



DIAMOND STAR (Grey)

High Performance, Polymer Modified, Reduced Slip Adhesive

DESCRIPTION

Grey cement based, high performance, high strength adhesive for fixing tiles/stones. The set adhesive is water-resistant and suitable for use in wet areas like swimming pools and water bodies.

DIAMOND STAR Grey is ideal for fixing vitrified tiles, industrial grade tiles, natural stones on wall/floor in interior/exterior situations upto 6mm bed thickness (can be extended up to 12 mm in area of limited extent).

Note: Not recommended for direct use onto gypsum plaster (wall finishes), paint or metal.

STANDARDS

Confirms to **IS 15477: 2019 Type 3T** "Specification for Adhesives for use with Ceramic, Mosaic and Stone Tiles"

Confirms to **EN 12004: 2017** and is an improved cementitious adhesive (C2) with slip resistance (T) and extended open time (E) of class **C2TE**

FEATURES

- Very high bond strength
- Non-slip
- Water resistant
- Easy mixing, smooth application & better workability
- Enhanced flexibility & adhesion can be obtained with addition of ADMIX AD1 (latex additive)

SUITABLE BACKGROUND / BASES

New substrates:

- Concrete walls & floor
- Cement sand screed
- Cement sand render

Renovation works on existing:

- Unglazed tiles
- Hard natural stones
- Glazed tiles (vitrified and ceramic tiles)
- Mosaic tiles and In-situ mosaic flooring

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES @ 27 ± 2°C

Bed Thickness	2 - 6 mm (can be extended up to 12 mm in area of limited extent)
Pot Life	3 hours
Setting Time	24 hours
Temperature Resistance	- 30°C to 150°C
VOC Content	1.26 g/L

Properties as per IS 15477: 2019 @ 27 ± 2°C

Property with Test Method	Min. Requirements	Typical Result
Tensile Adhesion Strength (as per Annex A)		
Dry Condition	1.50 N/mm ²	>1.50 N/mm ²
Wet Condition	1.00 N/mm ²	>1.10 N/mm ²
Shear Adhesion Strength (as per Annex B)		
Dry Condition	1.50 N/mm ²	>1.60 N/mm ²
Heat Aging Condition	1.00 N/mm ²	>1.20 N/mm ²
Wet Condition	1.00 N/mm ²	>1.10 N/mm ²
Open time (as per Annex C)	As per Mftr.	20 mins
Adjustment time (as per Annex D)	As per Mftr.	20 mins
Slip (as per Annex E)	< 0.50 mm	0.30mm

Properties as per EN 12004: 2017 @ 23 ± 2°C

Property with Test Method (as per Part 2)	Min. Requirements (as per Part 1)	Typical Result
Tensile Adhesion Strength (Clause 8.3)		
Initial	≥ 1.00 N/mm ²	> 1.30 N/mm ²
After water immersion	≥ 1.00 N/mm ²	> 1.10 N/mm ²
After heat aging	≥ 1.00 N/mm ²	> 1.10 N/mm ²
After freeze-thaw cycles	≥ 1.00 N/mm ²	> 1.10 N/mm ²
Open time @ 30 mins: Tensile Adhesion Strength (Clause 8.1 & 8.3)	≥ 0.50 N/mm ²	0.60 N/mm ²
Slip (T) (Clause 8.2)	≤ 0.50 mm	0.30 mm

COVERAGE ESTIMATES

Pack size **Coverage**
2 kg & 20 kg approx. 1.30 - 1.40 kg/m²/mm

Square notch Trowel size	Consumption/m ² (@ 45° angle of trowel)
4mm X 4mm	1.80 - 1.85 Kgs
6mm X 6mm	2.70 - 2.80 Kgs
8mm X 8mm	3.60 - 3.70 Kgs
12mm X 12mm	5.35 - 5.50 Kgs

Note: Coverage will depend on the nature and flatness of the surface and the method of application. For good coverage, it is vital that all surfaces are smooth, plumb, level and free from defects and undulations.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Substrate Preparation

Before starting any work ensure that the base is:

- Sufficiently flat to permit the specified flatness of finished tiling, bearing in mind the permissible thickness of the adhesive.

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- Suitable for tiling in the service conditions to which it will be exposed.
- Surfaces to be tiled must be dry, clean and free from loose material and contamination.

