



ARDEX X7

Wall & Floor Tile Adhesive

High Performance thin bed mortar

Weather Resistant

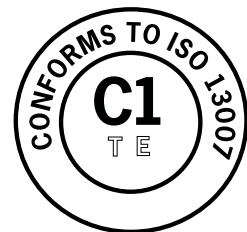
Internal and External Use

Easy to use, universal tile adhesive system

24 hour green bonded screed capable

Low VOC content - meets Green Building Council of Australia Green Star IEQ-13

Classification increases to C2TES1 when ARDEX E 90 is added



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DESCRIPTION

ARDEX X7 is a white cement-based wall and floor tile adhesive. ARDEX X7 has an extended open time and is non slump. Mix with water to achieve a mortar suitable for use on walls and floors in internal areas and externally or commercially when mixed with ARDEX E90.

Mix with diluted ARDEX E90 when tiling externally and where movement is anticipated and in commercial applications. ARDEX X7 meets the Green Building Council of Australia Green Star IEQ-13 requirements for Ceramic Tile Adhesives.

FOR FIXING (TILE TYPES)

Ceramic tiles, natural stones (excluding moisture sensitive), mosaics and porcelain.

TO (SUBSTRATES)

Concrete, renders, screeds.
Heated Slabs with ARDEX E90
ARDEX liquid applied waterproofing membranes over concrete/screed substrates.
Internal fibre cement sheet and plasterboard.
Gypsum plaster surfaces need to be primed with ARDEX Multiprime.
Concrete swimming pools with ARDEX E90.

SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

The surface being adhered to must be clean, firm and free of dust, dirt, oil, grease, curing compounds, release agents and other barrier materials, as well as being strong enough to support the weight of the tiles being fixed. Ensure surfaces are dry before tiling, with no residue or permanent damp.

Ensure that the substrate's required drying time, as given in the relevant part of AS 3958, is allowed to elapse prior to fixing the tiles. Prime porous substrates with ARDEX Multiprime.

Concrete

This includes precast, in-situ and wood floated concrete. As concrete exhibits drying shrinkage, allow to cure for at least 4 weeks prior to tiling. Any surface laitance, concrete sealers, curing compounds, and other materials should be removed from the surface prior to tiling. Steel trowel finished concrete should be roughened mechanically to remove laitance and provide a good key for tiling. The surface should be true and level and pitched to drains where required. The concrete should have adequate surface profile (e.g. broom finish) to provide a mechanical key. Smooth surfaces and/or dense concrete greater than 35MPa must be mechanically prepared prior to tiling.

Cement Render/Screeds

New renders and screeds should be finished with a wood float to the required surface regularity. Screeds should be pitched to drains where required. For bonded green screeds allow 24 hours to cure prior to tiling. For unbonded screeds allow at least 7 days to cure prior to tiling.

Plasterboard/Medium Density Fibre-Cement Sheet on Walls

Provided that these boards are firmly and rigidly fixed to adequately support the tile bed, tiles can be fixed directly. Priming with ARDEX Multiprime is recommended for fibre cement sheets but is not usually necessary for plasterboard except when jointing compound is used.

ARDEX Liquid Applied Undertile Waterproofing Membranes

ARDEX undertile waterproofing must be applied according to instructions and thoroughly dry prior to tiling. It is suggested that ARDEX E90 is added to ARDEX X7 to improve adhesion to the waterproofing membrane.

MIXING

ARDEX X7 powder is added to clean water in a large clean container whilst stirring vigorously with a paddle mixer. Mix thoroughly to give a lump free easily worked mortar of a thick creamy consistency. Mix for at least 2 minutes, allow to stand for 5 minutes and mix a second

time for 2 minutes.

A 20kg bag of ARDEX X7 requires approximately 6 litres of water.

When using with ARDEX E90 admix, first dilute the admix with water. For 20kg of powder, mix 3.6L of ARDEX E90 with up to 3.6L of water.

The consistency of the adhesive can be slightly adjusted to suit site conditions and size, weight and type of tiles to be fixed. Do not apply at temperatures below 10°C. The pot life of the mixed mortar is approximately 3 hours at 23°C and 50% relative humidity.

FIXING TECHNIQUE

Before fixing ensure the substrate has been prepared and the tiles are free from dust. Tiles should be fixed in accordance with Australian Standard AS 3958.

Substrate surface, type and size of the tiles will determine the selection of the trowel. As a general guide use a minimum 6 x 6 x 6mm notch trowel for walls and minimum 10 x 10 x 10mm notch trowel for floor tiling. ARDEX X7 can be applied at a bed thickness greater than 3mm and less than 10mm.

The tiles must be pressed firmly into the freshly combed mortar bed to ensure good contact with the mortar. Slide the tile at right angles to the notch pattern to ensure 100% coverage on the back of the tile. Tiles with ribbed or keyed back profiles should also be buttered to ensure complete coverage. Lift a tile from time to time to check that there are no voids beneath the tile. Do not spot fix or bed by tapping with a mallet. Any surplus adhesive must be removed from the surface of the tile and joints, before the adhesive sets.

ARDEX X7 has an open time of 15 minutes and an adjustment time of 20 minutes. Please be aware of site conditions when considering these times and only spread enough adhesive so that the tiles can be fixed while the mortar is still wet. All tools should be cleaned with water immediately after use.

MOVEMENT JOINTS

Movement joints must be in accordance with Australian Standard AS 3958.

GROUTING

Grouting can proceed once the tile bed has hardened sufficiently so that tiles will not be dislodged. Grouting and traffic may be allowed after approximately 24 hours at 23°C and 50% relative humidity. Allow longer for dense tiles/substrates, humid climates and low temperatures. The tile joints should be grouted with the appropriate ARDEX grout.

COVERAGE

20kg of ARDEX X7 is sufficient for approximately 10m² on walls, using a 6 x 6 x 6mm notched trowel and 7m² on floors using a 10 x 10 x 10mm notched trowel. The coverage will vary depending on substrate condition, tile type and application technique.

PACKAGING

ARDEX X7 is packed in polylined paper sacks – net weight 20kg.

SHELF LIFE

ARDEX X7 has a shelf life of 12 months when stored in the original unopened packaging, in a dry place at 23°C and 50% relative humidity.

Pay attention to the following:

ARDEX X7 should not be used over substrates subject to shrinkage and other movement e.g. timber. ARDEX provides other systems.
ARDEX X7 should not be used on floors with a deflection greater than the joist span divided by 500. Joist span must comply with AS 1684.

For setting of moisture sensitive and dimensionally unstable natural stones, please refer to products in the ARDEX Natural Stone System.

Dimensional instability in natural stone ranges is often difficult to detect visually and may require thermal and moisture stability testing to ensure that adhesive recommendations can be warranted. Contact your tile supplier for further information or ARDEX Technical Services for information and testing.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

This product is considered non hazardous in normal usage. The presence of cement in the product gives an alkaline mortar which may cause some irritation if prolonged contact with skin takes place.

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 eye protection and keep the product out of the reach of children. Avoid generation of airborne dust during mixing. If swallowed do not induce vomiting, give a glass of water and contact a doctor.

For further material safety data, consult the latest Material Safety Data Sheet.

TECHNICAL DATA

Colour:	White Powder
Mixing Ratio:	1 vol water:2.25 vol powder, approximately 6 litres water per 20kg powder

Application Properties at 23°C and 50% RH

Open Time:	15 minutes
Adjustment Time:	20 minutes
Grouting Time:	24 hours
Pot Life:	2 hours
Underfloor Heating:	Yes
Classification:	C1TE (C2TES1 with ARDEX E90)

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