

## AUS-BOND GROUT & MORTAR ADMIX

### LIQUID LATEX POROUS SUBSTRATE PRIMER AND ADMIX

#### DESCRIPTION

**Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** is a specially formulated, self-crosslinking latex acrylic additive for use as a primer for porous substrates prior to waterproofing, tiling or applying self-levelling mortars.

**Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** can be used with cement-based tile grouts to reduce water absorption, increase flexibility and help lock in colour. When used with cement-based tile adhesives, **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** increases flexibility, promotes a permanent bond and increases water resistance.

**Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** can also be used as an additive to patching mortars, renders and screeds, as a slurry bond coat when mixed with Portland cement or cement-based tile adhesives, and as a primer prior to applying self-levelling mortars or waterproof membranes.

Suitable for internal and external use.

For best results do not dilute.

Available in 5L and 20L.

#### USES

- PRIMER FOR POROUS SUBSTRATES
- TILE ADHESIVES
- GROUTS
- SCREEDS
- RENDERS
- PATCHING MORTARS
- SLURRY BOND COATS

#### COVERAGE (per litre)

4 – 10 m<sup>2</sup>



#### SURFACE PREPARATION

All substrates must be clean and free from laitance, curing compounds, dirt, dust, grease, oil and any other contaminants that may inhibit bond. All substrates should be washed with clean water just prior to the application of the prepared mortar. **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** can be applied to damp surfaces when mixed with the appropriate mortar. All grout joints must be free from spacers and construction debris prior to grouting.

## MIXING

For best results mix diluted **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** with a slow speed mixer, one that does not entrap air into the mix. Add **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** to a clean mixing pail and slowly add the powder. Mix to a smooth creamy consistency for 2 minutes, then allow to stand/slake for 5 minutes before remixing just prior to use.

**Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** can be mixed with sand/cement mortars using a mechanical cement mixer. Do not over mix mortar.

For use as a screed, mix approximately 2L of **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** with 20kg of dry blended sand/cement.

For use as a render, mix approximately 2.4L of **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** with 20kg of dry blended sand/cement.

Mixing ratios will vary depending on the sand/cement mortar and site conditions. Always mix **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** with Portland cement or sand/cement mixes as a slurry bond coat. **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** replaces the water when used as an admix for cement-based tile adhesives.

Do not dilute **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** when used as a primer.

## INSTALLATION

**Primer:** Apply **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** to suitably prepared substrates prior to installing waterproof membranes and self-levelling mortars. Install the membrane or self-levelling mortar as per the manufacturer's specifications within 2 hours of the primer being touch dry. Reprime if the primer has dried for longer than 2 hours.

**Mortar Admix: Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** is used as a mortar additive for renders and screeds, the renders and screeds should be installed as per industry guidelines for the intended application. Wet/plastic renders should be worked into good contact with the substrate. Only apply as much render as can hang without slumping. Scarify the surface of the render if additional coats are required. When used as an additive for screeds, mix the mortar in the conventional method to a semi dry consistency, and apply to a wet slurry bond coat. All mortars should be compacted prior to finishing.

**Adhesive Admix:** All tile and stone installations should be made in accordance with Australian Standards and industry guidelines. Tile Adhesive is applied to the substrate with the flat side of the trowel. Ensuring that it is worked into good contact with the substrate, the trowel is then turned over and the notched side is used to comb out even ribs of adhesive onto the substrate. Be sure to use a suitable size notch trowel to suit the tile or stone, in general the larger the tile or stone the larger the notch trowel. Tile or stone is then placed into the adhesive and twisted, pushed, rubbed or tapped to ensure adequate coverage of adhesive and to promote good bond.

When installing larger tile and stone the adhesive should be applied to the substrate as above and applied to the back of the tile or stone to ensure adequate coverage and good bond. At no time should any tile or stone be spot fixed with conventional adhesives. If the wall or floor is not true and level apply the adhesive to the substrate as above, then back butter the tile or stone with additional adhesive to the required thickness to plumb and level the tile or stonework. Particular attention should be paid to the corners and edges of the tile or stone to ensure they are fully supported by the adhesive.

Some tile and stone can show staining from adhesives, particularly if the adhesive does not cover the full surface area of the back of the tile or stone. This is not a fault with the adhesive. To help prevent staining fully cover the back of the tile or stone with the adhesive, use a white or light-coloured adhesive for translucent tile or stone. Staining occurs with some limestone, marbles and basalt but can occur with many stones and translucent tiles. A test area should be carried out on unknown tile and stone to ensure a suitable outcome for the project.

