**DESCRIPTION**

*Primer T* is a low-VOC, water-based acrylic primer that enhances the performance and adhesion of self-leveling underlayments (SLUs) on nonabsorbent surfaces such as ceramic tile, vinyl composition tile (VCT), epoxy moisture barriers and adhesive residue, as well as profiled, absorbent surfaces. Suitable for a wide variety of substrates, *Primer T* combines excellent versatility with an easy, low-odor application.

**FEATURES AND BENEFITS**

- One-component, versatile primer for a wide variety of substrate conditions
- Low odor and VOC compliance for safe use in interior, occupied environments
- Single-coat application for faster turnaround and lower installation costs
- Easy handling and application

**INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND APPROVALS**

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

**WHERE TO USE**

- Use *Primer T* when applying a self-leveling underlayment on properly prepared suitable substrates.
- Interior residential (apartments, condominiums and homes)
- Interior commercial (office buildings, hotel rooms and hallways, restaurants and cafeterias)
- Interior heavy commercial (hotel lobbies, convention centers, airports, shopping malls, grocery stores and department stores)
- Interior institutional (hospitals, schools, universities, libraries and government buildings)

**LIMITATIONS**

- Do not install over any substrates containing asbestos.
- Substrate and ambient temperatures must be between 50°F to 90°F (10°C to 32°C).
- In all cases, the surface temperature of the prepared concrete slab must be at least 5°F (2.8°C) above the dew point to avoid condensation on the concrete surface as *Primer T* dries.
- Protect from freezing.
- For moisture limits on this primer, refer to the moisture limits of the product to be applied over it.
- Verify that the substrate is free of bond-inhibiting or bond-breaking materials such as curing compounds and dust.
- For use only in dry, interior environments. Do not apply on wet substrates.
• Use undiluted over moisture-stable, exterior-grade plywood.
• Use undiluted over dense, nonabsorbent surfaces, such as epoxy moisture barriers, floor-covering adhesive residue, and properly prepared ceramic tile and VCT.
• Dilute the product for application over absorbent, porous substrates at a ratio of 1:1 to 2:1 (water to primer).

**SUITSABLE SUBSTRATES**
• Properly prepared and bonded tile, stone and VCT
• Properly prepared and installed 100%-solids epoxy moisture barriers
• Epoxy cement terrazzo and poured epoxy flooring
• Cement backer units (CBUs)
• Substrates with traces of well-adhered, water-resistant glue (cutback adhesive, floor-covering adhesive or polyurethane adhesive)
• Dimensionally stable exterior-grade plywood
• Properly prepared sound and stable concrete substrates, whether smooth and nonabsorbent or profiled and absorbent
• Use over gypsum-based SLUs that are free of gypsum dust before application of cementitious or gypsum-based SLUs.

Consult MAPEI’s Technical Services Department for installation recommendations regarding any substrates and conditions not listed.

**SURFACE PREPARATION**
• All substrates must be interior, structurally sound, dry, solid and stable.
• Mechanically prepare existing ceramic, quarry and porcelain tile, as well as cement terrazzo.
• Thoroughly clean all surfaces of any substance that could interfere with the bond of the installation material, including dirt, paint, tar, asphalt, wax, oil, grease, latex compounds, sealers, curing compounds, form release agents, laitance, loose toppings, foreign substances, and poorly bonded adhesive residues.
• Do not acid-etch surfaces before applying Primer T.
• When applying MAPEI underlayments to plywood flooring or oriented strand board (OSB), the installation specifics (finished flooring, load, use and/or deflection) may require the use of MAPEI’s Mapelath™ or diamond mesh (meeting the requirements of ASTM C847) on top of the primed surface before application of the underlayment. In all cases, one can anticipate better performance when utilizing lath, particularly over OSB. Refer to Mapelath’s current Technical Data Sheet for installation instructions. Differential or excessive movement within a plywood substrate may lead to hairline cracks at plywood joints.

**MIXING**
Note: Choose all appropriate safety equipment before use. Refer to the Safety Data Sheet for more information.
1a. Over nonabsorbent surfaces: Apply Primer T undiluted. (Add no water; no mixing is required.)
1b. Over porous, absorbent surfaces (typically absorbent, profiled concrete substrates): Dilute Primer T with water at a ratio of 1:1 to 2:1 (water to primer). Mix with water in a separate clean container with a low-speed mixer and paddle to a homogenous consistency. Do not mix at high speeds, which may cause product foaming.
1c. Over gypsum substrates: Dilute at a ratio of 2:1 (water to primer). Mix as indicated in Step 1b and apply two coats if required by visual inspection. Ensure that the gypsum substrate is sound and free of gypsum dust.

**PRODUCT APPLICATION**
Note: Read all installation instructions thoroughly before installation.
1. Apply the product with a 3/8" (10 mm) nap roller. Ensure that the surface receives a complete, thin film of product.
2a. Nonabsorbent substrates and wood require only one coat of undiluted Primer T.
2b. Absorbent and gypsum substrates may require more than one coat of diluted Primer T to seal off the substrate and prevent substrate outgassing.
3. The underlayment can typically be applied within 2 to 5 hours (see the “Shelf Life and Application Properties” table). Drying times will vary depending on the porosity of the surface, temperature and humidity. The maximum wait time from initial application is 24 hours.
4. If the dried Primer T remains uncovered for more than 24 hours, re-apply a second, undiluted coat and install the underlayment within the correct application window (see the “Shelf Life and Application Properties” table). If the application window is missed again, remove the primer mechanically and start the installation on the clean substrate.

**CLEANUP**
• Clean equipment immediately with water. Mineral spirits may be used to remove primer that has dried on tools.
Product Performance Properties at 73°F (23°C) and 50% relative humidity

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

| Shelf life                     | 2 years when stored in original, unopened packaging in a dry, covered location |
| Window for application of SLU at 73°F (23°C) | 2 to 3 hours of drying time up to 24 hours from application over porous substrates (concrete, wood and gypsum); 4 to 5 hours of drying time up to 24 hours from application over nonporous substrates (ceramic and VCT) |
| Flash point (Seta)             | > 212°F (100°C) |

CSI Division Classification

| Cast Underlayment              | 03 54 00 |

Packaging

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Approximate Coverage*

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| 3/8" (10 mm) nap roller        | 2 U.S. gals. (7.57 L): 400 to 800 sq. ft. (37.2 to 74.3 m²)  
|                                | 1 U.S. qt. (946 mL): 50 to 100 sq. ft. (4.65 to 9.29 m²)               |

* Coverage depends on the substrate profile and porosity.
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