



Ultimate Premixed Mortar

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1. PRODUCT NAME

TEC® Ultimate Premixed Mortar
(130)

2. MANUFACTURER

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3. DESCRIPTION

Ultimate Premixed Mortar is a premium ready to use adhesive, excellent for setting ceramic, porcelain, natural stone, quarry and mosaic tile on interior floors and walls. Recommended for wall and floor applications with tile up to 20" x 20". The lightweight composition offers easy troweling, non-slip wall performance, and non-slump floor performance.

If mortar meeting ANSI A118.4 is required, TEC Ultimate Premixed Mortar may be used for glass tile up to 8" x 8".

Key Features and Benefits

- For tile and stone up to 20" x 20" on walls and floors
- Lightweight—non-slip performance on walls, non-slump on floors.
- Exceeds ANSI A136.1 Type I & II Specifications
- Mold and mildew resistant
- Fast drying
- Creamy, easy to use formula

Packaging

3.5 gallon plastic pail (13.24 L)	Product #15035495
1 gallon plastic pail (3.78 L)	Product #15035496
1 quart plastic pail (946 mL)	Product #15035497
10.5 Fl. Oz. cartridge (310 mL)	Product #15036266

Coverage

Coverage will vary with type of substrate. Coverages below are approximations. Do not exceed trowel recommendations.

Tile Size	Trowel Size	Approximate Coverage in ft² (m²)			
		1 quart (946 mL)	1 gallon (3.78 L)	3.5 gallon (13.24 L)	10.5 Fl. Oz. (310 mL)
Up to 6" x 6" (150 x 150 mm)	3/16" x 5/32" (4.5 x 4 mm) V-notch trowel	7.5-8.75 (0.70-0.81)	30-35 (2.8-3.3)	105-123 (9.8-11)	
6" x 6" – 12" x 12" (150 x 150 mm – 300 x 300 mm)	1/4" x 1/4" x 1/4" (6 x 6 x 6 mm) square-notch trowel	5-6.25 (0.46-0.58)	20-25 (1.9-2.3)	70-88 (6.5-8.2)	1.2-2 (0.14-0.19) using a 1/4" (6mm) bead
12" x 12" – 20" x 20" (300 x 300 mm – 508 x 508 mm)	1/4" x 3/8" x 1/4" (6 x 9 x 6 mm) square-notch trowel	3.75-5 (0.35-0.46)	15-20 (1.4-1.9)	53-70 (4.9-6.5)	

Suitable Substrates

When properly prepared, suitable substrates include:

- Cured portland cement plaster
- Gypsum wallboard (walls only)
- Exterior Grade Plywood—APA Grade Trademarked Exposure 1 or better

- Cementitious backer units (CBU)
- Fiber cement underlayment
- Coated glass mat backerboard
- Well cured, moisture tested concrete not subject to dampness or moisture vapor emissions. **Installations where concrete is damp or the concrete is subject to moisture vapor emissions can fail.**

Surface Preparation

All surfaces must be clean, dry, free of dirt, dust, grease, oil, loose paint, wallpaper, and residues of old adhesive, or any foreign matter which might impair adhesion where Ultimate Premixed Mortar is spread. Painted enameled walls and floors must be thoroughly scored or sanded to insure a bond to the original base wall or floor. Do not sand any floors or adhesives that are known or suspected to contain asbestos. **Installations where concrete is damp or the concrete is subject to moisture vapor emissions can fail.**

Exterior Grade Plywood Floors—Wood subflooring must be structurally sound and securely fastened with screw type or ring shank nails and adhesive. Plywood flooring should be free from dust, dirt, oil, grease, etc. Follow TCNA Installation Detail F142.

Cementitious Backer Units—Follow manufacturer's instructions.

Coated Glass Mat Backerboard—Reference TCNA Installation Details F146, W245, B419 or B420.

Storage

Protect from freezing. Store in cool, dry location.

Shelf Life

Maximum 1 year from date of manufacture in properly stored, unopened package.

