



RUBBERSTIK

SUPER COVERAGE FLEXIBLE RUBBER MODIFIED TILE ADHESIVE

- Off White
- Internal/ External Use
- Australian Made

DESCRIPTION

ABA Rubberstik is an economical rubber modified adhesive for fixing ceramic tiles in internal and external (with satisfactory falls) situations. It can be used over render, plasterboard, fibre-cement sheet and concrete in situations where minimal movement is anticipated. When mixed with water, a flexible mortar that meets the S1 tile adhesive classification is produced. ABA Rubberstik is ideal for fixing ceramic, fully vitrified, porcelain, non-moisture sensitive natural stone tiles and mosaics. ABA Rubberstik can be used in wet area applications of residential and commercial applications with correct falls to drainage. ABA Rubberstik meets the Gren Building Council of Australia star IEQ requirements for Ceramic Tile Adhesive.

FOR FIXING (TILE TYPES)

Fully vitrified and ceramic tiles, porcelain, natural stones (excluding moisture sensitive) and mosaics.

TO (SUBSTRATES)

- Concrete, renders, screeds
- Medium density fibre-cement sheet, plasterboard on walls
- Compressed fibre cement sheets
- ABA and ARDEX liquid applied undertile waterproofing membranes.

SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

The surface being adhered to must be clean, firm and free of dust, dirt, oil, grease, curing compounds, release agents and other barrier materials, as well as being strong enough to support the weight of the tiles being fixed. Ensure surfaces are dry before tiling, with no residue or permanent damp.

Ensure that the substrate's required drying time, as given in the relevant part of AS 3958, is allowed to elapse prior to fixing the tiles. Prime porous substrates with ABA Abaprime or ARDEX Multiprime.

Concrete

This includes precast, in-situ and wood floated concrete. As concrete exhibits drying shrinkage, allow to cure for at least 4 weeks prior to tiling. Any surface laitance, concrete sealers, curing compounds, and other materials shall be removed from the surface prior to tiling. Steel trowel finished concrete shall be roughened mechanically to remove laitance and provide a good key for tiling. The surface shall be true and level and pitched to drains where required. The concrete should have adequate surface profile (e.g. broom finish) to provide a mechanical key. Smooth surfaces and/or dense concrete greater than 35MPa must be mechanically roughened prior to tiling.

Cement Render/Screeds

New renders and screeds should be finished with a wood float to the required surface regularity. Screeds shall be pitched to drains where required. Allow at least 16 hours to cure prior to tiling.

Plasterboard/Medium Density Fibre-Cement Sheet on Walls

Tiles can be fixed directly provided that these boards are firmly and rigidly fixed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to adequately support the tile bed. Ensure the surface is completely clean. Priming with ABA Abaprime

is recommended for fibre-cement sheets. Priming is not usually necessary for plasterboard except when a jointing compound is used, the compound should then be primed with ABA Abaprime.

Compressed Fibre-Cement Sheet on floors

For both internal and external applications, tiling over compressed fibre-cement must be carried out as per the sheet manufacturer's recommendations and Australian Standard AS3958.

ABA and ARDEX Liquid Applied Undertile Waterproofing Membranes

ARDEX undertile waterproofing must be applied according to instructions and thoroughly dry prior to tiling.

MIXING

ABA Rubberstik powder is added to clean water in a clean container whilst stirring vigorously and mixed thoroughly to give a lump free easily worked mortar of a thick creamy consistency. Mix for at least 2 minutes, allow to stand for 3 minutes and mix a second time for 2 minutes. A 15kg bag of ABA Rubberstik requires approximately 6.75 litres of water. The consistency of the adhesive can be adjusted to suit site conditions and size, weight and type of tiles to be fixed. Do not apply at temperatures below 10 °C. The pot life of the mixed mortar is approximately 1.5 hours at 23 °C and 50% relative humidity.

FIXING TECHNIQUE

Before fixing ensure the substrate has been prepared and the tiles are free from dust. Tiles should be fixed in accordance with AS 3958.

Substrate surface, type and size of the tiles will determine the selection of the trowel. As a general guide use a 6 x 6 x 6mm notched trowel for walls and 10 x 10 x 10mm notched trowel for floor tiling. ABA Rubberstik can be applied at a bed thickness greater than 1.5mm or less than 6mm.

The tiles must be pressed firmly into the freshly combed mortar bed to ensure good contact with the mortar. Slide the tile at right angles to the notch pattern to ensure 100% coverage on the back of the tile. Tiles with ribbed or keyed back profiles should also be buttered to ensure complete coverage. Lift a tile from time to time to check that there are no voids beneath the tile. Do not spot fix. Any surplus adhesive must be removed from the surface of the tile and joints, before the adhesive sets.

ABA Rubberstik has an open time of 15-20 minutes and an adjustment time of 10-15 minutes. Please be aware of site conditions when considering these times and only spread enough adhesive so that the tiles can be fixed while the mortar is still wet. All tools should be cleaned with water immediately after use.

MOVEMENT JOINTS

Movement joints must be in accordance with Australian Standard AS 3958.

GROUTING

Grouting can proceed once the tile bed has hardened sufficiently so that tiles will not be dislodged. Grouting and traffic may be allowed after approximately 24 hours at 23°C and 50% relative humidity. Allow longer for dense tiles/substrates, humid climates and low temperatures. The tile joints should be grouted with the appropriate ARDEX grout.

COVERAGE

15kg of ABA Rubberstik is sufficient for approximately 14m² on walls, using a 6 x 6 x 6mm notched trowel and 9m² on floors using a 10 x 10 x 10mm notched trowel. The coverage will vary depending on substrate condition, tile type and application technique.



PACKAGING

ABA Rubberstik is packed in polylined paper sacks – net weight 15kg.

SHELF LIFE

ABA Rubberstik has a shelf life of 12 months when stored in the original unopened packaging in a dry place at 23°C and 50% relative humidity.

Pay attention to the following:

- ABA Rubberstik is suitable for minimal movement only. When setting tiles on substrates where movement is anticipated, we recommend the use of ARDEX X56, ARDEX X77 or ARDEX Abaflex.
- For setting of moisture sensitive natural stones, please refer to products in the ARDEX Natural Stone System.
- ABA Rubberstik is not suitable for use over timber floors or fibre cement sheeted timber floors.
- Do not use ABA Rubberstik in continuous immersion applications e.g. swimming pools, tanks, etc. ARDEX provides other systems.
- External tiling and shower recess floors must have adequate falls for drainage.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

This product is considered non hazardous in normal usage. The presence of cement in the product gives an alkaline mortar which may cause some irritation if prolonged contact with skin takes place.

Avoid contact with skin and eyes; in case of contact with the eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice; wear suitable gloves and eye protection and keep the product out of the reach of children. Avoid generation of airborne dust during mixing. If swallowed do not induce vomiting, give a glass of water and contact a doctor.

For further material safety data, consult the latest Safety Data Sheet.

TECHNICAL DATA

Colour: Off White Powder
Mixing Ratio: Approx 6.5L water per 15kg powder

Application Properties at 23°C and 50% RH

Open Time: 15 - 20 minutes
Adjustment Time: 10 - 15 minutes
Grouting Time: 24 hours
Pot Life: 1.5 hours

Mechanical Properties (ISO 13007)

Tensile adhesion strength after:
28 Days Dry: >1.0 MPa
Water Immersion: >1.0 MPa
Heat Ageing: >1.0 MPa
Freeze Thaw: >1.0 MPa
Transverse Deformation: >2.5mm
Classification: C1 TE S1

PRODUCT GUARANTEE



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