

DESCRIPTION

TAL KEYMIX is a cementitious powder primer to be used in a 2:1 mix (by volume) with TAL KEYCOAT. This mix offers phenomenal adhesion to most dense, impervious and smooth surfaces such as: powerfloated/steelfloated concrete and screeds, existing tiles, glass, etc. When applied to a minimum 2mm thickness it improves the flexibility of the tiling installation, eg when tiling onto conventional reinforced concrete suspended slabs. It will also enhance the water resistance of the installation, such as showers and balconies, particularly when used in conjunction with a modified adhesive and grout system ie when TAL BOND or TAL BOND POWDER is incorporated in the adhesive and grout mix. (A proprietary waterproofing system, such as TAL SUPERFLEX I or TAL SUREPROOF, should be applied prior to tiling if a *waterproof* installation is required.)

SURFACE PREPARATION

New floor and wall surfaces must be allowed to cure for the minimum periods detailed below to ensure that the tile installation is not compromised by drying shrinkage movement in the substrate :

- New concrete – 6 weeks
- New screed – 4 weeks
- New brickwork – 4 weeks
- New render – 2 weeks

The substrate must have a moisture content of 5% or less before tiling is commenced. All surface beds should have a damp-proof membrane. Should there be no damp proof membrane below a surface bed or if prevailing moisture levels do not attain 5% (75% RH) or less, it is recommended that TAL X-SHIELD VAPORSTOP HB (vapour barrier) be applied prior to tiling to eliminate potential problems associated with excessive moisture in the substrate (such as slow- or non-curing of the adhesive, efflorescence on grout and porous tiles, etc).

Any screeding or rendering must be firmly attached to the underlying concrete or brickwork, and the substrate must be structurally sound (no crumbling, cracking, etc) and of a quality and consistency suitable for tiling. All damaged, defective, deteriorated or hollow sounding areas must be removed and made good before proceeding.

Sheets and boards must be erected strictly in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions, and must be thoroughly braced at maximum 300mm centres in both directions (screwed, not nailed).

The substrate must be clean and free from all traces of surface laitance and contamination such as dust, dirt, waxes, oils, bitumen, old adhesives, paint, grease, weak cement screeds and renders, shutter release and curing agents, sealing compounds, etc. Organic or fungal growth must be removed and the spores killed using an effective fungicide.

Substrate	Surface Preparation
Off-shutter concrete, smooth & dense surfaces, powerfloated & steelfloated surfaces	Clean thoroughly or mechanically abrade to remove all traces of shutter release and curing agents, laitance, polishes, etc. (Removal of 500 micron (0.5mm) off the surface is usually sufficient.)
Existing Tiles	Must be in good condition and firmly attached to the substrate, ie not cracked, loose or hollow sounding. Acid wash and neutralize to remove dirt, grease, grime, sealants, polish, etc.
Existing vinyl flooring / carpets	Floor coverings must be lifted, and the floor mechanically abraded (chipping, grinding, scabbling, etc) to remove existing fixative.

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Existing paint Existing gypsum skimcoats	The paint / gypsum skimcoat must be in good condition and firmly bonded to the substrate, ie not loose, flaking or peeling. All traces of grease, grime, soap residues and other contaminants must be removed. Domestic / Interior : Mechanically abrade (chipping, grinding, scabbling, etc) to remove at least 80% of the paint / gypsum skimcoat. Commercial / Exterior : Mechanically abrade to remove all traces of paint / gypsum skimcoat.
Bitumen adhesive / waterproofing	Mechanically abrade (chipping, grinding, scabbling, etc) to remove completely.

The surface must be clean and dry and free from all traces of dust, debris, loose particles and surface contaminants before proceeding.

MIXING

Using a suitable mechanical mixer, add 20kg TAL KEYMIX to 10.0 litres of TAL KEYCOAT (2:1, by volume) whilst mixing. Mix well until a smooth, lump-free viscous liquid is obtained. Let the mix stand for 3 - 5 minutes before stirring again. Use within 60 minutes.