SITE WORK INSTRUCTIONS

SURFACE considerations

New Concrete Bases:

Before commencing tiling, ensure that bases have been allowed to air dry for at least 4 weeks.

New Cement Sand rendering/Brick/Block Wall:

Before commencing tiling, allow plastered surface to air dry for at least 2 weeks (3 weeks for swimming pools).

Existing Concrete/Screed Bases

Cut out all loose or hollow portions and make good with a 1:3 cement:sand mortar applied over a slurry bonding coat* and dry and cure for 7 days.

Ceramic/Vitrified & Fully Vitrified Tile/Terrazzo/Hard Natural Stone Bases:

Check that existing finish is firmly adhering to the base. Remove any loose or hollow sounding tiles and reprofile with a 1:3 cement: sand mortar over a slurry bonding coat*. Any surface contamination should be removed with HEAVY DUTY TILE CLEANER/TILE & STONE CLEANER.

*Slurry bonding coat is prepared by mixing 2 parts of Portland cement to 1 part of ADMIX AD1. Brush on the base immediately before applying the adhesive.

Mixing

Add 20 kgs of DIAMNOD STAR (Grey) to 3.80 to 3.90 ltrs of clean water. Mix thoroughly until a homogeneous lump-free consistency is obtained. Allow the mixed adhesive to polymerise for 2-5 minutes and mix again for 30 seconds. The adhesive is ready-for-use and has a pot life of 3 hours. No further water should be added. Where mixing by weight is not possible, volume mixing can be carried out at site in the ratio of 1: 3.5 (water: powder)

In case of using latex additives, use 1 litre of ADMIX AD 1 with 2.80 - 2.90 litres of water and 20 kg of DIAMOND STAR (Grey)

APPLICATION

1. Spread not more than the area which can be tiled within the open time of the adhesive.
2. The mixed adhesive is applied to the prepared surface with a trowel and then combed through with a suitably sized square-toothed notched trowel.
3. The tiles should be fixed within the open time of the adhesive and pressed into place with a twisting and sliding action ensuring solid bed fixing is achieved. The open time is dependent on site conditions and will be extended in lower temperatures and shortened at higher temperatures.
4. Check periodically that good contact is maintained with the back of each tile.
5. Touch the adhesive ribs periodically and if a skin has formed, remove the adhesive and apply a new layer.
6. Leave adequate joints between individual wall and floor tiles unless self-spacing tiles are used.

7. Clean off surplus adhesive from the tile face and between joints

Note:

- Do not use in damp conditions and temperature less than 5°C
- Seal the sides & bottom of porous stones with UNDERTILE & STONE PRIMER to avoid migration of moisture.
- Use suitable clamps along with adhesive at the time of installation of tiles/stones above 3m height as recommended by IS 15477: 2019
- For large span tiling works, leave movement joints at every 3m interval and fill with a flexible sealant as per BS 5385.
- Prevent foot traffic till the adhesive has completely set.

SPACERS

Use ARDEX ENDURA spacers (minimum 2mm) for uniform joint width.

GROUTING

Grouting should be carried out after 24 hours. Use the appropriate grouting material from the range of cementitious and epoxy grouts. EPOXY GROUT is strongly recommended for wet areas, swimming pools, locations with requirement of hygiene & chemical resistance.

Note: The addition of ADMIX GT 1 to cement - based grouts will enhance adhesion to tile/stones edges, increase water-resistance and improves flexibility.

SEALERS

ARDEX ENDURA offers a range of Tile & Stone surface sealers depending on the desired finish:

- Wet look finish: Use 'Heavy Duty Impregnating Tile & Stone Sealer
- Glossy finish: Use 'Impregnating Tile & Stone Sealer`
- Natural look: Use 'FC SS' or 'FC Sealer'

CLEANING

Tools and containers may be cleaned using clean water when the adhesive is still fresh. The hardened adhesive can be removed from tools mechanically.

STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

DIAMOND STAR (Grey) has a shelf life of 12 months when stored in normal dry conditions.

PRECAUTIONS

Keep out of reach of children. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eyes/face protection. After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of clean water. In case of contact with eyes rinse immediately with plenty of clean water and seek medical advice.

For more details please refer the relevant Material Safety Data Sheet

CONDITIONS OF SALE

Sold subject to the Company's conditions of sale which are available on request.

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NOTE

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