



Large Stone Tile & Mortar

Premium, Polymer-Enriched, Large-and-Heavy-Tile and Thin-Set Mortar



DESCRIPTION

Large Tile & Stone Mortar is a premium, regular-setting, polymer-enriched (“modified”) large-and-heavy-tile-mortar (formerly known as “medium-bed mortar”) that is ideal for installing large-format tile and stone on floors, walls and countertops. This mortar can also be used in thin-set applications to install smaller-format tile over a diverse range of substrates.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Multipurpose: Can be used to set small to large tile in both thin-set and large-and-heavy-tile applications
- Polymer-enriched for excellent bond, high performance and deformability
- Non-sag formula for large-format tile and stone in wall applications
- Nonslump for large-format, heavy tile and stone in floor applications
- For thicker bond coats from 3/32” to 1/2” (2,5 to 12 mm)
- Smooth and creamy consistency: Easy to apply
- Mix with water only.

INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND APPROVALS

- ANSI: Exceeds ANSI A118.4TE and ANSI A118.11 bond strength requirements

LEED v4 Points Contribution

LEED Points

Environmental Product Declaration (EPD):

TCNA Industry Average for Mortars* 1/2 point

Health Product Declaration (HPD)* Up to 2 points

** Using this product may help contribute to LEED certification of projects in the categories shown above. Points are awarded based on contributions of all project materials.*

WHERE TO USE

- Interior/exterior residential and commercial installations on floors and walls in dry and wet areas (see building facade requirements under “Limitations” section below)
- Interior installations on residential countertops
- For installing ceramic or porcelain tile in submerged applications (pools, fountains, water features)

LIMITATIONS

- Install only at temperatures between 40°F and 95°F (4°C and 35°C).
- Do not use for moisture-sensitive stone (green marble, some limestone and some granite), agglomerate tiles or resin-backed tiles. Instead, use suitable epoxy or urethane adhesives (see respective Technical Data Sheets for details).
- Do not use over wood planking, presswood, particleboard, chipboard, oriented strand board (OSB), treated plywood, Masonite, Luan, laminate flooring, fiberglass, poured epoxy floors, self-stick tile, noncushioned sheet vinyl, metal or similar dimensionally unstable substrates. See the “Suitable Substrates” section.
- To use directly over gypsum-based patching or leveling substrates, apply a suitable sealer/primer before use. See the technical bulletin “Gypsum-Based Floors and Walls: Which MAPEI Products Can Be Applied?” in the Related Documents section of the Tile & Stone Installation Systems page on MAPEI’s Website.
- For light-colored and translucent natural stone, a white mortar is recommended.



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- Consult building code requirements for use on exterior commercial building facades.
- Installations of tile over nonporous surfaces, such as waterproofing membranes and existing tile, may require extended setting/curing times.
- Dimensionally weak stone (limestone, travertine) is limited to thin-set applications only.
- Not recommended for areas subject to severe freeze/thaw conditions. Instead, use a mortar system with a liquid latex additive.
- *Large Tile & Stone Mortar* is not recommended for setting glass tile.

SUITABLE TILE OR STONE

- For porcelain, ceramic, quarry, mosaic and Saltillo tile; cultured stone; pavers; and most types of marble, granite and natural stone
- Ideal for tile 15" x 15" (38 x 38 cm) and larger, and can be used to install small-format tile

SUITABLE SUBSTRATES

- Concrete (cured for at least 28 days)
- Masonry cement block, brick, cement mortar beds and leveling coats
- Cement backer units (CBUs) – see manufacturer's installation guidelines
- Gypsum wallboard and plaster – interior walls in dry areas only (priming may be required)
- APA Group 1 and CANPLY 0121 exterior-grade plywood – interior, residential and light commercial floors and countertops in dry conditions only
- Properly prepared vinyl composition tile (VCT) and cutback residue – interior only
- Properly prepared existing ceramic and porcelain tile, cement terrazzo, quarry tile and pavers – interior only
- MAPEI waterproofing, crack-isolation and sound-reduction membranes
- Plastic laminate countertops

Consult MAPEI's Technical Services Department for installation recommendations regarding substrates or conditions not listed.

SURFACE PREPARATION

- All substrates should be structurally sound, stable, dry, clean, and free of any substance or condition that may reduce or prevent proper adhesion.

See the "Surface preparation requirements" reference guide in the Related Documents section of the Tile & Stone Installation Systems page on MAPEI's Website.

MIXING

Before product use, take appropriate safety precautions. Refer to the Safety Data Sheet for details.