Limitations

- Not for use in conjunction with PVC heating mats or coils, or over polyethylene membranes.
- Not for use over anti-fracture & waterproofing membranes, sheets or mats.
- Not for use on shower floors or pans, in steam rooms, in steam showers, swimming pools, or any place that will receive standing water.
- Not for use for leveling or in excess of trowel recommendations.
- Not for use on any non-porous substrate.
- Not for exterior use.
- Not for use where temperature will exceed 120°F.
- Do not use over surfaces such as tempered hardboard, pressboard, cement asbestos board, particle board, oriented strand board, luan plywood, gypsum patches, synthetic flooring (linoleum, asphalt and vinyl tile) or similar unstable substrates.
- Not for use with green marble, or to install resin backed marble or resin backed aggregate marble.
- Not for setting any marble over plywood floors or plywood countertops.
- Not for setting ceramic accessories such as towel bars, soap dishes, and grab bars.
- Not to be used underneath most backerboards. (Check manufacturer instructions.)

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

Applicable Standards

Meets ANSI A136.1 Type I & II Specifications

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Description	ANSI Requirement	Typical Results
Shear Strength 28 Day, Room Temperature	> 50 psi (0.34 MPa)	500 psi (3.42 MPa)
Type I Water Immersion	> 50 psi (0.34 MPa)	150 psi (1.03 MPa)
After Accelerated Heat Aging	> 75% dry shear strength retention	Passes
Heat Resistance	Maintains at least 10 lb. (4.5 kg) static load in shear at 120°F (49°C) for 24 hours	Passes
Impact Test	All tiles remain bonded after impact	Passes
Stain Test	< 70% penetration	Passes
Stability in Storage	4 weeks minimum	Passes
<i>Tested in accordance with American National Standards for Organic Adhesives for Installation of Ceramic Tile—ANSI A136.1, Type I</i>		
Resistance to Mold Growth	No mold growth	Passes
Greater than: > Greater than or equal to: ≥ Less than: < Less than or equal to: ≤		

Physical Properties

Description	
Physical State	Paste
Color	Gray
Odor	Nil
Open Time [at 72°F (22°C)]	20 to 35 minutes
VOC/Liter of Material	27 grams less water
Foot Traffic Rating (ASTM C627)	Residential to light commercial
Storage	Store in cool, dry location. Do not store open containers. Freeze/thaw stable.
Shelf Life	Maximum 1 year from date of manufacture in properly stored, unopened package.

5. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Application

- The adhesive, tile, and room should be maintained at a minimum temperature of 60°F for 24 hours prior to installation. The minimum 60°F temperature must be maintained during the entire installation, and for a minimum of 48 hours following. Use a 3/16" x 5/32" V-notched trowel for installation of tile up to 6" x 6". For tiles larger than 6" x 6", use a 1/4" x 1/4" x 1/4" square-notched trowel. For tiles 12" x 12" to 20" x 20", use a 1/4" x 3/8" x 1/4" square-notched trowel.
- Only apply the amount of adhesive to surface that can be tiled over in 15 minutes. DO NOT SET TILE IF SKIN HAS FORMED ON THE ADHESIVE. This time will vary with the temperature, humidity, and the substrate. Apply the adhesive to the substrate first with the flat side of the trowel. Then comb with the notched side of the trowel in one direction. Firmly press tiles into the adhesive and move them perpendicularly across the ridges. Do not slide tiles against each other. Periodically remove and check a tile to assure complete coverage.

- Cure times will vary with size and porosity of tile and porosity of floor (porcelain tiles take considerably longer to cure), humidity and temperature (cooler temperatures will extend set times). Typical floor installations take longer to cure. No traffic is permitted on tiles prior to curing. Grouting may begin once adhesive is firmly set up. Up to 6" x 6" wall tiles require wait time of 6 hours or longer. Over 6" x 6" tile or any floor tile application requires at least 12-24 hours. Check to determine readiness by trying to twist the tile and see if it moves. If it does, additional cure time is required. If the tile won't twist but you hear a wet suction sound when the tile is stepped on, additional cure time is also required. The use of TEC® brand grouts is highly recommended.
- Full cure takes at least 48-72 hours depending on conditions. The finished installation must be protected from freezing until completely cured.
- For glass tile, refer to manufacturer's specifications. For marble and granite installations, test in an inconspicuous area as discoloration may occur. Most discoloration disappears after 30 days. For proper curing, do not abut marble tiles together.

Note: It is the sole responsibility of the installer to determine the suitability and compatibility of the adhesive for the intended application.

Clean-up

While adhesive is still fresh, clean tools, hands, and excess materials from face of tile with warm soapy water. Dried adhesive must be removed with mineral spirits.

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:

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Website: tecspecialty.com

7. LIMITED WARRANTY

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8. MAINTENANCE

Not applicable

9. TECHNICAL SERVICES

Technical and safety literature

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10. FILING SYSTEM

Division 9



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