ProEco Gel

Thixotropic Flexible Tile Adhesive

20kg

25 YEAR GUARANTEE

Product Selection Guide

Key areas of use:	Suitable tiles:	Suitable surfaces & substrates:
✓ General wall installations	✓ Ceramic	✓ Concrete
✓ General floor installations	✓ Porcelain	✓ Sand/cement screed
✓ Interior installations	✓ Glass	✓ Tile backer boards
✓ Exterior installations	✓ Mosaics	✓ Cement faced fibre boards
✓ Wet rooms	✓ Marble	✓ Anhydrite/calcium sulphate/gypsum based screeds
✓ Domestic showers with tray	✓ Travertine	✓ Tile on Tile*
✓ Communal showers	✓ Granite	✓ Firm and stable plaster
✓ Swimming pools	✓ Limestone	✓ Plasterboard
✓ Electric matting underfloor heating	✓ Terracotta	✓ Sand/cement render
✓ Piped water underfloor heating	✓ Quarry	✓ Concrete brick/block
✓ Conservatories	✓ Slate	✓ Hard vinyl tiles
	× Resin Backed	✓ Flooring grade asphalt
	× Quartz	
	✓ Brick Slips	

* Existing ceramic, porcelain and natural stone tiles (overlay) known as “Tile on Tile”

ULTRA TILE®

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UltraTile ProEco Gel is a single part, standard setting, thixotropic, flexible adhesive containing 30% recycled material for wall and floor tiles. It is specially formulated with extended workability, enhanced adhesion, and flexibility, making it ideal for areas where slight movement or vibration can occur. Classified as S1 in accordance with EN12004 it has the high level of deformation for greater tolerance to movement. UltraTile ProEco Gel is a polymer modified adhesive which provides enhanced performance with thixotropic properties making it easier to apply tiles. It has extended set properties for contractors who prefer a longer pot life. traffic within 18 hours of installation depending upon temperature and substrate.
NB: Porous natural stone tiles need to be checked for compatibility to avoid staining.

SURFACE PREPARATION
All wall & floor substrates must be clean, dry, firm, and stable, free of dust, dirt, oil and grease. Substrates should be strong enough to support the weight of the adhesive and tiles being fixed (see chart for loadings).

For plaster board and plaster finishes that have been painted and are showing a weak or flaky surface finish then mechanical sanders or hand sanding blocks are generally used to remove the film. However for the likes of floor screed surface contamination, adhesive residues and weak surface laitance or even smooth dense floors such as power floated concrete, these will require a more heavy duty scarifying using specialist flooring equipment to remove the surface of the substrate to ensure the substrate is sound, stable and has a rough open texture. To encourage best adhesion to the substrate it is advisable that prior to applying adhesive that substrates are primed (please see priming section below).

Remember - sanding or mechanical abrasion of any surface will leave powder deposits which require thorough removal by suitable vacuum equipment to provide a clean dust free surface. Failing to remove fine powder deposits and weak surfaces is a common reason for de-bonding of tile adhesive and primer from the substrate. Using a wet sponge to clean down a wall or floor of dust deposits only serves to spread it around, it is therefore advisable to vacuum thoroughly prior to use of wet sponge.

Tile on tile: It is always preferable to remove existing tiles however fixing new to old is an accepted method as long as the existing tiles are sound, stable, dry, securely bonded and fixed to a background that is capable of taking the additional weight. Ceramic, porcelain and quarry tiles should be lightly abraded to form a mechanical key degreased and ensured thoroughly clean. For existing vinyl floor tiles only hard and “crunchy” vinyl tiles be considered to be over-tiled. Be aware some old tiles of this type contained asbestos so should not be abraded. Do not over-tile onto softer vinyl, quartz or composite tiles.

Calcium Sulphate Floor Screeds: It is essential that the floor is fully dry, if in doubt always check the moisture level of the floor is below 75%RH using a hair hygrometer before continuing. This type of floor can also suffer from surface laitance issues creating a weak surface layer and therefore they are highly likely to require specialist mechanical abrasion as indicated above.

