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RLA-7

Characteristics:

- ↓ RLA-7 is a premium grade, Smooth, Polymer modified, flexible off-white cement based tile adhesive.
- ↓ RLA-7 is non-slump.
- ↓ it is designed for bonding all types of ceramic, stone and mosaic tiles with the exception of Green Marble, onto a variety of substrates like concrete, render, rendered brickwork, block work, Gyprock, and fibre cement surfaces.
- ↓ It can be used internally or externally on wall and floor surfaces.
- ↓ RLA-7 can be used for fixing low porosity tiles.
- ↓ RLA-7 can be used to fix tiles over most waterproofing membranes. However it is advisable to contact the manufacturer prior to commencing.
- ↓ RLA-7 is fast setting, so tiles can be grouted 6-8 hours @ 20°C after the completion tiling.
- ↓ RLA-7 can be used in and around concrete swimming pools as long as it is mixed with Uniflex additive.
- ↓ RLA-7 has been tested in accordance with Australian Standards and passes its requirements.

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.
- ↓ 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 RLA-7 is 20kg of powder to 6 litres of water.
- ↓ Pour 6 litres of clean water into a drum and then gradually add the RLA-7 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.
- ↓ If using Uniflex Additive mix 1 part Uniflex Additive to 2 parts water then use this mix as your gauging mix
- ↓ For large format tiles contact your nearest RLA office for correct mixing ratios.

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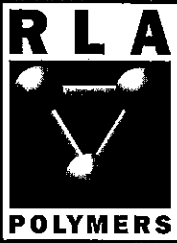
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Application:

- ⚡ Once the surface has been appropriately prepared in accordance with RLA's 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 250mm x 200mm. For tiles larger than 200mm x 250mm use a 8mm x 8mm square notched trowel.
- ⚡ RLA-7 should be applied onto the substrate at a rate of 1 m² 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 RLA-7 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:

- ⚡ RLA-7 is available in 20kg bags.
- ⚡ A bag of RLA-7, when stored in a cool, dry environment, and is stored above ground level, will have a shelf life of approximately 12 months.

Handy Tips:

- ⚡ Do not apply RLA-7 in temperatures above 40°C and below 5°C.
- ⚡ RLA-7 cannot be used for fixing tiles over timber floors.
- ⚡ For applications / situations not mentioned in this data sheet please contact your nearest RLA /Atlas office.
- ⚡ RLA-7 is classified as a non-hazardous product.
- ⚡ RLA-7 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.

Technical Data:

Properties	Results
Appearance	Off White Powder
Bulk Density	Powder: 1.2+/-0.05
Open Time	Approx. 25 minutes @ 20°C
Pot Life	Approx 1.5 hours @ 20°C
Drying Time @ 20°C	Approx. 24 hours

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