Apply only as much adhesive as can be covered within 10 minutes (while the adhesive is wet and tacky), as the open time can vary depending on the substrate, site conditions, wind and temperature. Do not install tile or stone on skinned adhesive. Do not tile over expansion/control joints in the substrate, these joints must be carried through the tile or stonework and must conform to Australian Standards. Install expansion/control joints at regular intervals in the tile or stonework as per Australian Standards. When installing tile or stone over cement sheet or waterproof membranes consult the suppliers for their installation specifications and instructions. Some cement sheet suppliers recommend placing expansion/control joints over all joints in the cement sheet. Additional expansion/control joints should be installed on lightweight constructions to help allow for additional movement in the substrate. Do not tile over cracks or cold joints, these should be treated as an expansion/control joint or treated with **Aqua-Flex WPM C3** as a crack suppression bandage prior to tiling.

**Slurry Bond Coat:** Always mix **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** with cement or a cement-based tile adhesive when using it for a slurry bond coat. Ensure that adequate surface preparation has taken place on all substrates. Apply the pre-mixed **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** slurry bond coat to the prepared surface with a broom or trowel, approximately 2-3mm thick. Immediately apply the prepared mortar and tamp into place. Do not apply mortar to the slurry bond coat if it has dried or skinned. Porous substrates will speed up the drying process. **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** can be applied to damp substrates. When applying **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** slurry bond mix to a semi dry screed for traditional mud bed installations, apply the slurry bond coat with the flat side of the trowel to an even thickness over the levelled mortar. Place the tile or stone into the wet slurry bond coat and tamp, beat or vibrate into place. Clean all the excess slurry bond coat from the work promptly as the work proceeds. If required, **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** slurry bond can be applied to the back of the tile or stone, with the tile or stone then placed directly into the fresh mortar.

## CLEANING

Remove excess adhesive with clean water while work proceeds. Hardened adhesive will be difficult to remove.

## SAFETY

Refer to the Safety Data Sheet for full, detailed instructions in accordance with the hazardous chemicals code of practice. Avoid breathing dust, wear an appropriate respirator and provide adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes, wear suitable gloves, eye protection and work wear when using all additives, latex, sand or cement-based products.

## GROUTING

Grouting can take place when the tile and stone has set firm. Remove all debris from grout joints prior to grouting, and ensure grout joints are an even depth to help prevent shading in grout. Install the grout as per manufacturer's recommendations, using as little water as possible in the clean-up process to help prevent efflorescence and colour variations in the grout. Always use grout from the same batch.

For best results dilute 1 to 1 with clean potable water. Porous tile or stone will cause the grout to dry fast on the face of the tile or stone. Care should be taken to remove all grout and grout haze from the face of the tile or stonework before it hardens.

## COVERAGE

Will vary due to site conditions and the substrate, as a guide 20kg of dry sand/cement requires 2L of **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix** for a semi dry screed and 2.4L for a render, whilst 3kg of sanded grout requires 1L of **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix**, and 2kg of wall grout requires 1L of **Aus-Bond Grout & Mortar Admix**. Coverage as a primer will depend on the substrate, varying from 4-10m<sup>2</sup> per L. Installations of waterproof membrane and self-levelling mortars should be made within 2 hours of the primer becoming touch dry. If the primer has been allowed to dry longer than 2 hours reapply the primer.

## PRECAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

This additive/primer may not be suitable for water sensitive tile or stone and some waterproof membranes such as full polyurethane, bitumen or torch on membranes. Always consult the manufacturer of these materials prior to starting the project. Do not use on tongue and groove timber or timber that is affected by moisture. In general, all timber should be overlaid with cement sheet prior to tiling or other applications. Always follow the installation instructions of the substrate supplier and Australian Standards.

Adhesives are affected by extremes of temperature. In hot weather conditions the adhesive will set fast and have a shorter open time; in cold conditions the adhesive will set slow requiring extended time prior to grouting and traffic. Do not use below 4°C and above 40°C. Structural failure and suitability of the substrate is outside of our control, care should be taken by the installer as starting the work constitutes acceptance of the substrate.

Swimming pools and permanent wet areas should be allowed to cure for 14 days prior to being permanently submersed. Consult ATA if you have any questions.

## WARRANTY STATEMENT

ATA guarantees this product against manufacturing defects and guarantees it to be manufactured to our published specification.

We certify that this product is suitable for use when fully cured and will perform as described in our technical data sheet or other published materials.

ATA will replace the product free of charge when purchased from any legally verifiable source and where the product is proven to have been stored, handled, and installed according to instructions published on our packaging and within the stated shelf life. The installation of all materials must be carried out in accordance with relevant Australian Standards.

Warranty doesn't apply if damage, loss, failure to follow instructions, or other circumstances are out of our control.

Sufficient time and access to investigate any complaint must be accorded to ATA.

The consumer is responsible for any expenses incurred in making a claim.

Conditions of Sale contain a limited warranty against manufacturing defects.

A claim form can be requested by email or phone.

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