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Q-Bond Flexible

Characteristics:

- ± Q-Bond Flexible is a Rubber modified, flexible off white cement based tile adhesive.
- ± It is designed for bonding all types of ceramic, stone and mosaic tiles, with the exception of light coloured and Green Marble, onto a variety of substrates like concrete, render, rendered brickwork, block work, Gyprock, plasterboard, fibre cement and some particle board surfaces.
- ± It can be used internally or externally on wall and floor surfaces.
- ± Q-Bond Flexible can be used for fixing low porosity tiles.
- ± Q-Bond Flexible can be used to fix tiles over most waterproofing membranes. However it is advisable to contact the manufacturer prior to commencing.
- ± Q-Bond Flexible is fast setting, so tiles can be grouted 6-8 hours @ 20°C after the completion tiling.

Preparation:

- ± Ensure all concrete slabs are allowed to cure for at least 6 weeks in accordance with AS 3958.1-1991 and have a wood float finish.
- ± All rendered surfaces must be allowed to cure for at least 7 days prior to commencing tiling.
- ± The maximum variation in the plane of the concrete must not exceed 5mm in 3 meters for floors and 4mm in 2 meters for walls.
- ± Steel trowelled finished concrete surfaces **Must** be mechanically or chemically abraded prior to commencing tiling
- ± Fibre Cement sheet when used as an underlay or wall / floor material must be a minimum of 6mm in thickness. For heavy duty commercial applications it should be a minimum of 9mm thick and all should be fixed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the relevant standards.
- ± Compressed Fibre-Cement sheets when used as a floor substrate must be 15mm thick, and when used a wall substrate must 9mm thick and must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the relevant standards.
- ± Gypsum -plasterboard sheets when used as a wall substrate must be a minimum of 10mm thick, and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the relevant standards.
- ± Ensure all surfaces are sound, dry and free from excessive movement, oil, dust, grease, wax, curing compounds, release agents and any other loose contaminating materials.
- ± It is recommended that all surfaces must be primed with Uniprime, especially porous surfaces, to ensure a sound bond of the adhesive to the substrate.
- ± When applying the primer onto a floor surface it is recommended to firstly pour some primer in a section then spread the primer using a broom, brush or roller. Then continue this method of application until the entire area is primed. **Note:** This method of application ensures a thorough coat of the primer on the surface.
- ± Allow the primer to dry for approximately 5 minutes at 20°C prior to commencing tiling.

Expansion / Movement Joints

Expansion / movement joints must be provided to allow for movement between adjacent building components. They should be as follows:

- ± Over Existing joints in the substrate.
- ± Where two different substrates meet. Eg: Timber and Concrete.
- ± Around fixed elements in the floor eg. Columns.
- ± At internal vertical corners.
- ± Around the perimeter of the floor.
- ± In internal floors where any dimension exceeds 9m or 6m if subjected to sunlight.
- ± In external floors where any dimension exceeds 4.5 m.
- ± On wall surfaces at storey heights horizontally and approximately 3m-4.5m apart vertically. Ideally they should be located over movement joints in the structural background and at structural material changes for example the horizontal joint at the bottom of floor slabs, vertical joints at internal vertical corners, and at junctions with columns. (The above points are in accordance with AS3958.1-1991)
- ± Movement joints should go right through the tile adhesive bed to the background and kept free from dirt and adhesive droppings. Movement joints must not be less than 6mm and not wider than 10mm. The movement joints must be filled with a flexible sealant like Silicone.

Mixing:

- ± The mixing ratio of Q-Bond Flexible is 20kg of powder to 6 Litres of water.
- ± Pour 6 litres of clean water into a drum and then gradually add the Q-Bond Flexible while mixing continuously until a smooth lump free mix is obtained. Always add powder to liquid.
- ± Allow the mix to stand for 5 minutes, re-stir and then apply the adhesive onto the substrate.

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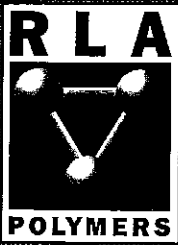
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Application:

- ⚡ Once the surface has been appropriately prepared in accordance with the above instructions then apply the adhesive onto the substrate using an appropriate notched trowel.
- ⚡ For floor tiling use a 10mm x 10mm square notched trowel for tiles up to 300mm x 300mm. For tiles 300mm x 300mm and larger use a 12mm x 12mm square notched trowel. For mosaic tiles use a 6mm x 6mm square notched trowel.
- ⚡ For wall tiling use 6mm x 6mm square notched trowel for tiles up to 200mm x 200mm. For tiles larger than 200mm x 250mm use a 8mm x 8mm or 10mm x 10mm square notched trowel.
- ⚡ Q-Bond Flexible should be applied onto the substrate at a rate of 1m² at a time. Application rates greater than this can result in the adhesive skinning before the tiles are laid into it.
- ⚡ Once the adhesive is applied onto the substrate ensure that it does not skin prior to bedding the tiles into it. Once the adhesive skins do not lay tiles into it, but remove it and apply fresh adhesive.
- ⚡ When placing the tiles into the adhesive press them in by using a twisting or sliding action. Ensure no voids occur and full coverage of adhesive is under the tiles.
- ⚡ For tiles with lugs, grooves or uneven backing it may be required to butter the back of the tile with adhesive in addition to trowelling the adhesive onto the substrate.
- ⚡ The final bed thickness of the adhesive should be at least 2mm for wall tiling and 3mm for floor tiling.
- ⚡ Once the tiling is completed do not disturb the tiled surface for at least 6-8 hours at 20°C.

Clean Up:

- ⚡ Excess adhesive from the face of the tiles can be cleaned up with damp cloth while the adhesive is still wet.
- ⚡ Adhesive that has oozed out into the grout joint must be raked out with a knife / spatula etc.
- ⚡ Tools and other equipment can be cleaned up using water while the adhesive is still wet.

Coverage:

- ⚡ A 20kg bag of Q-Bond Flexible will cover approximately 7 m² using a 10mm notched trowel.

Grouting Application:

- ⚡ Grouting application can commence 6-8 hours after the completion of tiling.
- ⚡ Refer to RLA/Atlas grout data sheets for all technical information.

Packaging / Shelf Life:

- ⚡ Q-Bond Flexible is available in 20kg bags.
- ⚡ A bag of Q-Bond Flexible, when stored in a cool, dry environment, and is stored above ground level, will have a shelf life of approximately 12months.

Handy Tips:

- ⚡ Do not apply Q-Bond Flexible in temperatures above 40°C and below 5°C.
- ⚡ Q-Bond Flexible cannot be used for fixing tiles over timber floors.
- ⚡ Q-Bond Flexible cannot be used for fixing tiles in permanently immersed situations like swimming pools, spas etc and permanently damp concrete slabs like those present around the pool surrounds etc.
- ⚡ For applications / situations not mentioned in this data sheet please contact your nearest RLA/Atlas office.
- ⚡ Q-Bond Flexible being cement based is alkaline in nature, and therefore may cause dermatitis. It is recommended that applicators wear PVC gloves or similar and safety goggles.
- ⚡ For a full MSDS on this product please contact your nearest RLA /Atlas office.
- ⚡ For exterior applications ensure proper falls.
- ⚡ Q-Bond should not be used under vehicular traffic or under heavy point loads.

Technical Data:

Properties	Results
Appearance	Grey Powder
Bulk Density	1.18 +/- 0.05
Open Time	Approx. 20 minutes @ 20°C
Drying Time @ 20°C	Approx. 8 hours
Pot Life	45 minutes @ 20°C

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