

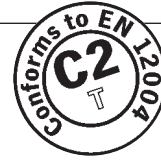


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# ARDEX X 7 R ARDEX X 7 R W



## Rapid Setting Flexible Adhesives for Floor and Wall Tiling

### Features

- Walk on and grout tiles after 2 hours
- For use with all types of ceramic tiles, including porcelain
- Can be used on plywood overlay
- Suitable for use with underfloor heating
- Excellent slump resistance and application properties
- Ideal for swimming pools and wet areas
- For internal and external applications



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### USE

ARDEX X 7 R and ARDEX X 7 R W are rapid setting cement-based floor and wall tile adhesives which will allow grouting to commence after 2 hours.

### DESCRIPTION

ARDEX X 7 R and ARDEX X 7 R W are specifically formulated to have enhanced properties of adhesion and flexibility, and are ideal for fixing fully vitrified or porcelain tiles and other tiles with low porosity, as well as glass and porcelain mosaics, terrazzo and brick slips.

The BS EN 12004 C2T designation for ARDEX X 7 R and C2FTE S1 for ARDEX X 7 R W classifies the adhesives as 'improved cementitious adhesives with additional characteristics and reduced slip'.

The additional characteristics determined in accordance with BS EN 12004 are a tensile adhesion strength of: greater than 1 N/mm<sup>2</sup> adhesion value, greater than 1 N/mm<sup>2</sup> after water immersion, greater than 1 N/mm<sup>2</sup> after heat aging and greater than 1 N/mm<sup>2</sup> after freeze thaw cycling, making this product suitable for internal and external situations, including swimming pools.

When mixed to a slump free consistency, ARDEX X 7 R and ARDEX X 7 R W have high initial grab enabling heavy wall tiles to be fixed, thus reducing or dispensing with the need for battens and spacers.

ARDEX X 7 R and ARDEX X 7 R W adhere strongly to most construction materials such as concrete, cement and sand renders and screeds, heated sub-floors, brickwork and blockwork, and primed gypsum plaster, anhydrite screeds and plasterboard.

For fixing moisture sensitive natural stone and agglomerated stone tiles, the use of one of the specialist ARDEX Natural Stone tile adhesives is recommended. Please consult the ARDEX Natural Stone Fixing Guide for guidance on adhesive selection.

### SURFACE PREPARATION

The backgrounds and surfaces to receive the tiles must be clean, firm, free of dust, dirt, oil, grease and other barriers to adhesion. Ensure that the background has adequate drying time, as given in the relevant part of BS 5385, prior to fixing the tiles.

Install tiles in accordance with the relevant parts of BS 5385 and BS 8000 : Part 11 Workmanship on Building Sites. Backgrounds to receive ceramic tiles should be finished to Surface Regularity 1, i.e. so any gap under a 2m straight edge does not exceed 3mm.

The surface being adhered to must be mature and stable, as well as being strong enough to support the weight of the tiles being fixed. ARDEX X 7 R and ARDEX X 7 R W can be

applied to dry or moist surfaces, but moisture sensitive materials must be dry and remain dry after fixing.

ARDEX WPC Waterproof Coating System can be used prior to tiling to create a waterproof protective coating that guarantees the prevention of water damage to floors and walls, by protecting moisture sensitive backgrounds in wet locations.

### MIXING

ARDEX X 7 R and ARDEX X 7 R W are added to clean water in a clean container whilst stirring, and mixed thoroughly to give a slump free, easily worked mortar. The use of an ARDEX mixing paddle with a 10mm chuck, variable speed electric drill makes light work of mixing.

The mix proportions by volume are approximately:

3¼ parts ARDEX X 7 R and ARDEX X 7 R W powder : 1 part water.

A 20kg bag of ARDEX X 7 R grey requires up to 5 litres of water (4kg per litre of water).

A 20kg bag of ARDEX X 7 R W white requires 6.8 litres of water (3kg per litre of water).

The consistency of the adhesive can be adjusted to suit site conditions and the materials being fixed.

However, DO NOT EXCEED the recommended maximum amount of water per bag.

The mortar should be applied at temperatures above 5°C.

The pot life of the mixed mortar is approximately 30 minutes at 20°C.

### APPLICATION

The mixed mortar is applied to the prepared surface with a trowel and then combed through with a suitably sized notched trowel in straight lines to give a ribbed mortar bed. The tiles should be fixed within the open time of the applied adhesive and pressed into place with a twisting and sliding action to achieve the required contact. For tiling to walls in dry internal locations, current codes of practice recommend that the adhesive contact should be with at least 50% of the back of the tile.

For maximum performance at least 80% of the back of the tile should be adhered. When tiling to floors and all external situations, or in wet areas such as showers and swimming pools, solid bed fixing should be achieved.

To achieve a solid bed usually requires the tiles to be buttered immediately prior to placing into the ribbed bed so no voids are left beneath the tiles. The size of notched trowel chosen depends on the tile size, the surface being tiled, the profile on the back of the tile and the degree of coverage required. ARDEX X 7 R has an open time of not less than 20

minutes and for ARDEX X 7 R W not less than 30 minutes when measured in accordance with BS EN 12004. For optimum performance under typical UK site conditions tiles should be fixed within 10 minutes and tiles can then be adjusted for up to 20 minutes.

