

THIN SET FOR ADHERING CERAMIC & PROCELAIN TILE, STONE, THIN BRICK VENEER & PAVINGSTONES

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PRODUCT

VBM POLY THIN SET

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DESCRIPTION

FACTORY BLENDED POLYMER MODIFIED THIN SET MORTAR DESIGNED FOR BONDING SEMI-VITREOUS AND VITREOUS CERAMIC TILE, PRECAST CONCRETE, THIN BRICK, NATURAL STONE AND SIMILAR VENEERS OR PAVINGSTONES. THE POLYMER ADDITIVES IMPROVE THE FLEXURAL BOND, WATER RESISTANCE AND IMPACT RESISTANCE. PROVIDES EXCELLENT WORKING PROPERTIES AND HIGH BOND STRENGTHS. IT IS SUITABLE FOR INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR APPLICATIONS ON RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, OR INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS. MAY BE USED ON FLOORS OR WALLS. WHEN MIXED WITH WATER IT MEETS ANSI 118.4 BOND REQUIREMENTS AND 118.11 (OVER 1/2" EGP PLYWOOD) WHEN MIXED WITH ACRYLIC R-FLEXAD ADDITIVE.

COLORS

AVAILABLE IN GRAY, WHITE AND SPECIAL ORDER COLORS FOR INDIVIDUAL PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.

USES

A DRY SET BONDING MORTAR FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CERAMIC TILE, QUARRY TILE, THIN BRICK, PRECAST CONCRETE, NATURAL STONE AND SIMILAR VENEERS AND PAVERS. MAY BE USED ON INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, OR INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS. REFER TO PRODUCT APPLICATION AND LIMITATIONS SECTION.

ADVANTAGES

- HIGH BOND STRENGTHS
- INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR APPLICATIONS
- WALL OR FLOORS
- EXCELLENT WORKABILITY
- NON-SAG
- MEETS ANSI 118.4 BOND STRENGTH

PACKAGING

AVAILABLE IN 50 LB. MOISTURE RESISTANT BAGS. SHELF LIFE IS APPROXIMATELY 6 MONTHS IN UNOPENED CONTAINERS WHEN STORED IN A DRY PROTECTED AREA.

COVERAGE

PER 50 LB. BAG MIXED WITH APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 GALLONS CLEAN WATER. USING A SQUARE NOTCHED TROWEL.

1/4" x 1/4" x 1/4" (6x6x6 MM)	80-95 SQ. FT.
1/4" x 3/8" x 1/4" (6x9.5x6 MM)	90-70 SQ. FT.
1/2" x 1/2" x 1/2" (13x13x13 MM)	35-50 SQ. FT.

LIMITATIONS

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR GREEN MARBLE OR WATER SENSITIVE NATURAL STONE. APPLY IN THIN APPLICATION (<1/2"). AVOID APPLICATIONS IN HIGH HEAT, COLD OR WIND (FOLLOW ANSI AND ASTM RECOMMENDATION). DO NOT APPLY WHEN TEMPERATURES ARE BELOW OR EXPECTED TO FALL



BELOW 40°F PRIOR TO CURE. SUBSTRATE MUST BE SOUND. ANY CRACKS OR EXCESSIVE MOVEMENT MAY TELEGRAPH THRU MORTAR OR CAUSE BOND FAILURE. ALWAYS PERFORM QUALITY CONTROL TESTING BEFORE AND DURING APPLICATION. PERIODICALLY REMOVE MASONRY UNIT SHORTLY AFTER INSTALLATION TO ASSURE AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF MORTAR IS BONDING TO THE VENEER AND THE SUBSTRATE. FOLLOW LOCAL BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS. NOT RECOMMENDED OVER PARTICLE BOARD, MASONITE, LUAN OR HARDWOOD FLOORS. NOT A REPLACEMENT FOR A WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE.

TECHNICAL DATA

VBM POLY THIN SET IS COMPOSED OF PORTLAND CEMENT, SILICA SAND, R-MORTAR AID VBM, AND LATEX BONDING ADDITIVES. MIXED WITH WATER IT MEETS THE SHEAR BOND REQUIREMENTS OF ANSI 118.4. LATEX PORTLAND CEMENT MORTAR. MIXED WITH R-FLEXAD ACRYLIC ADDITIVE IT MEETS THE SHEAR BOND PROPERTIES OF ANSI 118.11 FOR USE OVER PLYWOOD.

