

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

MCB A-50

A ECONOMICAL POLYMER FORTIFIED, FLEXIBLE, CEMENT BASED ADHESIVE FORMULATED TO FIX MOST TYPES OF TILE & STONE

DESCRIPTION

MCB A-50 is a economical, flexible, polymer fortified, cement based tile adhesive for installing most types of tile & stone.

MCB A-50 is a versatile adhesive and can be used on both walls and floor and internal and external applications for large format porcelain, ceramic mosaic, & stone.

USES

MCB A-50

Is suitable for fixing tiles by thin bed application.

Is suitable for fixing tiles by thick bed application up to 10mm.

Is suitable for internal and external applications.

Is suitable for wall and floor applications.

Is suitable for use over Sika Approved waterproof membranes.

SUITABLE TILE TYPES ARE:

- Ceramic Tiles
- Porcelain Tiles
- Mosaic tiles
- Terracotta
- Cement pavers
- Natural Stone (non moisture sensitive and dimensionally stable)

SUITABLE SUBSTRATES INCLUDE;

- Concrete (concrete greater than 35Mpa must have mechanical preparation prior)
- Compressed cement boards*
- Ceramic Tile Underlay / Fibre cement boards*
- Masonry
- Sika approved waterproof membranes
- Gypsum Plasterboard

*refer to board manufacturers strict installation instructions for details and load limits

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Economical versatile adhesive
- Internal & external applications
- Wall & Floor applications
- Flexible S1 performance
- Good non slump properties
- Excellent workability
- Low VOC - 7g/L (SCAQMD method 304-91)
- Non combustable
- Ideal for light coloured tile and stone

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Composition	Portland Cement, selected quartz mineral aggregates, polymers, & special additives.
Packaging	20kg Bags / 64 Bags per Pallet
Appearance / Colour	Available in both White and Grey
Shelf life	12 Months from date of manufacture.
Storage conditions	Store off ground in dry cool conditions (High humidity will reduce shelf life).
Product Declaration	C1TES1 Class Adhesive AS ISO 13007

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Tensile Adhesion Strength	TEST	A 50	AS ISO 13007
	Tensile 28 Day	>1.0N/mm²	
	After immersion	>0.5N/mm² - ≤1.0N/mm²	
	After heat exposure	>0.5N/mm² - ≤1.0N/mm²	
Transverse deformation	S1 Class ≥2.5mm <5mm AS ISO 13007		
Slip Resistance	≤0.5mm		

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Mixing Ratio	5 - 6 Lites of water per 20kg bag	
Consumption	Notched Trowel Size	Approx coverage per Bag
	6mm Notched Trowel	12m2
	10mm Notched Trowel	6.5-7m ²
	Consumption is always dependant on the substrate surface profile, roughness and application technique.	
Ambient Air Temperature	+5°C Min / +35°C Max	
Substrate Temperature	+5°C Min / +35°C Max	
Pot Life	2 hours at 23°C & 50% RH	
Open Time	30 Minutes at 23°C & 50% RH	
Applied Product Ready for Use	USE	WAIT TIME
	Grouting on walls	24 hours
	Grouting on floors	24 hours
	Light foot traffic	24 - 48 hours
	Wet Area Service	7 Days
	Values determined at laboratory conditions: 23°C, & 50% RH. Higher temperatures will reduce wait times and lower with increase. High humidity will prolong setting times Allow adhesive to dry to minimise likelihood of effloresence.	

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

SUBSTRATE QUALITY / PRE-TREATMENT

- Substrate deflection, all substrate under loads must not exceed L/360 for tiles & L/450 for stone.
- Substrates must be properly cured, structurally sound, free from friable particles, clean, dry, and free from contaminants such as dirt, dust, oil, grease, curing compounds, crystalline admixtures, release agents, laitance or efflorescence.
- Dependant on the substrate condition and contamination to be removed from the surface, perform adequate preparation techniques, such as water blasting, scarification, or blast cleaning in order to remove all traces of contaminants that could reduce the products adhesion to the substrate.
- For larger areas of surface correction use appropriate Sika Mono Top® or Sikafloor® level range should be used. Crack in substrates must be identified, sealed / treated appropriately.
- For tiling wet areas, a suitable Sika under tile waterproof membrane should be used prior to tiling.