### GROUTING

Grouting can proceed once the tile bed has hardened sufficiently so that the tiles will not be dislodged. When grouting floor tiles, ARDEX X 7 R and ARDEX X 7 R W are normally hard enough after 2 hours, at 20°C, to accept foot traffic, depending on the porosity of the tile and the background.

Higher temperatures will shorten and lower temperatures will lengthen these times.

The tile joints should be grouted with the appropriate ARDEX-FLEX Tile Grout, or ARDEX EG 8 Cement/Epoxy Hybrid Grout for areas where chemical resistance and hygienic joints are required i.e. commercial food preparation areas.

### COVERAGE

A 20kg bag of ARDEX X 7 R will yield approximately 14.3 litres of mortar, equivalent to approximately 4.7m<sup>2</sup> solid 3mm bed of adhesive. Approximately 1.4kg powder/m<sup>2</sup>/mm. A 20kg bag of ARDEX X 7 R W will yield approximately 16.7 litres of mortar equivalent to approximately 5.6m<sup>2</sup> solid 3mm bed adhesive. Approximately 1.2kg powder/m<sup>2</sup>/mm.

### PRIMERS

#### ARDEX P 51

Concentrated Water-Based Primer and Bonding Agent for use on absorbent backgrounds, concrete and anhydrite/calcium sulphate screeds, prior to the use of ARDEX X 7 R or ARDEX X 7 R W (Dilute 1:3 with water). Use undiluted when tiling onto wooden sub-floors.

See notes below regarding preparation of timber backgrounds.

#### ARDEX P 82

Non-Flammable, Water-Based Synthetic primer for use on smooth, impervious surfaces including existing ceramic tiling, internal asphalt, terrazzo, sound and well adhered paint coatings, and old adhesive residues, prior to the use of See note below regarding preparation of timber backgrounds.

#### ARDEX P 4

Ready mixed, Multi-Purpose, Rapid Drying Primer for use on ceramic and porcelain tiles, concrete and terrazzo. ARDEX P 4 Primer is solvent free and dries after 60 minutes. It is suitable for use in dry, damp or wet (not submerged) internal and external locations.

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### GUIDANCE NOTES ON BACKGROUNDS TO BE TILED

#### **Concrete**

Allow at least 6 weeks, preferably at least 12 weeks drying time prior to fixing tiles onto new concrete. Mechanically clean concrete and ensure mould oil, curing agents, hardeners/sealers etc. are removed.

#### **Cement/sand render and screed**

Wood float finish and prevent rapid drying of the surface for 3 days (renders) or 7 days (screeds). Allow render to air dry for at least 2 weeks prior to tiling or at least 3 weeks for screeds prior to tiling.

**NOTE for Screeds:** With an ARDEX A 38 cement/sand screed, tiles can be fixed after only 4 hours. Gypsum Plaster and Gypsum Boards

Do not use in wet or damp conditions. Gypsum plaster must be dry and at least 4 weeks old prior to tiling. Wire brush plaster to remove dust. Use ARDEX P 51 Primer. Tile weight should not exceed 20kg /m<sup>2</sup>.

#### **Paper-faced Plasterboard**

Ensure boards are rigidly braced and adequately supported. Fix directly to the paper facing. Do not skim with plaster. Tile weight should not exceed 32kg /m<sup>2</sup>.

#### **Wood-based sheets and boards**

Prior to tiling ensure that new or existing boards are dry, i.e. conditioned to the environment in which they will be used and are rigidly fixed, ventilated and free from barriers to adhesion. Since plywood and other wood based boards are not dimensionally stable, they should not be used in wet or damp conditions where they will be subjected to changes in atmospheric humidity.

For wall tiling BS 5385 advises that wood based sheets and boards should be avoided if at all possible as a background for tiling. If such boards, e.g. plywood board, chipboard, etc. have to be used, they should be restricted to small areas and installed in such a way that they provide a dimensionally stable and rigid background. The backs and edges of such boards should be treated against the ingress of atmospheric moisture that would result in movement and warping. Tiles should not bridge joints between boards.

#### **Existing tongue and groove softwood**

Floorboards of traditional construction should be screwed or ring nailed down to the joists to provide a rigidly fixed, flat and adequately braced surface. Any existing floor polish, wax, old adhesive should be removed, e.g. by sanding to expose a clean surface prior to tiling. Plywood and flooring grade chipboard should have the backs and edges sealed, e.g. with polyurethane varnish and be at least 15mm thick and screwed or ring nailed down to the joists at 300mm centres or less.

The board surface should be clean and free of barriers to adhesion, e.g. fire retardants, impregnated wax etc. Some chipboard floor systems require the joints to be glued together and guidance from the manufacturer should be sought. The timber should be at equilibrium moisture content, i.e. the state of dryness it will attain in normal service conditions, at the time it is covered.