OPEN TIME @ 70°F (23°C)	30 MIN.
ADJUSTABILITY @ 70°F (23°C)	10-15 MIN.
POT LIFE @ 70°F (23°C)	2 HRS.
COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH ASTM C109	>2500 PSI

SHEAR BOND ANSI 118.4

NON-VITREOUS TILE	
7 DAYS	>300 PSI
28 DAYS	>400 PSI
VITREOUS TILE	
7 DAYS	>150 PSI
28 DAYS	>200 PSI

INSTALLATION

SURFACE PREPARATION: THE SUBSTRATE MUST BE STRUCTURALLY SOUND AND CONFORM TO GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICES. SUBSTRATE DEFLECTION UNDER LIVE, DEAD, AND IMPACT LOADS, INCLUDING CON-CENTRATED LOADS MUST NOT EXCEED L/360 FOR THIN BED INSTALLATION OR L/480 FOR THICK BED STONE INSTALLATIONS, WHERE L= SPAN LENGTH. INSTALLATION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IBC, ANSI, CBC AND LOCAL BUILDING CODES. MOVEMENT JOINTS SHALL BE BROUGHT THROUGH MORTAR AND VENEER TO THE SURFACE. ALL SURFACES MUST BE SOUND, CLEAN, AND FREE FROM ANY DIRT, OIL, PAINT, BOND BREAKERS, EFFLORESCENCE OR ANY CONTAMINANTS WHICH MAY HINDER BOND.

SUITABLE SUBSTRATES: PROPERLY PREPARED AND SOUND.

- PREPARED CONCRETE (PREPARED)
- CONCRETE MASONRY (UNTREATED)
- CEMENT PLASTER

- CEMENT MORTAR BEDS
- GYPSUM BOARD (DRY INTERIOR WALLS ONLY)
- EXISTING CERMAIC TILE & MARBLE (W/ R-FLEXAD ONLY)
- EXTERIOR GRADE PLYWOOD (INTERIOR W/ R-FLEXAD ONLY)
- PORTLAND CEMENT BACKER BOARD (PREPARED)

CONSULT CEMENT BACKER BOARD MANUFACTURER FOR SPECIFIC INSTALLATION RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO VERIFY ACCEPTABILITY FOR EXTERIOR USE. A SUITABLE SUBSTRATE FOR BONDING DOES NOT MEAN IT IS ACCEPTABLE FOR ALL VENEERS OR JOB CONDITIONS.

LATH AND CEMENT PLASTER: SHALL CONFORM TO IBC, CBC, ASTM GUIDELINES AND VENEER MANUFACTURES REQUIREMENTS. ALLOW TO CURE 24 HOURS PRIOR TO APPLICATION. WE RECOMMEND OBP MAC SCRATCH AND BROWN PREMIUM TO PROVIDE A HIGH STRENGTH PLASTER SUBSTRATE.

POURED IN PLACE CONCRETE (PREPARED) AND TILE UP CONCRETE (PREPARE): INSURE ALL RELEASE AGENTS AND BOND BREAKERS ARE COMPLETELY REMOVED. MORTAR WILL NOT BOND TO SURFACES WITH ANY BOND BREAKERS STILL ON THE SUBSTRATE. THIS IS BEST ACHIEVED BY REMOVAL OF THE SURFACE LAYER BY BEAD BLASTING, SANDING, GRINDING OR EQUIVALENT. SMOOTH CONCRETE MUST BE ROUGHENED. HIGH-PRESSURE WASHING IS TYPICALLY NOT ADEQUATE FOR COMPLETE REMOVAL OF BOND BREAKERS OR RELEASE AGENTS. DAMPEN THE SURFACE JUST PRIOR TO APPLICATION, BUT DO NOT ALLOW WATER TO PUDDLE.

CEMENT BACKER BOARD (PREPARED): ALL JOINTS MUST BE TAPED WITH FIBERGLASS (OR EQUAL) TAPE AND VBM BONDER, R-LASTIC OR EQUAL. CONSULT CEMENT BACKER BOARD MANUFACTURER FOR SPECIFIC INSTALLATION RECOMMENDATIONS AND LIMITATIONS. A SUITABLE SUBSTRATE FOR BONDING DOES NOT MEAN IT IS ACCEPTABLE FOR ALL VENEERS OR JOB CONDITIONS.

CERAMIC TILE SUBSTRATES: EXISTING TILE MUST BE SOUND, WELL BONDED, CLEAN AND FREE OF ANY DELETERIOUS SUBSTANCE THAT MAY PREVENT ADHESION. SMOOTH SURFACES REQUIRE ROUGHENING TO PROMOTE BONDING. REPLACE THE MIX WATER WITH R-FLEXAD ACRYLIC ADDITIVE.