CONCRETE FLOORS: Allow 28 days for concrete to cure. Concrete shall be left with open surface - steel trowel finishes are generally acceptable if they accept water. Wood float finishes are preferred where possible.

CEMENT MORTAR BEDS / SCREEDS: Must be installed as per AS ISO 3958.1-2007. Screed must be adequately cured and dry prior to tiling. Allow 5-7 days dependant on thickness. If a rapid drying is required use Eco Systems EcoScreed Rapid concentrate in place of cement.

SHEETED / BOARD SUBSTRATES: All boards and sheets must be installed as per manufacturers instructions and specifically designed for tiling.

PRIMING:

Porous substrates: Eco Prime WB*

Non Porous Substrates: Eco Prep N Prime*

*refer to primer data sheets for additional information.

MIXING

Pour clean cool water into a mixing container and gradually pour the the MCB A-50 powder into the container and stir with a slow speed mixing drill (approx 500RPM). Mix for 2-3 minutes to a smooth lump free homogeneous consistency. Allow the product to stand (slake) for 5 minutes then restir for an additional minute. Do not add more water. Restirring the mixture may be required during the adhesives pot life.

APPLICATION

Tiles shall be fixed in accordance to with AS 3958.1-2007.

- Ensure the backs of tiles are clean and free from dust and contaminants.
- Apply the adhesive to the substrate with the appropriate sized notched trowel to achieve coverage requirement on both substrate and the back of the tile. Tiles may require back-buttering to achieve minimum coverage requirements.
- Apply the adhesive with a notched trowel in a single

direction. Apply the tile, while pressing into the wet adhesive, break the ridges with the tile to fully bed the tile into the adhesive.

- It is advisable to periodically check the back of the tiles for adhesive coverage requirements as the AS3958.1-2007.
- Only apply as much adhesive that can be covered prior to adhesive skinning. If skinning occurs remove and replace with fresh adhesive.
- Remove any excess adhesive from the face of the tile with a damp sponge and ensure grout joint are of uniform depth.
- Movement, expansion and control joints must be installed as per AS 3958.1-2007.
- For tile over tile applications, existing tiling must be adequately cleaned prior to application. Ensure existing tiling is sound and free from defect. Prime existing tiles with Prep n Prime and allow to dry. Gloss or polished tiles must be mechanically prepared prior to priming with Eco Prep n Prime.

CLEANING OF EQUIPMENT

Tools and equipment can be cleaned while adhesive is still wet.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- MCB A-50 is not suitable for applications over tongue and grooved timber flooring, plywood, medium density fibre board, or masonite.
- MCB A-50 is not suitable for moisture sensitive stone.
- Mechanical fixing is recommended when fixing externally above 3 meters.
- MCB A-50 is not suitable to be applied directly over solvent based waterproof membranes.
- The performance of cement based adhesives will be compromised when used above 35°C and under 5°C.
- Efflorescence is beyond the control of the manufacturer.
- MCB A-50 is not suitable for submersed applications.
- MCB A-50 is not suitable for direct installation over Acoustic Mats, Use Promaxset Plus, MegaLite, Lite or OptiCure adhesive, refer to tds for limitations.

- During application protect from extreme heat, extreme sunlight, and water ingress.
- Contact Sika Australia for advice if further information is required.

BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA

All technical data stated in this Product Data Sheet are based on laboratory tests. Actual measured data may vary due to circumstances beyond our control.

LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

Please note that as a result of specific local regulations the declared data for this product may vary from country to country. Please consult the local Product Data Sheet for the exact product data.

ECOLOGY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

For information and advice on the safe handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, users shall refer to the most recent Safety Data Sheet (SDS) containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety related data.

LEGAL NOTES

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