



## High performance porcelain tile adhesive



- *Excellent tiling on walls and floors,*
- *Resistant to outdoor conditions,*
- *Resistant to water and frost,*
- *Resistant to thermal shocks and moisture,*
- *Non-slip, excellent performance for wall tiling.*

### DESCRIPTION

• Cement based, flexible tile adhesive with improved adhesion for fixing small to large sized walls&floor tiles and porcelain tiles. It is non-slip by its tixotropic feature.

### AREAS OF USE

• Suitable for use in internal and external, vertical and horizontal fixing applications. Ideal for tiling in wet areas, terraces and wide areas.

### FEATURES

Material content: High quality cement, additives providing flexibility and improved adhesion.

Type : Powder  
Color : Grey / white  
Density : 1,3 gr/cm<sup>3</sup>

### APPLICATION PROPERTIES

Mixture rate : 6-7 lt water / 25 kg powder  
Open time : 20 minutes  
Pot life : 3 hours  
Application temperature : +5 °C - +35 °C  
Bed thickness : 2-10 mm  
Coverage area under tile : minimum 90%  
Open to foot traffic : minimum 24 hours (for light pedestrian traffic)  
Joint filler after application : 24 hours after application  
Final hardening time : 28 days (23 °C, 50% relative humidity)

### TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE

Tensile strength  
- after 28 days :  $\geq 1,0$  MPa (N/mm<sup>2</sup>)  
- aging with heat :  $\geq 1,0$  MPa (N/mm<sup>2</sup>)  
- aging with water :  $\geq 1,0$  MPa (N/mm<sup>2</sup>)  
- freeze-thaw cycle :  $\geq 1,0$  MPa (N/mm<sup>2</sup>)  
- extended open time (20 mins.) :  $\geq 1,0$  MPa (N/mm<sup>2</sup>)  
Shear :  $\leq 0,5$  mm  
Flexibility : good  
Resistance to alkalies : good  
Resistance to thermal shocks : excellent (-30 °C - +70 °C)

### REFERENCE STANDARD

TS EN 12004-1 / C2T class.

### APPLICATION SURFACES

• Suitable for use on cement based screeds and plasters, and concrete substrates. For application on alternative surfaces please refer to the Special Conditions section.

### SURFACE PREPARATION

• The substrate must be clean in order to ensure the adhesive bonds properly. Surfaces should be clean and free from dust, dirt, grease or any other contaminating barrier. Subsequently hardened or polished surfaces and laitance (concrete and etc.) must be removed by scabbling.  
• Ensure that substrate is mature, sound, stable and smooth, and not too dry or wet.

- High porosity substrates (ie, gypsum plasters) should be primed with **CERMI-FILM** before fixing.
- Impervious surfaces should be primed with **CERMIFILM PLUS** before fixing.
- The surfaces exposed to direct sunlight and have a surface temperature above +35 °C must be cooled by damping.
- **CERMIFLEX** is not a leveling material. The deepest point of the application surface in 2 m long gauge should not exceed 7 mm. For larger deviations, the surface should be smoothed with either **CERMIMORTAR 3-20** or **CERMI-FLOOR 4-30**.

### MIXING

- Gradually add 6-7 lt (24-28%) of clean water to 25 kg of powder, and mix to a smooth and homogenous paste. It is recommended to use a low cycled electrical drill-mixer for mixing.
- The paste should be in a consistence such that it does not flow when handled with a trowel.
- The paste should rest for 5 minutes prior to application and should be applied after remixing.

### APPLICATION CONDITIONS

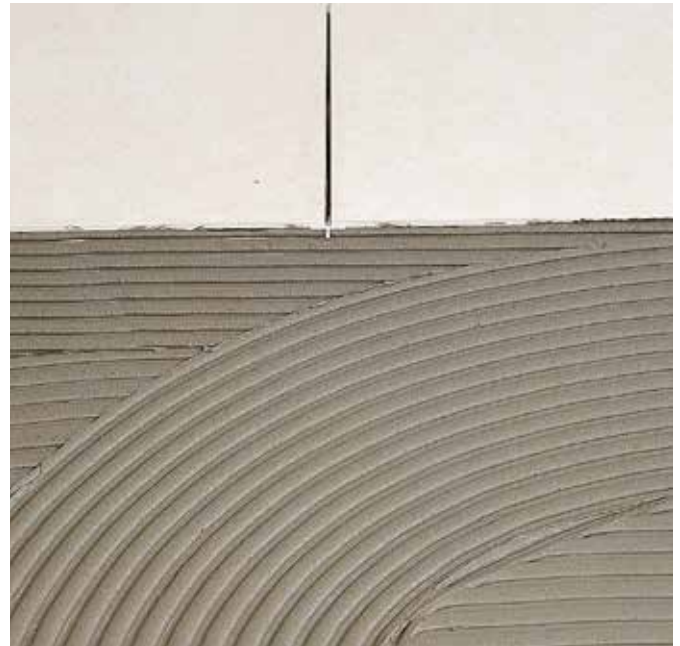
- The adhesive should be used at an ambient temperature range of +5 °C - +35 °C.
- Application surface temperature must be above +5 °C. The surface should have no risk of freezing.
- Application on hot surfaces and during sunny and/or windy weather is not recommended.

