

METHOD STATEMENT

TPS TILE ADHESIVES (NORMAL)



1. INTRODUCTION

TPS Tile Adhesive (Normal) is a polymer-modified, cement-based adhesive designed for fixing ceramic tiles, homogeneous tiles, and similar finishes on walls and floors; installing AAC Block; Coping Installation. This adhesive is classified as C1T according to EN 12004 / ISO 13007, denoting a normal cementitious adhesive with reduced slip.

2. SUBSTRATE PREPARATION & INSPECTION

- Ensure all surfaces are structurally sound, level, clean, and free from dust, oil, grease, curing compounds, paint flakes, laitance, and any foreign matter that may impair adhesion.
- Concrete walls/floors must be cured for a minimum of 28 days before tiling.
- Cement renders and screeds must be cured for at least 7 days, finished to a semi-smooth surface with a wood float, and checked for sound adhesion. Cracks must be repaired before tiling.
- Painted surfaces must be mechanically roughened (wire brush or grinding) to expose a sound substrate. Loose or flaking paint must be removed.
- Background tolerances must comply with tiling standards. When checked with a 2m straightedge, the deviation must not exceed 3 mm. Local correction (up to 6 mm) may be carried out using TPS Thin Bed Adhesive.



3. MATERIAL PREPARATION

- One (1) bag of TPS Tile Adhesive = 40 kg.
- Water required: 10 litres (25% by weight of cement).
***Mixing water must be potable, free from salts and organic impurities.*
- Coverage:
 - a) AAC Block - 19m for 100mm block
 - b) 1' x 1.5' Tile: approximately 17 pieces (varies with trowel thickness and wall leveling)Recommended tile sizes:

– Wall tiles: up to 300 × 600 mm

– Floor tiles: up to 300 × 600 mm

***For larger tiles, or areas subject to high load/vibration, a C2 class adhesive is recommended.*

- For specific applications (large format tiles, external works), TPS Bonding Agent may be added in a 1:1 water-to-bonding agent ratio to improve adhesion.



4. MIXING PROCEDURE

- a) Pour the measured clean water into a suitable mixing container.
- b) Gradually add the powder while mixing continuously with a slow-speed drill mixer (400–600 rpm).
- c) Mix for 3–5 minutes until a smooth, homogenous, lump-free paste is achieved.
- d) Allow the mixture to stand (slake) for 3–5 minutes. Re-mix before application.
- e) Do not add extra water after mixing.

***Pot life: Up to 1 hour after mixing.*

5. APPLICATION



- a) Spread adhesive onto the prepared substrate using a trowel, then comb through with a notched trowel of appropriate size (e.g., 6 mm × 6 mm for tiles ≤ 300 mm × 300 mm).
- b) Do not spot-fix tiles. If tile backs are dusty, clean with a damp cloth.
- c) Apply only as much adhesive as can be installed within the product's open time (~20 minutes). Do not allow the adhesive surface to skin before tiling. Total thickness of the adhesive should not exceed 10mm after pressed/hammered/levelling.
- d) After spreading the adhesive, press/hammer the tile firmly with rubber hammer into place with a slight sliding/twisting motion to achieve maximum coverage.
- e) For tiles ≥ 300 mm × 300 mm, or with deep ribs/lugs, back-butter the tile with 4-5 mm adhesive (mixed with TPS Bonding Agent solution 1:1) to ensure full bedding and eliminate voids.
- f) Periodically remove a tile during fixing to check proper adhesive contact coverage (minimum 80% internal, 95% external, as per ISO 13007).

6. CURING & PROTECTION

- a) Tiles must not be exposed to running water or rain for at least 24 hours after installation.
- b) Grouting can commence after 24 hours.
- c) Light foot traffic is permitted after 4 days.
- d) Heavy foot traffic and loading are permitted only after 14 days.
- e) Protect tiled areas with boards or sheets against impact, staining, or contamination during curing.
- f) Avoid application under direct sunlight, rain, or strong wind.
- g) Recommended substrate temperature: 5°C – 35°C.

7. QUALITY ASSURANCE & SAFETY

- Conforms to ISO 13007 / BS EN 12004 requirements for cementitious adhesives.
- Ensure mixing water is clean and potable.
- Wear gloves, goggles, and dust mask. Avoid inhalation of dust and contact with skin.
- First aid: In case of contact with skin or eyes, rinse immediately with clean water and seek medical advice if irritation persists.



8. DISCLAIMER

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