In all cases, the timber surface to be tiled should be stable and adequately strong and suitably rigid to withstand the imposed traffic, loads and vibration without deflection. Extra noggins may be required between joists to stiffen floors as advised in BS 5385-3.

The timber floor surface must only be primed with either ARDEX P 51 Primer undiluted or ARDEX P 82 Primer, not other proprietary primers. Plywood walls must only be primed with ARDEX P 82 Primer. Ceramic tiles should not be used on timber based boards in wet areas or external locations. Floating timber floors are not recommended as bases for rigid floor finishes.

ARDEX X 7 R or ARDEX X 7 R W must not be mixed with more than the recommended amount of water as excess moisture will cause timber movement. The adhesive bed thickness must not exceed 3mm.

**NOTE:** If the above precautions are not carried out there will be an increased risk of the installed tiling cracking and delaminating. For commercial installations or where the floor may be subject to vibration, e.g. from washing machines, then the use of a proprietary intermediate substrate system is recommended.

#### **Painted surfaces**

A trial area should be carried out by priming the sound paint coating with ARDEX P 82 Primer prior to fixing the tiles with ARDEX X 7 R.

#### **Calcium Sulfate-based screeds i.e. Anhydrite**

Ensure they have been laid and prepared in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations. Generally they require sanding and have a moisture content of 0.5% or less. Prime with ARDEX P 51, diluted with 3 parts of water.

#### **Existing glazed ceramic tiling**

Ensure existing tiling is well adhered and can support the new tile bed. Thorough cleaning and rinsing off is essential. Prime tiles with ARDEX P 82 Primer (internal dry areas only), or ARDEX P 4 (external locations).

#### **Brickwork**

Allow new walls to dry for at least 6 weeks, preferably 12 weeks, prior to direct fixing or rendering.

#### **Concrete blockwork**

New walls should be built with dry blocks. Allow 6 weeks, preferably 12 weeks drying time prior to direct fixing or rendering.

#### **Asphalt sanded**

With well adhered sand key no primer is required. Internal areas only. If sand key is poor or worn off, proceed as for smooth asphalt.

#### **Asphalt smooth**

Priming with ARDEX P 82 Primer recommended. Internal dry areas only.

#### **Underfloor heating**

ARDEX X 7 R or ARDEX X 7 R W are suitable for fixing ceramic tiles to concrete or cement and sand screeds with underfloor heating.

#### **Large Format Tiles**

Where larger format tiles are to be installed, a pourable adhesive, such as ARDEX X 78 S, is recommended to facilitate solid bedding. When fixing larger format tiles onto timber sub-floors the use of a pourable, rapid drying adhesive such as ARDEX X 7001 is recommended.

For maximum performance at least 80% of the back of the tile should be adhered. When tiling to floors and all external situations, or in wet areas such as showers and swimming pools, solid bed fixing (100% contact) should be achieved.

#### **PACKAGING**

ARDEX X 7 R and ARDEX X 7 R W are packed in paper sacks incorporating a polyethylene liner net weight 20kg.

#### **STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE**

ARDEX X 7 R and ARDEX X 7 R W contain a reducing agent to control the level of Chromium VI when mixed prior to use. ARDEX X 7 R and ARDEX X 7 R W must be stored in unopened packaging, clear of the ground in cool dry conditions and protected from excessive draught. If stored correctly, as detailed above, and used within 12 months of the date shown on the packaging, the activity of the reducing agent in ARDEX X 7 R and ARDEX X 7 R W (added to control the level of soluble Chromium VI) will be maintained and this product will contain, when mixed with water, no more than 0.0002% (2ppm) soluble Chromium VI of the total dry weight of the cement content of this product. ARDEX X 7 R and ARDEX X 7 R W must not be used after the end of the declared storage period.

#### **PRECAUTIONS**

ARDEX X 7 R and ARDEX X 7 R W contains more than 20% portland cement and, therefore, in line with current legislation, is classified as irritating to eyes and skin. For this reason the following precautions should be observed: Avoid contact with skin and eyes; in case of contact with the eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice; wear suitable gloves and keep the product out of the reach of children. Avoid generation of airborne dust during mixing.

For further information consult the relevant health and safety data sheet.



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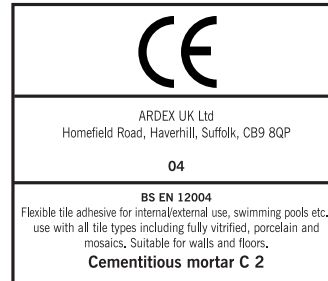
Weight of fresh mortar - grey	approximately	1.75kg/litre
Weight of fresh mortar - white	approximately	1.6kg/litre
Working time (20°C)	approximately	30 minutes
Adjusting time (20°C)	approximately	10 minutes

### PROPERTIES TESTED TO BS EN 12004

Slump Resistance: Slip - less than 0.5mm

### Minimum Tensile Adhesion Strength

(28 days dry)	1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
(28 days wet)	1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
(After Freeze-Thaw)	1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
(24 hours dry)	0.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup>



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