### APPLICATION

- Apply the adhesive on the substrate (for tile sizes >40x40 cm, adhesive should be buttered onto the tile back as well) with a suitable notched trowel to achieve the required bed thickness. Glass tiles, natural stones and marbles should be fixed with double buttering method.
- The tiles must be fixed within the open time of adhesive and pressed on with a twisting and sliding action to achieve a good contact. The tile should be gently hammered with a rubber hammer in order to provide the stability of bonding and the adhesive to spread and fully cover the tile back. Lift an occasional tile after fixing to verify that the required contact is being achieved.
- Excess adhesive must be cleaned off from the tiles and joints with a damp cloth or sponge before it hardens.
- In fixing transparent and light colored tiles and natural stones, a sample application should be carried to observe the possibility of the formation of stain and shades. In case, white coloured **CERMIFLEX** should be used.
- Joint filler must be done at least 24 hours later after adhesive application.

### PRECAUTIONS

- If any roundish and lump or hard particles are observed in a new opened bag, do not use the product.
- Do not add more or less water into the mixture than it is specified on the technical legends on the product packaging or technical data sheets.
- Do not add more water into the mixture once the mixture is prepared.
- Do not apply the adhesive directly onto the existing ceramic tiles and metal, plastic, PVC, wooden, cement based chip boards, aerated concrete, precast-concrete, gypsum plastered, gypsum board, under floor heated and painted surfaces. Please consult technical service for solutions.



- Do not tile onto new render or concrete. Leave plaster and screed for at least 6 weeks before tiling.
- On terraces, wet areas and similar areas there should be an incline of 3% on the floor along the direction of drain.
- Open time for **CERMIFLEX** is 20 minutes. The open time will be shortened for applications with inconvenient conditions (due to high ambient temperatures, dry air and strong wind and fixing onto high porosity substrates). On this account, wetness on the surface of the adhesive should be tested by touching in case of early setting. If the adhesive does not get on the fingers, it means that the open time has expired. In such a case, fixing after wetting the adhesive surface is not applicable. The dried adhesive must be removed from the substrate and new adhesive should be reapplied. The open time may extend in lower temperatures and/or high humidity conditions, or when tiling onto impervious or sealed surfaces.
- Expansion joints should be incorporated to allow for slight movements due to changes in temperature, humidity and thermal and mechanical loads formed on the surface and substrate. Expansion joints should be provided considering heat transmitting systems and insulation applications, floors exposed to heavy traffic and pedestrian loads, wideness of the area, where tiling meets other materials, along all internal corners, existing movement joints or changes in background material. Large tiled areas must be divided into bays (every 4 to 8 m due to tile sizes and type). Expansion joints should be insulated by using proper profiles or mastics.
- Tiled areas must be protected for at least 24 hours from direct sunlight, frost and rain.
- When tiling on walls, the weight of tiles per m<sup>2</sup> should not exceed 30 kg.
- Porcelain tiles sized between 300 cm<sup>2</sup> (15x20 cm) to 3600 cm<sup>2</sup> (60x60 cm) are limited up to 4 m for facade tiling. Please consult to the technical support for larger sized tile applications at higher elevations.

#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- For fixing onto impervious surfaces like existing tiles the surface must be primed. As a primer **CERMIPLIM PLUS** or the mixture prepared by mixing **CERMIFLEX** and **CERMILATEX** in equal amounts is recommended.
- It is applicable to tile on gypsum based substrates in internal areas whether primed with **CERMIPLIM**.
- Before tiling wet areas (bathroom, shower, etc.), it is recommended to apply waterproofing first (**CERMICRYL**, **CERMIPROOF SF** or **CERMIPROOF FF**).

#### COVERAGE

The approximate coverage amount (kg/m<sup>2</sup>) may vary depending on the application surface, tile size, and the type of trowel.

SIZE OF NOTCHED TROWEL	COVERAGE	APPLICATION METHOD
U6 (6x6x6) mm	3 - 4 kg 5 - 6 kg	Single Bonding Double Bonding
U9 (9x9x9) mm	4 - 5 kg 6 - 8 kg	Single Bonding Double Bonding
E10 (8x10x20) mm	6 - 8 kg 7 - 9 kg	Single Bonding Double Bonding

#### PACKAGING

Kraft sacks of 25 kg (48 sacks / 1200 kg on a pallet)

#### STORAGE AND SHELL LIFE

- When stored unopened in a cool, dry place at temperatures above 5 °C, shelf life is 12 months from date of manufacture. Production date and charge number is displayed on the packaging.
- The products should not be stored in damped or submerged warehouses. At maximum 10 craft sacks should be overlaid for storage.
- When not used, opened packages should be closed tightly to avoid air contact.

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Irritating to eyes and skin due to cement content. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical help. After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of soap and water.
- Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eyes/face protection.
- The product should not be inhaled. Dust mask should be used if necessary.
- Keep the product out of the reach of children.

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