.

Existing glazed ceramic tiles/glazed bricks

Ensure existing tiles/bricks are soundly bonded to a stable background that is sufficiently strong to support the weight of the new tiling.

If areas are loose or hollow-sounding, remove and make good with 1:3 cement:sand mortar over a slurry bonding coat (2:1 cement: BAL BOND SBR by weight) or BAL QUICKSET RENDER.

Fibre mesh reinforced cement-faced tilebacker panels/building boards

Ensure boards are securely fixed and rigid as per the board manufacturer's recommendation (usually at maximum 300mm centres vertically and horizontally), with no protruding fixings. Do NOT seal surfaces to be tiled. Drying times may be extended.

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.

Plaster

Must be at least 4 weeks old before tiling.

Ensure finish coat has been applied, and surface is free from dust, efflorescence and friable material.

If plaster is shiny or polished, brush thoroughly before priming with:

- BAL PRIME APD or BAL PRIMER (diluted 1:1 with water) or
- BAL BOND SBR (diluted 1:4 with water)

Allow primer to dry

If plaster is defective/badly cracked, cut back to straight vertical or horizontal edges.

Dry brush the background and make good with a suitable non-shrinking filler.

Plasterboard

Ensure boards are securely fixed and rigid at 300mm centres vertically and horizontally or as per board manufacturer's recommendations with no protruding fixings. Ensure the face intended to receive decorative finish is exposed.

Plywood/chipboard/sheets

Ensure boards are securely fixed and rigid. Check with manufacturer that sheets/boards are suitable for intended application. Use moisture-resistant or exterior grade boards. Seal the reverse side and edges with BAL-BOND SBR to prevent distortion from atmospheric changes. Do NOT seal surfaces to be tiled. Sheets/boards must be dry, securely fixed and rigid, e.g. screwed to a seasoned timber framework at 300mm centres vertically and horizontally.

The adhesive is also suitable for surfaces with BAL WP1 COATING

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 Service.

Fixing procedure

1. Apply adhesive to wall surface (max. 1m² at a time) and comb out, using a suitable trowel.
2. Press tile firmly into the ribs of the adhesive and into position, with slight twisting/sliding action to ensure optimum adhesive contact.
3. Fix tiles before adhesive forms skin (typically 20 minutes at 20°C).
If skin has formed, remove adhesive and apply fresh layer.
4. Occasionally lift a tile to check adhesive contact area: min. 50% coverage for dry areas; min. 100% coverage for wet areas (i.e. no voids).
5. Leave joints (min. 1mm) between tiles, unless self-spacing tiles used.
6. Clean off surplus adhesive from tile face and between tile joints.

Grouting

7. Wait minimum 24 hours at 20°C.

NOTE: *If tiling on an impervious background (e.g. existing tiles or primed areas) and/or fixing larger format tiles (up to 300x300mm), delay grouting for min. 3 days, to allow for extended setting time.*

8. Fill movement joints and seal around baths/shower trays with BAL MICROSEAL SILICONE SEALANT or suitable equivalent.

NOTE: *If grouting shower areas, allow grout to dry for min. 2 weeks before using shower.*

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

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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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