1. Into a clean mixing container, pour about 6.5 to 7.5 U.S. qts. (6,15 to 7,10 L) of clean potable water. Up to an extra 0.5 U.S. qt. (0,47 L) of water may be added for use with membranes and floor installations.
2. Gradually add 50 lbs. (22,7 kg) of powder while slowly mixing.
3. Use a low-speed mixing drill (at about 300 rpm), with an angled cross-blade mixer or auger mixer. Mix thoroughly until the mixture becomes a smooth, homogenous, lump-free paste. Avoid prolonged mixing.
4. Let the mixture stand for 5 minutes.
5. Remix for 1 minute.
6. If the mixture becomes heavy or stiff, remix without adding more liquid.

PRODUCT APPLICATION

Read all installation instructions thoroughly before installation.

1. Choose a notched trowel (see the "Approximate Coverage" chart) with sufficient depth to achieve more than 80% mortar contact to both the tile and substrate for all interior applications, and more than 95% for exterior installations, commercial floor and wet applications. It may be necessary to back-butter the tile in order to meet these requirements. (Refer to ANSI A108.5 specifications and TCNA guidelines.)
2. With pressure, apply a coat by using the trowel's flat side to key mortar into the substrate.
3. Apply additional mortar, combing it in a single direction with the trowel's notched side.
4. Spread only as much mortar as can be tiled before the product skins over. Open time can vary with jobsite conditions.
5. Place the tiles firmly into the wet mortar. Push the tiles back and forth in a direction perpendicular to trowel lines, to collapse the mortar ridges and to help achieve maximum coverage. Ensure proper contact between the mortar, tile and substrate by periodically lifting a few tiles to check for acceptable coverage.
6. Remove excess mortar from the joint areas so that at least 2/3 of the tile depth is available for grouting (see ANSI A108.10 guidelines).

EXPANSION AND CONTROL JOINTS

- Provide for expansion and control joints as specified per TCNA Method EJ171.
- Do not cover any expansion joints with mortar.

CLEANUP

- Clean tools and tile while the mortar is fresh, using only water.

ANSI Specification

Test Method	Specification Standard	Test Results
ANSI A118.4E – extended open time	≥ 72.5 psi (0,5 MPa) at 30 minutes	Pass
ANSI A118.4 – shear strength, impervious ceramic (porcelain) mosaics	> 200 psi (1,38 MPa) at 28 days	310 to 450 psi (2,14 to 3,10 MPa)
ANSI A118.4 – shear strength, glazed wall tile	> 300 psi (2,07 MPa) at 7 days	570 to 780 psi (3,93 to 5,38 MPa)
ANSI A118.4 – shear strength, quarry tile to quarry tile	> 150 psi (1,03 MPa) at 28 days	310 to 450 psi (2,14 to 3,10 MPa)
ANSI A118.4T – sag on vertical surfaces	< 0.02" (0,5 mm) at 20 minutes	Pass
ANSI A118.11 – shear strength, quarry tile to plywood	> 150 psi (1,03 MPa) at 28 days	170 to 310 psi (1,17 to 2,14 MPa)

Shelf Life and Application Properties at 73°F (23°C) and 50% relative humidity





Shelf life	1 year when stored in original, unopened packaging
Open time*	30 to 35 minutes
Pot life*	4 hours
Time before grouting (walls)*	8 to 16 hours
Time before grouting (floors)*	24 to 48 hours
VOCs (Rule #1168 of California's SCAQMD)	0 g per L

* Open time, pot life and time before grouting vary based on jobsite conditions.

Packaging

Size and Color
Bag: 50 lbs. (22,7 kg), white

Approximate Coverage** per 50 lbs. (22,7 kg)

Typical Trowel	Coverage
1/4" x 1/4" x 1/4" (6 x 6 x 6 mm) 	85 to 95 sq. ft. (7,90 to 8,83 m ²)
1/4" x 3/8" x 1/4" (6 x 10 x 6 mm) 	65 to 75 sq. ft. (6,04 to 6,97 m ²)
1/2" x 1/2" x 1/2" (12 x 12 x 12 mm) 	40 to 50 sq. ft. (3,72 to 4,65 m ²)
3/4" x 9/16" x 3/8" (19 x 14 x 10 mm) 	35 to 40 sq. ft. (3,25 to 3,72 m ²)

** Trowel dimensions are width/depth/space. Actual coverage will vary according to substrate profile and tile type.

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PROTECTION

- Do not disturb the installation, allow light traffic or grout the tiles for at least 24 to 48 hours.
- Protect the installation from general traffic for at least 72 hours, and from heavy traffic for at least 7 days.
- Protect the installation from rain for 72 hours, and from freezing for 21 days.
- Cure for 28 days before water immersion.

Refer to the SDS for specific data related to health and safety as well as product handling.

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