



# Multipurpose Primer

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## 1. PRODUCT NAME

TEC® Multipurpose Primer  
(560)

## 2. MANUFACTURER

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## 3. DESCRIPTION

TEC Multipurpose Primer is an acrylic latex based primer for use with TEC brand self-leveling underlayments. It may also be used to enable the bonding of other TEC brand surface preparation products and polymer-modified mortars to difficult substrates such as metal, glazed ceramic tile, gypsum-based underlayments and concrete treated with certain types of curing compounds (silicate or acrylic resin curing compounds only) and well bonded epoxy coatings. Use to prime resin and metal backings on natural stone and install with polymer-modified mortar instead of epoxy mortar. For peel and stick tile installation, primer can be used on dry, porous concrete, gypsum cement underlayments and plywood. May also be used to promote bond over cold-rolled steel substrates.

### Key Features and Benefits

- Multipurpose primer for all approved porous and non-porous substrates
- Easy to apply with brush or roller for non-porous surfaces, or push broom for porous surfaces
- Enables installation of ceramic tile or natural stone directly to metal, gypsum-based underlayments, glazed tile (without scarifying) and well bonded epoxy coatings
- Contributes to LEED® project points
- Solvent-free
- Low VOC

### Packaging

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 quart jugs (946 mL)          | Product #15035739 |
| 1 quart jugs (946 mL) Canadian | Product #15035740 |
| 1 gallon jugs (3.78 L)         | Product #15035737 |
| 5 gallon pails (18.93 L)       | Product #15035735 |

### Coverage

Coverages shown are approximate. Actual coverages may vary according to substrate conditions and thickness of applications.

| Substrates                                                                   | Primer to Water Ratio | Coverage Rates in square feet (m <sup>2</sup> ) |                            |                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                              |                       | Quart                                           | Gallon                     | 5 Gallon                       |
| Porous concrete<br>(two coats may be required for highly porous substrates)* | 1:3                   | 102.5<br>(9.5)                                  | 410<br>(38.1)              | 2050<br>(190.5)                |
| Gypsum-based underlayments<br>(two coats required, ratios 1:4 and 1:2)       | 1:4 / 1:2             | 102.5 / 82.5<br>(9.5 / 7.7)                     | 410 / 330<br>(38.1 / 30.7) | 2050 / 1650<br>(190.5 / 153.3) |
| Plywood                                                                      | 3:1                   | 62.5<br>(5.8)                                   | 250<br>(23.2)              | 1250<br>(116.1)                |
| Vinyl Tile Peel & Stick Applications                                         | 1:1                   | 82.5<br>(7.6)                                   | 330<br>(30.6)              | 1650<br>(153)                  |
| Non-porous surfaces                                                          | Full Strength         | 75<br>(7.0)                                     | 300<br>(27.9)              | 1500<br>(139.4)                |

\* Second coat is required if initial application is rapidly absorbed and dries in less than 1 hour. For second coat, primer to water ratio is 1:2.

### Suitable Substrates

Suitable for use over the following clean, dry, structurally sound and unpainted surfaces: concrete, cementitious backer units (CBU or cement board), exterior grade plywood, oriented strand board (OSB), adhesive residue (except tacky or pressure-sensitive adhesive), cold-rolled steel, existing VCT, LVT or non-cushioned sheet goods if they are single layer only and well bonded to a substrate approved for flooring, gypsum-based substrates — minimum tensile bond strength 72 psi (0.5 MPa). For specific recommendations on other substrates, please contact your TEC representative.

### Substrate Preparation

Remove all surface contaminants such as oil, grease, floor finishes, wax and dirt. Remove adhesive by scraping until all that remains is a thin, transparent layer of adhesive residue\*. Minimum tensile bond strength of 72 psi (0.5 MPa) is required. For detailed substrate preparation information, refer to appropriate surface preparation product data sheet.

Concrete curing compounds: for use over concrete treated with silicate or acrylic resin curing compounds only. For silicate types, remove all residual salts. Install sample test areas to evaluate bond strength. Samples must achieve minimum 72 psi tensile bond strength. Petroleum based or wax emulsions and dissipating curing compounds are unacceptable and must be removed by mechanical means such as shot blasting.

