

# LARGE FORMAT TILE ADHESIVE

High-performance, deformable cementitious adhesive with no vertical slip and extended open time, for ceramic tiles and stone material including in large format.



## CLASSIFICATION ACCORDING TO AS ISO 13007.1

Large Format Tile Adhesive is a cementitious (C), improved (2), with no vertical slip (T) and extended open time (E) deformable (S1) adhesive.

## WHERE TO USE

Internal and external bonding, both on floors and walls, of ceramic tiles of all types and formats (thin ceramic tiles, double-fired, single-fired, clinker, terracotta etc.), stone material which is dimensionally stable and not sensitive to moisture or staining and all types of mosaics. Depending on areas of use and amount of mixing water, **Large Format Tile Adhesive** can have either a fluid consistency, suitable for a good wetting of large format tiles installed on floors, or a thixotropic consistency that prevents tiles from slipping when applied on walls.

### Some application examples

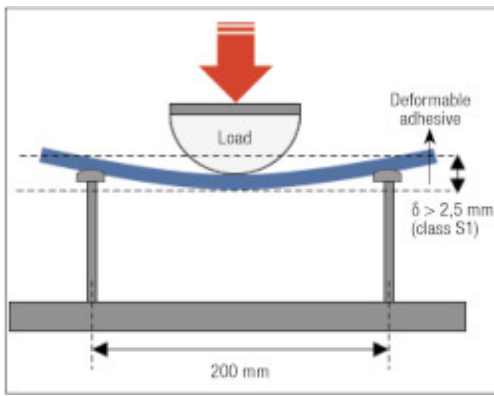
- Bonding ceramic tiles, stone material not sensitive to moisture and mosaic on the following substrates:
  - well cured, dry cementitious screeds and screeds made from special binders (such as **Topcem** and **Mapecem**);
  - heated floors;
  - sound, well cured concrete floors;
  - cementitious and lime/cement render on internal and external facades;
  - internal cellular cement block walls treated with **Primer G** or **Eco Prim T Plus**;
  - dry gypsum and anhydrite treated with **Primer G** or **Eco Prim T Plus**;
  - plasterboard fastened to a rigid support;
  - waterproofing membranes made from **Mapegum WPS** or Mapeelastic range of products;
  - Uncoupling, anti-fracture waterproofing membrane such as **Mapeguard UM 35**.
- Spot-bonding insulating materials such as foam polyurethane, Rockwool, glass fibre wool, polystyrene and cork soundproofing panels, etc.
- Overlaying old floors with ceramic tiles, terrazzo and stone material.
- Bonding tiles in swimming pools and tanks.
- Bonding on façades.

## TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Large Format Tile Adhesive** is a white-coloured powder made from cement, selected graded sand, a high rate of synthetic resins and special additives according to a formula developed in MAPEI research laboratories. **Large Format Tile Adhesive** has very low emission of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and safeguards the quality of the air and health of both installers and end users; the product is thus certified as ECT Plus.

The use of **Large Format Tile Adhesive** contributes to the earning of important LEED credits. When mixed with water it forms mortar with the following characteristics:

- good workability;
- can be applied on vertical surfaces without dripping or causing tiles to slip;
- extended open and adjustment times to make laying operations easier;
- good capacity to absorb deformations in the substrate and tiles. S1 class adhesive: transversal deformability > 2.5 mm.



## TECHNICAL DATA (typical values)

In compliance with:  
– AS ISO 13007-1 (C2TES1)

### PRODUCT IDENTITY

Consistency:	powder
Colour:	white
Bulk density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ):	1,400
Dry solids content (%):	100
EMICODE:	EC1 Plus – very low emission

### APPLICATION DATA (at +23°C and 50% R.H.)

Mixing ratio:	C2TES1 class: 100 parts of <b>Large Format Tile Adhesive</b> with 25-27 parts of water by weight
Consistency of mix:	thick paste
Density of mix (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ):	1,500
pH of mix:	> 12
Pot life of mix:	over 8 hours
Application temperature:	from +5°C to +40°C
Open time:	> 30 minutes
Adjustment time:	approx. 45 minutes (C2TES1 class)
Grouting on walls:	after 4-8 hours
Grouting on floors:	after 24 hours
Set to foot traffic:	24 hours
Ready for use:	14 days

