DESCRIPTION

Porcelain Tile Mortar is a regular-setting, polymer-enriched (“modified”) mortar for installing a wide range of tile and stone over a diverse range of substrates in thin-set applications.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

• Higher polymer content provides a stronger bond, with a wider range of tile and stone to a wider range of substrates.
• Allows tile over existing tile installation to save time
• Smooth and creamy consistency for easy application
• Mix with water only.

INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND APPROVALS

• ANSI: Exceeds ANSI A118.4 and ANSI A118.11 bond-strength requirements
• LEED v4 Points Contribution
  Environmental Product Declaration (EPD): 1/2 point
  TCNA Industry Average for Mortars* Up to 2 points
  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

• Most interior/exterior residential installations on floors and walls
• Most interior/exterior commercial installations on floors
• Most interior commercial installations on walls

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 granite), agglomerate tiles or resin-backed tiles. Instead, use suitable epoxy or urethane adhesives. See the respective Technical Data Sheet (TDS) for more information.
• Do not use over dimensionally unstable substrates such as hardwood flooring, oriented strand board (OSB), substrates containing asbestos, or metal. See the “Suitable Substrates” section above.
• To use directly over gypsum-based patching or leveling substrates, apply suitable sealer/primer before use. See MAPEI’s “Gypsum-Based Floors and Walls: Which MAPEI Products Can Be Applied?” technical bulletin in the Technical Bulletins section of the Tile & Stone Installation Systems page on MAPEI’s Website.
• Installations of tile over nonporous surfaces, such as waterproofing membranes and existing tile, may require extended setting curing times.
• For light-colored and translucent natural stone, a white mortar is recommended.
• Do not use for installations subject to water immersion, such as pools and spas.
• Not recommended for areas subject to severe freeze/thaw conditions. For best performance, mix MAPEI’s Polymer Additive with an appropriate thin-set mortar.
SUITABLE TILE OR STONE
- Ceramic tile, quarry tile, pavers and Saltillo tile and most types of marble, granite and natural stone
- Best for small tile or stone up to 15” x 15” (38 x 38 cm)

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). See MAPEI’s “Surface Preparation Requirements” reference guide in the Reference & Installation Guides section of the Tile & Stone Installation Systems page on MAPEI’s Website.
- 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, quarry tile and pavers (interior only)
- MAPEI waterproofing, crack-isolation and sound-reduction membranes

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 MAPEI’s “Surface Preparation Requirements” reference guide in the Reference & Installation Guides section of the Tile & Stone Installation Systems page on MAPEI’s Website.

MIXING
Choose all appropriate safety equipment before use. Refer to the Safety Data Sheet for details.
1. Into a clean mixing container, pour the following amounts of clean water according to the bag sizes indicated:
   - For 25-lb. (11.3-kg) bag: About 2.5 to 3 U.S. qts. (2.37 to 2.84 L) of clean water
   - For 50-lb. (22.7-kg) bag: About 1.25 to 1.5 U.S. gals. (4.73 to 5.68 L) of clean water
2. Gradually add powder while slowly mixing using an electric drill with an angled cross-blade mixer or double-box mixer.
3. Continue low-speed mixing (at about 300 rpm) for about 3 minutes until the mixture becomes a smooth, 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 within 2 hours, 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 handbook 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 tiles firmly into the wet mortar. Push 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
- Use water only to clean tools and tiles while the mortar is fresh.

PROTECTION
- Protect from foot traffic for 16 to 24 hours before grouting.
- Protect from heavy traffic, frost and rain for 7 days.
ANSI Specification

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<td>ANSI A118.4 – shear strength, impervious ceramic (porcelain) mosaics</td>
<td>&gt; 200 psi (1,38 MPa) at 28 days</td>
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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 minutes
- Pot life*: > 2 hours
- Time before grouting*: 16 to 24 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: 25 lbs. (11.3 kg), white
  - Bag: 50 lbs. (22.7 kg), gray
  - Bag: 50 lbs. (22.7 kg), white

Approximate Coverage**

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<td>1/4” x 1/4” x 1/4”</td>
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<td>28 to 33 sq. ft. (2.60 to 3.07 m²)</td>
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** Trowel dimensions are width/depth/space. Actual coverage will vary according to substrate profile and tile type.
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