\*Cutback Adhesive Residue (non-asbestos) — Application over asphalt-based cutback adhesive residue is acceptable provided it is a thin layer and is well bonded. Subfloor preparation of the existing cutback adhesive requires only that the ridges or high spots be knocked off, typically with 1-3 passes of a mechanical scraper. NOTE: Mechanical removal of cutback by sanding, grinding or blasting can be hazardous since old cutback adhesive may contain asbestos. Harmful dust may result. Inhalation of asbestos dust may cause asbestosis or other serious bodily harm. Consult all applicable government agencies for rules and regulations concerning the removal of floorings and adhesives that contain asbestos. Tacky or pressure-sensitive adhesive must be mechanically removed by a method such as shot blasting.

### Storage

DO NOT FREEZE. TEC Multipurpose Primer must be stored in an unopened container in a cool, dry location out of direct sunlight and protected from weather.

### Shelf Life

Maximum of 1 year from date of manufacture in unopened package.

### Limitations

- Do not apply over wet areas.
- Do not use in areas subject to hydrostatic pressure.
- Not for use as a wear surface.

### Cautions

Read complete cautionary information printed on product container prior to use. For medical emergency information, call 1-888-853-1758.

This Product Data Sheet has been prepared in good faith on the basis of information available at the time of publication. It is intended to provide users with information about and guidelines for the proper use and application of the covered TEC brand product(s) under normal environmental and working conditions. Because each project is different, TEC Specialty Products LLC cannot be responsible for the consequences of variations in such conditions, or for unforeseen conditions.

## 4. TECHNICAL DATA

### Physical Properties

| TEC Multipurpose Primer (560) |                                      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Description                   |                                      |
| Physical State                | Acrylic emulsion                     |
| Open Time                     | Varies with temperature and humidity |
| Color                         | White, dries clear                   |
| Odor                          | Nil                                  |
| Viscosity                     | Thin, liquid                         |
| Description                   |                                      |

## Product Data

|                       |                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wt. per U.S. Gallon   | 8.8 lbs. ± 0.1 lb.                                                                                                       |
| Wt. per Liter         | 1.06 kg ± 0.01 kg                                                                                                        |
| Freeze/Thaw Stability | None. Do not freeze.                                                                                                     |
| Storage               | DO NOT FREEZE. Store in cool, dry location. Do not expose to nor store in direct sunlight. Do not store open containers. |
| Shelf Life            | Maximum 1 year from date of manufacture in unopened package.                                                             |

### Technical and safety literature

To acquire technical and safety literature, please visit our website at [tecspecialty.com](http://tecspecialty.com).

## 10. FILING SYSTEM

Division 9

## 5. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

### Mixing

For best results, room and product should be kept at 50° to 70°F (10° to 21°C) for 24 hours before, during and 48 hours after application. Mix TEC Multipurpose Primer with clean, potable water in the ratios listed in the coverage chart.

### Application

Use a brush or short nap roller for non-porous surfaces or a soft push broom for porous surfaces to apply an even, continuous film. Do not allow product to puddle.

### Curing

TEC Multipurpose Primer typically dries in 30 minutes to 3 hours **under ideal ambient conditions**. When the TEC Multipurpose Primer is cured it is transparent in color as opposed to a milky-white color when fresh. Cure times are based on 70°F (21°C) and 50% RH. Colder temperatures and higher humidity will extend cure times. To ensure product is fully dried, apply water droplet to surface and rub with fingertip. When water remains clear, product is fully dried. If water turns milky white, product is not dry. Repeat every 30 minutes until water remains clear. Avoid excessive foot traffic and surface contamination.

### Clean-up

Clean tools, hands and excess material immediately (while still fresh) with water. Material that is cured is difficult or impossible to remove.

## 6. AVAILABILITY

TEC premium surface preparation, tile, stone, carpet, wood and resilient floor covering installation products are available nationwide. To locate TEC products in your area, please contact:

Phone: 800-832-9002

Website: [tecspecialty.com](http://tecspecialty.com)

## 7. LIMITED WARRANTY

The product(s) covered by this Product Data Sheet are sold subject to a Limited Warranty and related terms. **TEC Specialty Products LLC disclaims the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose and all incidental and consequential damages arising out of the sale, purchase or use of this product.** For Limited Warranty details visit [tecspecialty.com](http://tecspecialty.com). To obtain a hard copy of the Limited Warranty call TEC Specialty Products at 800-832-9023 or mail a written request to the address in Section 2 of this Product Data Sheet.

## 8. MAINTENANCE

Not applicable

## 9. TECHNICAL SERVICES



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