Timber/Wooden Floors: All chipboard and T&G flooring should be over-boarded using exterior or class 3 type plywood boards or cement backer boards of suitable thickness to remove any deflection. All over-boarding should be dry and conditioned to the environment in which they are to be used. Plywood over-boards should have backs and edges sealed to prevent ingress of moisture and atmospheric humidity. A neat coat of ProPrimer should be used to carry out the sealing process prior to installing the boards. The plywood boards should then be positioned, close butted and firmly screwed (not nailed) through the underlying flooring to joists ensuring a max distance between fixings of 300mm centres or less. Plywood and other wood-based sheets or boards should not be used for direct tiling. For tiling onto plywood and other wood-based sheets or boards, an intermediate layer, such as an uncoupling membrane, reinforced tanking system or tile backer board should be used. If using cement backer board to over-board the timber/wood floor, then it should be of flooring grade and of suitable strength for the application to prevent deflection. It should be 6mm minimum thickness. The backer board should be bonded using a minimum classification of S1 type tile adhesive and the original wooden floor should be thoroughly cleaned and free of any surface coating or wood treatment. It should also be primed using a neat coat of ProPrimer.

Under Floor Heating (UFH): If UFH is being installed it must be fully commissioned before starting the tiling process to ensure it is in full working order. This includes both electric mat and water pipe systems. Once the UFH has been commissioned it can be set to a low level to provide a max floor temperature of 15ºC whilst the tiling and grouting processes are undertaken. It is critical that this temperature is not exceeded as this can force dry the adhesive & grout with the potential of causing cracks in the installation or tiles to de-bond. Maintain this temperature for a minimum period of 7 days while the installation cures and hardens. After this time the UFH can be brought up to the required room temperature slowly at a rate of 5ºC per day.

Render: When tiling to new render it must be ensured that he render is a minimum of 4 weeks old and is thorough strong, dry, dust and efflorescence freer and stable.

PRIMING
UltraTile ProPrimer has been specifically developed to be used as a primer for use with cementitious tile adhesives to provide improved sealing and bonding properties for a variety of substrates.

Porous Substrates (includes: plaster, skimmed plasterboard, plasterboard, sand/cement, calcium sulphate screeds, cement backer boards, render and other open textured substrates): Prime with 2 coats of UltraTile ProPrimer. The first coat should be diluted 1 part primer to 3 parts clean water (by volume) and allowed to dry for a minimum period of 1 hour. When dry, apply a second coat diluted 1:1 (by volume) and leave for 1 hour to dry before continuing the tiling process.

Non-porous & Low Porous Substrates (includes: cured epoxy DPMs, tile on tile applications, foil faced insulation boards, plywood floor over boarding): We recommend UltraTile ProPrimer in a single, neat application. NB: Please see technical datasheet for UltraTile ProPrimer for coverage rate details. If in doubt as to the need for priming please consult UltraTile Technical Department.

MIXING
Once the substrate has been prepared, continue with the tiling installation. UltraTile ProEco Gel should be added slowly to clean water in a suitable clean mixing tub and mixed thoroughly using a drill/mixer and paddle to give a slump free, easily worked mortar consistency. Once mixed the mortar is immediately ready for use and has a pot life of approximately 4 hours at 20ºC. Mix only sufficient material to be used within the pot life of the product. Do not remix or rewet/dilute product which has aged and is starting to thicken or set.

Mixing Ratio: 20kg unit requires 6.5L – 7.0L of Water.

APPLICATION
Apply the adhesive to the required thickness (limits 3mm – 20mm) in areas up to 1sqm at a time. For internal walls use a notched trowel to the following notch dimensions to provide solid rib lines.

Mosaic tiles:	3mm x 3mm at 6mm centres.
General wall tiles:	5mm x 5mm at 10mm centres.
General floor tiles:	8mm x 8mm at 16 mm centres.