For best results use a full bag in one mix.

NB :

- Never add more liquid to a mix which has been left standing for too long, as this will compromise the integrity of the product.
- Warm weather conditions (generally, temperatures above 30°C) may shorten the working time of the mixture.

APPLICATION

Smooth & Dense Substrates (eg Powerfloated/Steefloated Concrete and Screeds, Off-Shutter Concrete, Existing Ceramic and Porcelain Tiles, Glass, etc)

Apply the TAL KEYCOAT & TAL KEYMIX Slurry using a builder's block brush, ensuring that the entire surface is fully covered with the priming coat.

Allow TAL KEYCOAT & TAL KEYMIX Slurry coat to dry for 4 - 6 hours (touch dry, with no visible transfer when rubbed) before applying the tile adhesive.

Very Porous Substrates (eg Fibre-cement Boards, Gypsum Plasterboards, Woodfloated Surfaces, Clay or Concrete Brickwork, etc)

Boards or sheets should be sealed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Highly porous/absorbent renders, screeds and brickwork should be primed with a neat coat of TAL FLOOR PRIMER.

This should be followed by a TAL KEYCOAT & TAL KEYMIX Slurry coat when using cementitious tile adhesives.

Previous Coatings and Fixatives (eg Painted / Gypsum Skimcoated Substrates, Acrylic and Bitumen Fixatives, Cementitious Adhesives, etc - after being prepared as per Surface Preparation table above)

Apply a TAL KEYCOAT & TAL KEYMIX Slurry coat as for Smooth & Dense Substrates above.

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CLEANING

Spillages of dry, unmixed powder should be collected in plastic bags. Spillages of wet, mixed product should be cleaned with a damp sponge before it dries. Dried product can be removed using TAL CLEANING SOLVENT or TAL EPOXY CLEANING FLUID/GEL. Clean tools with water before the product dries.

COVERAGE

Approximately 1.67kg / m² / mm, depending on substrate porosity.

PACKAGING

TAL KEYMIX is available in 20kg bags.

STORAGE & SHELF LIFE

When stored in original sealed packaging in dry internal conditions between 10°C and 30°C and out of direct sunlight the product has a shelf life of 12 months from date of manufacture.

WARNING

DO NOT INGEST. USE ONLY AS DIRECTED. WEAR PROTECTIVE GLOVES AND GOGGLES. USE A SUITABLE DUST MASK WHEN MIXING. WORK IN A WELL-VENTILATED AREA. DISPOSE OF THIS PRODUCT IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL REGULATIONS. CONTACT TAL FOR FURTHER HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION.

PRODUCT GUARANTEE

TAL products are manufactured and tested in accordance with TAL procedures, which are maintained in line with Quality Control System Standard ISO 9001 : 2008. TAL products are guaranteed to be free from manufacturing defects and fit for design purposes.

This guarantee is subject to the performance of TAL products when used strictly in accordance with their materials and methods specifications for the particular project, and where good workmanship is followed. However, we have no influence over specific site conditions and therefore, if in doubt, the user must always carry out sufficient tests to satisfy himself/herself that the product is suitable for the intended purpose. In special cases, obtain professional advice.

TAL cannot be held responsible for the standard of workmanship on site, or any problems caused by unsound structures or foundations, cracking of the substrate, deflections of slabs or backgrounds, vibration, creep movement of the structure, etc, or any products which have been adulterated, contaminated or misused in any way. The aforementioned list is not exhaustive.

NOTE : we require timeous notification, in writing, of an alleged defect and the opportunity to assess and investigate the problem to our satisfaction prior to any remedial work whatsoever being carried out.

TAL TECHNICAL ADVICE CENTRE

For a detailed Materials and Methods Specification contact the TAL Technical Advice Centre on 0860 000 TAL(825), or e-mail taltech@norcrossa.com

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