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# GRIPBOND CTA

## High Performance, Non-slip Ceramic Wall Tile Adhesive

### Description

A premium quality, off-white, ready mixed polymer based, thin-bed tile adhesive. Conforms to EN 12004 Type D, Class 1T.

### Uses

GRIPBOND CTA is suitable for fixing most types of ceramic wall tiles, including mosaics and vitrified tiles in internal locations such as bathrooms, kitchens and domestic shower areas (when used with a waterproof grout). **Note:** this product is not suitable for use in swimming pools or for use with porcelain tiles.

GRIPBOND CTA has excellent grip properties, which reduces or eliminates the need for battens or spacers.

GRIPBOND CTA provides the user with an easy to apply, general purpose adhesive with spreading characteristics, which suit both the DIY and professional user.

### Preparation

The substrate must be clean, structurally sound and free from dust, oil, grease and loose flaking coatings. The surface must also be sufficiently flat not to require an adhesive thickness of more than 3mm. Rough or uneven surfaces should be levelled with a suitable filler or plaster and allowed to dry prior to a 2-3mm application of GRIPBOND CTA. Porous surfaces should always be primed prior to application. PVA is not recommended. Products such as Bond It PRIMER & FLEXIBLE ADMIXTURE should be used.

♦ **Plaster:** plaster must be dry and have enough time to develop adequate strength to support the weight of the tiles (at least 4 weeks). Tiles must only be fixed to a finish coat. Old or decaying plaster must be replaced and dusty or friable plaster must be coated with a bonding agent prior to application.

Gypsum finishing plaster should be at least 4-6 weeks old, thoroughly dry and wiped clean of dust, efflorescence and loose flaking material. Porous masonry surfaces must be primed with Bond It PRIMER & FLEXI ADMIX. **Note:** The maximum weight of tiles for fixing to plaster is 20kg per m<sup>2</sup>.

♦ **Cement Render:** must be sound and dry and at least 2 weeks old before application.

♦ **Sheets and boards:** All wood based surfaces should be dry, sealed on all exposed faces and edges and primed using a suitable primer. Timber boarding should be waterproof rated, 15mm thick and be screw fixed at 150mm centres to provide a stable background. All

boards must be level, showing no edge protrusions and be fixed in place with a 0.5 to 1mm gap to avoid expansion stresses between the boards and around the wall perimeters.

♦ **Painted Surfaces:** check the adhesion of the paint to the substrate, if loose the coating should be removed. Sound hard gloss paints are usually satisfactory but the surface should be scored to provide a key and reduce drying times. Emulsion paints, limewash or similar coatings must be removed.

### Application

GRIPBOND CTA should be applied using a notched trowel (5mm x 5mm @ 10-25mm centres) to give a ribbed bed on the wall surface, into which the tiles are firmly bedded with a twist and slide action to ensure full contact. Remove a tile occasionally to check on the standard of bedding being achieved.

When fixing studded tiles use a trowel with larger and/or more closely spaced notches or butter the tiles with adhesive before placing them on the combed bed. The position of the tiles can be adjusted up to 10 minutes after initial fixing. Do not trowel out an area of adhesive greater than can be tiled over within a 15 minute period (about 1m<sup>2</sup>). The final adhesive bed depth should be in the range of 2-3mm and grout joints should be at least 2mm, unless self-spacing tiles are used. Wipe any residue from tile face with a moist cloth and rake out excess adhesive from within the grout joints.

The spotting or blobbing method should not be employed to fix tiles. For tiles larger than 250 x 300mm, a cement based powder tile adhesive, such as Bond It CTA, should be used instead. When using a cement based tile adhesive directly on to plaster or plasterboard, it is necessary to use a suitable primer and sealer, such as Bond It PRIMER & FLEXIBLE ADMIXTURE or Bond It SBR ADMIXTURE.

### Drying Time

Final set will occur after 24-72 hours in most situations. However, drying times will be extended on impervious surfaces. GRIPBOND CTA should not be applied onto walls affected by penetrating damp, or when room temperature is below 5°C.

### Open Time

Open time of the exposed adhesive bed is approx. 15 minutes, dependant on conditions. Do not apply more adhesive than will be used during this period.

### Grouting

Grouting may proceed as soon as the tile bed is sufficiently firm, which depending on conditions can be from 24 after fixing on porous surfaces, such as plaster, or up to 3 days where tiles have been fixed to an impermeable surface, such as existing tiles or waterproof boards.

### Coverage

Depends on the surface texture and porosity, however, on a typical smooth plastered wall **GRIPBOND CTA** will cover at a rate of approx. 2-3Kg/m<sup>2</sup>

### Storage Conditions

12 months in original, unopened containers if stored in dry conditions, out of direct sunlight. Store between 5 and 30°C. Protect from frost.

### Disposal of Containers

Do not leave empty containers where residue could be harmful to children, animals or the environment. Replace lids and remove any containers to a central disposal point in accordance with local regulations.

### Health & Safety

- ◆ No major hazard in normal use.
- ◆ Avoid contact with skin and eyes. In case of contact to eyes irrigate thoroughly for 15 minutes with clean running water.
- ◆ May cause sensitisation by skin contact, wash skin with soap and water. Do not allow to dry on skin.
- ◆ Keep out of reach of children.
- ◆ Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves overalls and eye and face protection.
- ◆ Safety data sheet available for professional user on request.

### Container Sizes

<b>Code:</b>	BDTA17	BDTA18
<b>Size:</b>	7.5Kg	15Kg
<b>Barcode:</b>	5060021366221	5060021366214



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### EN12004:2007+A1:2012

Normal dispersion adhesive with reduced slip for internal tiling

**Reaction to fire** Class E

**Release of dangerous substances** See MSDS

**Bond Strength**  
Initial shear adhesion strength  $\geq 1\text{N/mm}^2$

**Durability, for**  
Shear adhesion strength after heat ageing  $\geq 1\text{N/mm}^2$

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