For floors & external applications we advise to use the solid bed method. This involves applying a uniform bed of adhesive to the floor and “buttering” the back of the tile with the same adhesive. When the tiles are bedded with a twisting action, pressing firmly down it ensures 100% contact is made with both the floor and the tile.

When fitting tiles leave spaces between each the tiles to allow for grouting (approx.: Walls 1mm - 3mm & Floors 2mm – 12mm).

Before the tile adhesive sets clean off the excess adhesive from the face of

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the tile and grout joints with a clean damp cloth or sponge.

WALL TILING & LOADINGS

Wall types vary considerably but all have the same basic need to be structurally sound, strong, smooth and level. It is essential that the wall to be tiled has sufficient inherent strength to hold the proposed tile and the adhesive being used. The following chart lists maximum national standard loadings for a variety of wall substrates.

LOADINGS	
Gypsum plaster	20kg/m²
Skimmed plasterboard (gypsum)	32kg/m²
Plywood (exterior grade)	30kg/m²
Gypsum fibre boards	40kg/m²
Cement tile backer boards	40kg/m²
Glass reinforced cement sheets	50kg/m²

CLEANING

Tools should be thoroughly cleaned with water to remove excess material immediately after use and before adhesive sets.

GROUTING

Leave the installed tiles for a minimum period for at least 18 hours to set hard before grouting and/or walking on the tile. This time may be extended on impervious/non porous substrates. It is also dependant on temperatures and conditions. Always check and ensure that adhesive has set hard before grouting. UltraTile Grouts are available for use in a variety of Colours.

TECHNICAL DATA	
Unit Size:	20kg Bags
Colours:	White
Classification:	EN12004 Class C2TE S1
Bed Thickness:	3mm – 20mm
Grout After*:	18 Hours
Coverage:	4Kg/sqm at 3mm bed thickness.
Pot Life*:	4 hours at 20°C
Set Time*:	18 hours at 20°C
Application Temperatures:	5°C to 25°C

*Depending on temperatures, substrate and site conditions.

POINTS OF NOTE

The curing period for cement-based tile adhesives will be affected by extremes in temperature. High temperature site conditions will increase the speed of cure therefore reducing the pot life and set times. Low temperatures will reduce the speed of cure extending the pot life and set times. It is therefore good practice to consider site conditions and storage of materials as essential factors in planning tiling installations. All UltraTile adhesives are manufactured to meet the performance requirements of BS EN 12004 and the relevant classifications. Ultra Tile would always advise that tiling installers follow the guidelines for tiling as laid down in BS EN5385. It is essential that expansion joints are built into the design of the tiling installation in order to prevent tension build up. This is a common occurrence which can result in tiles de-bonding. Please note that this product uses natural aggregates and other materials that may marginally vary in colour. This does not affect the consistency or characteristics of the product.

STORAGE

This product must be stored in unopened bags, clear of the ground in dry conditions. Ideal storage temperatures are between 5°C and 25°C. If stored correctly and used within 12 months of the date shown on the bag, the activity of the reducing agent will be maintained, and this product will contain no more than 0.0002% (2ppm) of the total dry weight of the cement. .

SHELF LIFE

Under the above storage conditions this product has a shelf life of 12months. Please note that the use of this product after the end of the declared storage period may increase the risk of allergic reaction.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Please ensure that appropriate PPE is used when preparing, mixing and applying products. Always wash hands before consuming food and make sure that materials are kept safely out of reach of children and animals. Please dispose of packaging and waste appropriately. A full Material Safety Data Sheet relating to this product is available from ultratileadhesives.co.uk

QUALITY ASSURANCE

All products are manufactured in a plant whose quality management system is certified / registered as being in conformity with BS EN ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 45001. UltraTile products are guaranteed against defective materials and manufacture and will be replaced or money refunded if the goods do not comply with our promotional literature. We cannot however accept responsibility arising from the application or use of our products because we have no direct or continuous control over where and how our products are used. All UltraTile products are sold subject to our terms and conditions of sales, copies of which may be obtained upon request.

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