

**Product type:** Common hardening grey mineral adhesive based on hydraulic binders, with limited slip and extended open time, C.1.T.E class according to SR.EN. 12004/2008.

**Short description of product:** PLUS adhesive is an extremely versatile adhesive mortar made from quartz sand, selected inert materials, Portland cement and specific water-soluble additives.

**Areas of application:** It is used for fitting ceramic plates, such as tiles or glaze from the AIIa, AIIb, AIII, BIIa, BIIb, BIII and BIII categories, on the inside and the outside, on concrete or screed base layer (minimum M50) or coating with a high content of cement, having a water absorption degree of 3% - 6%.

Technical data:	Class/type according to SR.EN. 12004/2008	C.1.T.E
	Type	common
	Use	Inside/outside
	Adherence to the base layer	min. 0.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
	Adherence to the base layer after frosting/defrosting	min. 0.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
	Adherence to the base layer after immersion in water	min. 0.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
	Adherence to the base layer after ageing	min. 0.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
	Sliding	0,2 mm
	Minimum waiting time from mixture preparation to paste application	10 minutes
	Pot life	90 minutes
	Open time	30 minutes
	Maximum period for arranging the plates after application	30 minutes
	Minimum waiting time for jointing fixed plates	24 hours
	Minimum waiting time before the area can be used	36 hours
	Preparation	Only with water
	Mixture water	6.2 l / 25 kg
	Application temperature	+5°C - +35 °C

Consumption values:	Plate sizes	Tooth size of jointer	Average consumption
	Up to 10x10 cm	6 mm	approx. 4 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
	From 10x10 to 20x20 cm	8 mm	approx. 5.5 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
	From 20x20 to 30x30 cm	10 mm	approx. 6 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
	Over 30x30 cm – double application	15 mm	approx. 7 kg/m <sup>2</sup>

**Instructions for use:** Application of product is carried out only by trained and skilled workers in applications, in the following stages:

**1. Checking the base surface:**

Checking the base layer is a very important stage in the process of applying the product.

The surfaces upon which PLUS is applied should have the following features:

- They should be made out of concrete, coating or screed mortars (minimum M50) at least 28 days old.
- They should be flat and smooth - uneven elements do not exceed 5 mm/m.
- They should be clean, dust and salt free, they should not contain any non-adhesive substances (grease, bitumen, dust, gypsum, dye, old wall painting etc.), with a normal water absorption between 3% and 6%.

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- d. They should be free of cracks, Capillary cracks are allowed; they occur due to hydraulic intake, drying and hardening of the base layer. Other cracks caused by incorrect application of the base layer and which are major ( $> 0.3-0.5$  mm), moving and which worsen simultaneously with the process of hardening are not allowed, the base layer being unsuitable for the application of plates.
- e. They should be resistant, compact and free of any brittle parts.
- f. They should be dry - the residual humidity, measured at about 2-3 cm inside the base layer on which the product is applied, should not exceed 2%.

If the base layer for which the product is used does not comply with the 6 minimum requirements mentioned above, it is considered to be unfit for the application of ceramic plates with the help of this product.

### 2. Preparing the product:

The mortar is prepared by mixing a 25 kg powder sack with 6.2 l (250ml/kg) of clean and cold water, only in clean and appropriate containers. The mixture is prepared with the help of a rotating mechanical device (electrical or pneumatic), with low revolutions (500 rev/min) with a screw guaranteeing a homogeneous mixture.

The powder is poured into the water (and not the other way around) and they are mixed until a homogeneous agglomeration free paste.

After its preparation, the paste is left to rest for about 10 minutes, and then it is mixed again for about 2 minutes. After that, the obtained paste is ready for use.

The non-observance of the mixing stages implicitly causes the product to lose its properties and, thus, failures in using it may occur.

### 3. Product application:

None of the operations described below shall be performed under direct sunlight, under powerful air currents (wind) or at air or base layer temperatures lower than 5°C or exceeding 35°C.

Before applying the adhesive, the base layer has to be checked. Checking is done according to point 1 „Checking the base surface”.

If the base layer has an absorption of  $6 \div 8$  %, PLUS adhesive can be used for improving the respective base layer with the help of a primer which is prepared with HIDROFLEX.

If the base layer is older or has an absorption of  $1 \div 3$  %, it is necessary to improve the additivity of the PLUS adhesive, by replacing 20% of the necessary water with HIDROFLEX.

After checking and eventually preparing the base layer, the adhesive paste obtained according to point 2 is applied with a rectangular indented spatula which creates a grooved and uniform surface. The thickness of the layer is determined by the angle of the jointer when applying the product. The applied layer should be between 5 mm and 7 mm thick.

### 4. Correct application:

The plates applied on the adhesive paste according to point 3 are slightly pressed by hand and they are lightly hammered with a rubber hammer to eliminate blow holes. Spacers are used for straightening the joints.

While fixing the plates on the spread paste, the maximum intervals for carrying out the operations will be rigorously observed (open time and period for arranging the plates after application). If application takes longer than the mentioned intervals, adherence will be lost.



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## Data Sheet

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### 5. Final recommendations:

- a. In case ceramic plates are applied on base layers made from plaster board, it is recommended to prime such layer with HIDROFLEX.
- b. The product is mixed only with clean and cold water and only in clean and appropriate containers.
- c. The product is not applied under direct sunlight, wind, rain or air and base layer temperatures lower than + 5°C or exceeding + 35°C or when such phenomena may occur in the next 24 hours.

**Packaging:** The product is packaged in sacks weighing 25 kg; 60 sacks per pallet covered in foil.

**Storage:** The product is stored for maximum 12 months in a dry place, in its original undamaged package, placed on the pallet.

**Marking:** Each sack is marked by being stamped, on the bottom, with the following information: date of production – five groups of figures symbolizing:  
the day, the month, the year ending, production line number, production batch number.

**Warranty:** The product has a 12 month warranty beginning on the date of production marked on the package; this warranty applies only for the storage conditions mentioned above.

- WARNING**
- The prepared product is alkaline.
  - During handling and transport, goggles, gloves and anti-dust masks should be worn.
  - In case the product gets accidentally into your eyes, wash immediately with lots of clean water and then quickly contact a doctor!
  - Products with damaged packaging should not be used.
  - The unused items should not be discarded into the sewerage system

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