## FINAL PERFORMANCE

<b>Bond strength (N/mm<sup>2</sup>):</b>	
– initial (after 28 days):	2.3
– after application of heat source:	2.1
– after immersion in water:	1.2
– after freeze-thaw cycles:	1.4
<b>Resistant to alkalis:</b>	excellent
<b>Resistance to oils:</b>	excellent (poor with vegetable oils)
<b>Resistance to solvents:</b>	excellent
<b>Service temperature:</b>	from -30°C to +90°C
<b>Deformability according to EN 12004:</b>	S1 – deformable

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Do not use **Large Format Tile Adhesive**:

- on not sufficiently cured concrete;
- on precast concrete or concrete subject to large movements;
- on wood or wooden conglomerates;
- on metal, linoleum, rubber or PVC surfaces;
- with marble slabs, natural stone or composite slabs subject to staining, efflorescence or movements caused by damp;
- on floors and dressing materials subject to large movements or vibrations.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

### Preparation of the substrate

Substrates must be even, strong and free of crumbling areas, grease, oil, varnish or wax. **Large Format Tile Adhesive** may take longer to set on damp substrates. Cementitious substrates must not shrink after laying tiles. Therefore, in good weather, render must be cured for at least one week per cm of thickness, while cementitious screeds must be cured for at least 28 days, unless they are made from MAPEI special binders and ready-mixed screed mortar, such as **Mapecem**, **Mapecem Pronto**, **Topcem** or **Topcem Pronto**.

If the surface is too hot due to direct sunlight, cool it down with water.

In damp environments, use **Mapegum WPS** or products from the **Mapelastic** range to waterproof the substrate.

### Preparation of the mix

Blend **Large Format Tile Adhesive** with clean water using an electric mixer to obtain a smooth, lump-free mix. Let the mix stand for around 5 minutes, then blend again.

Mix 25-27 parts of water with 100 parts by weight of **Large Format Tile Adhesive** (5.0-5.4 litres of water per 20 kg bag of white version). The pot life of the obtained mix is approx. 8 hours.

### Spreading the mix

Apply **Large Format Tile Adhesive** on the substrate with a notched trowel. Use a trowel that allows complete wetting of the back of the tile. To guarantee a good bond, apply a thin layer of **Large Format Tile Adhesive** on the substrate using the smooth side of the spreader and then immediately apply a second layer of **Large Format Tile Adhesive** to form the thickness required using a notched trowel suitable for the type and size of tiles to be bonded.

In case of highly absorbent substrates and high temperatures, it is recommended to dampen the substrate before spreading **Large Format Tile Adhesive**, to help extending the adhesive's open time.

In case of external installation, installation of large format ceramic tiles, heated floors, floors to be polished after laying or subject to heavy loads, application in water tubs or swimming pools, apply the back-buttering technique by spreading the adhesive on the back of the tiles to ensure complete wetting.

### Bonding tiles

Tiles do not need to be wet before they are laid. However, if the back of the tiles is particularly dusty, it is recommended to wash them by dipping them in clean water. When bonding tiles, apply firm pressure to guarantee good wetting. The open time for **Large Format Tile Adhesive** is approximately 30 minutes in normal weather conditions. When laying conditions are not ideal (direct sunlight, dry wind, high temperatures, etc.), or if the substrate is particularly absorbent, this time may reduce to just a few minutes. Therefore, check often to make sure skin does not form on the surface of the adhesive and that it is still fresh. If skin forms, spread the adhesive again with the notched spreader.

Do not wet the surface of the adhesive if a skin forms. Water does not dissolve the skin and impedes correct adhesion.

Final adjustment of the tiles must be carried out within 60 minutes of bonding. Tiles and stone bonded with **Large Format**

**Tile Adhesive** must be protected from water and rain for at least 24 hours and from freezing weather and direct sunlight for at least 5 to 7 days.

## Grouting and sealing

Tile joints may be grouted after 4 to 8 hours on walls and after 24 hours on floors. Use a MAPEI cementitious or epoxy grout, available in a wide variety of colours. Seal expansion joints using a suitable MAPEI sealant.

## SET TO FOOT TIMES

Floors may be stepped on after around 24 hours.

## WAITING TIME BEFORE USE

Surfaces are ready to use after approx. 14 days. Water tubs and swimming pools can be filled after 21 days.

## CLEANING

Clean tools and containers with water while **Large Format Tile Adhesive** is still fresh. Clean the surface of tiles with a damp cloth before the adhesive hardens.

## CONSUMPTION

1.2 kg/m<sup>2</sup> per mm of thickness.

## PACKAGING

**Large Format Tile Adhesive** white is available in 20 kg paper bags.

## STORAGE

**Large Format Tile Adhesive**, under normal conditions and in its original paper bags, can be stored for 12 months.

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION AND APPLICATION

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