PLYWOOD SUBSTRATES: INTERIOR APPLICATIONS ONLY. USE ONLY OVER EXTERIOR GRADE PLYWOOD (EGP) 5/8" MINIMUM. WOODEN FLOORING SHOULD NOT HAVE A DEFLECTION EXCEEDING 1/360 OF SPAN IN EITHER DEAD OR LIVE LOADS. SECURING SHOULD BE DONE WITH SCREW-TYPE NAILS AND GLUE. A 3/16" GAP FOR EXPANSION SHOULD BE LEFT ABOUT THE PLYWOOD SHEETS AND SURROUNDING MATERIALS. THESE GAPS SHOULD BE LEFT EMPTY AFTER THE INSTALLATION. REPLACE THE MIX WATER WITH R-FLEXAD ACRYLIC ADDITIVE.

CONTROL JOINTS: NEVER APPLY MORTAR OVER ANY EXPANSION OR CONTROL JOINTS. FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE TCNA (TILE COUNCIL OF NORTH AMERICA) HANDBOOK AND EJ171.

MIXING

ADD 50 LB. BAG OF MORTAR TO APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 GALLONS OF CLEAN POTABLE WATER. MIX BY HAND OR A LOW SPEED MIXER. AVOID WHIPPING AIR INTO THE MIX. HIGH AIR LOWERS STRENGTH. MIX MATERIAL THOROUGHLY AND ALLOW TO SET FOR 10 MINUTES AND THEN REMIX. DO NOT ADD ADDITIONAL WATER. FOR GREATER FLEXURAL BOND STRENGTHS, REPLACE THE MIX WATER WITH R-FLEXAD ACRYLIC ADDITIVE. FOR SLURRY BOND COAT APPLICATION MIX WITH APPROXIMATELY 7 QUARTS OF WATER PER 50 LB. BAG.



APPLICATION

APPLY MORTAR TO THE SUBSTRATE WITH THE FLAT SIDE OF A NOTCHED TROWEL. FIRMLY PRESS MORTAR KEYING INTO THE SUBSTRATE. APPLY ADDITIONAL MORTAR USING THE NOTCHED SIDE OF THE TROWEL. SPREAD ONLY AS MUCH MORTAR AS CAN BE COVERED IN 10-15 MINUTES. USE THE CORRECT SIZE NOTCHED TROWEL TO MAKE SURE VENEERS ARE FULLY EMBEDDED (100% COVERAGE). PLACE TILE OR VENEERS INTO THE WET MORTAR AND BEAT INTO PLACE. DO NOT APPLY TO SKIMMED OVER MORTAR. BACK BUTTER LARGE VENEERS. ASSURE FULL COVERAGE AND BOND BY PERIODICALLY REMOVING AND INSPECTING THE BACK OF TILE. TILE OR VENEER THAT HAVE BEEN SET FOR MORE THAN 10-15 MINUTES CANNOT BE RE-ADJUSTED. IMPORTANT: MORTAR MUST BE FIRMLY PRESSED INTO THE SURFACE OF THE VENEER AND SUBSTRATE TO ASSURE GOOD CONTACT AND BOND. DO NOT SIMPLY SLIDE MORTAR ONTO THE SURFACE.

CLEAN-UP: CLEAN TOOLS AND TILE WITH WATER PRIOR TO MORTAR CURING.

GROUTING: CURE THE FRESHLY APPLIED MATERIAL FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS. CURING TIME MAY VARY DUE TO SURFACE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURES.

RELATED PRODUCTS

VBM BONDER: PREMIUM POLYMER MODIFIED THINSET

R-FLEXAD: ACRYLIC BONDING ADDITIVE

VP JOINT GROUT: JOINT GROUT WITH FINE SAND

R-LASTIC: WATERPROOFING AND ANTI-FRACTURE COATING

MAC SCRATCH & BROWN PREMIUM: HIGH STRENGTH POLYMER CEMENT PLASTER

AVAILABILITY / TECHNICAL SERVICES

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CAUTION

PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO DUST MAY CAUSE DELAYED LUNG DISEASE. ELIMINATE EXPOSURE TO DUST. USE NIOSH APPROVED MASK FOR SILICA DUST. FRESHLY MIXED MATERIALS MAY CAUSE SKIN IRRITATION. AVOID DIRECT CONTACT WHERE POSSIBLE AND WASH EXPOSED SKIN AREAS PROMPTLY. IF ANY CEMENTITIOUS MATERIALS GETS INTO THE EYES, RINSE IMMEDIATELY AND REPEATEDLY WITH WATER AND GET PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION. SEE SDS.

WARRANTY

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