

Trade Flow

Multi-Purpose Two Part Smoothing Compound

PROFESSIONAL FLOORING PRODUCTS

- Install decorative floor coverings after 12 hours and ceramic tiles after 4 hours
- Excellent flow and self-levelling properties
- Ideal for use above underfloor heating systems
- Ideal for plywood overlay
- Apply from 2 – 12mm in one pour
- Low odour
- Protein free

CLASS

CT-20-F6

to EN 13813

**APPLY
FROM
2-12mm**

Walk on after
2 hours
Cover after
12 hours



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DESCRIPTION:

Tilemaster Trade Flow is a multi-purpose latex based two-part self-levelling floor compound. The specially formulated powder component is mixed with a pre-gauged, protein free polymer latex liquid, giving a free-flowing, shrinkage compensated self-levelling floor compound.

Tilemaster Trade Flow has excellent flow properties making it suitable for a wide range of both commercial and domestic applications. Tilemaster Trade Flow is suitable for use over a wide range of substrates including sand/cement screeds, concrete, flooring grade asphalt/bitumen, ceramic, porcelain and terrazzo tiles, damp proof membranes and minimum 15mm plywood overlay.

Tilemaster Trade Flow is also ideal for encapsulating electric underfloor heating elements and for use over underfloor heated screeds.

Once mixed, Tilemaster Trade Flow will remain workable for 20 - 25 minutes and it will accept light foot traffic after 2 hours in ideal conditions. Decorative floor coverings can be installed after 12 hours and ceramic tiles can be applied after 4 hours. Tilemaster Trade Flow can be applied from depths of 2mm – 12mm in one application.

SUBSTRATES:

- ✓ Sand/Cement Screed
- ✓ Concrete
- ✓ Plywood Overlay (15mm min)
- ✓ Electric Underfloor Heating
- ✓ Water/Wet System Underfloor Heating
- ✓ Tile Backer Boards
- ✓ Existing Ceramic, Porcelain and Natural Stone Tiles*
- ✓ Flooring Grade Asphalt & Bitumen*
- ✓ Anhydrite Screeds
- ✗ T & G Floorboards
- ✗ Floating Floors
- ✓ Existing Vinyl Tiles*
- ✗ Steel/Metal Surfaces
- ✓ Epoxy DPM*
- ✗ Existing Adhesive Residues
- ✗ Green Screed
- ✗ Fibreglass

* Prime with Prime + Grip



PREPARATION:

Before starting, all substrates must be clean, dry and strong enough to support the weight of the leveller and the final floor covering being applied. Remove all dust, dirt, oil, grease and other contaminants that may affect adhesion. Where traces of adhesive residue remain, these must be checked to ensure that they are not softened with water and that they are strong, sound and well adhered to the substrate in order to receive a levelling compound.

When installing moisture sensitive floor coverings, the concrete or sand/cement screed should be confirmed dry by consistent moisture readings; <75% relative humidity (RH) or <0.5% residual moisture when tested in accordance with BS 8203. Where a structural damp proof membrane is not present or where rising damp and/or residual moisture results in moisture readings up to 98% RH, a liquid damp proof membrane such as Tilemaster Fast One Coat DPM must be applied before the application of Tilemaster Trade Flow. Surface laitance should be removed from concrete and sand/cement screed surfaces prior to application.

All substrates require priming prior to the application of Tilemaster Trade Flow. Priming the substrate will minimize the risk of pinholes forming, allow for the best flow properties and also prolong the working time of the product. Priming the substrate prior to application is considered "best practice". For recommended priming dilution rates please refer to Page 3 of this data sheet.

Prior to levelling timber substrates ensure that timber boards are securely screwed down and firmly fixed. Where timber substrates are sufficiently rigid but uneven or worn, Tilemaster Trade Flow can be used to smooth and level the timber substrate prior to over-boarding with plywood overlay or a tile backer board. If following this process, allow Tilemaster Trade Flow to cure before fitting the overlay boarding.

MIXING AND APPLICATION:

Shake the pre-gauged bottle of liquid polymer and pour into a suitable clean mixing vessel. Add the powder component slowly whilst mixing with an electric paddle and continue to mix for a further 2 minutes until a smooth and lump free consistency is obtained, allow the product to stand for a further 2 minutes prior to application. Once mixed do not add further polymer liquid or water.

N.B. Once mixed, Tilemaster Trade Flow will remain workable in the bucket for 20 - 25 minutes at 20°C.

Pour a small quantity onto the prepared surface and trowel down lightly to a depth between 2mm and 12mm. The use of a spiked roller is recommended immediately in order to remove entrapped air and smooth out flow lines. Setting time will depend on atmospheric conditions/temperatures, it will be slowed by lower temperatures and accelerated by higher temperatures.

If the substrate is impervious Tilemaster Trade Flow should be applied to a minimum overall thickness of 3mm. This is to ensure the uniform drying of Tilemaster Trade Flow.

Clean tools immediately after use with clean water.

SETTING AND COVERING:

In ideal conditions, Tilemaster Trade Flow will accept light foot traffic after 2 hours. Tilemaster Trade Flow must be left to dry before applying the final decorative surface flooring. This is typically after 12 hours for decorative flooring such as vinyl and 4 hours for ceramic tiles, however, this can vary depending on the choice of surface flooring. Thicker applications may require a longer time to dry prior to applying floor coverings. If there is no air flow within site conditions, the drying time may be restricted. The critical moisture content for the flooring in question must be observed.

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SUBSTRATE PREPARATION GUIDE:

Concrete: New concrete must be allowed a minimum of 6 weeks drying time. As an approximate guide for drying times, allow 1 day per mm up to an overall depth of 50mm and 2 days per mm for anything above 50mm. Ensure new concrete is confirmed dry via consistent moisture readings across the whole surface. Concrete screeds must have a reading of less than 75% relative humidity (RH) before work can commence. Remove any laitance from the surface mechanically and ensure that mould oil, curing agents and any other contaminants are removed. Remove all dust and dirt ideally by vacuum. Prime the surface with Tilemaster Primeplus diluted 3 parts water to 1 part Tilemaster Primeplus and allow to dry.

Sand/Cement Screed: New sand/cement screed must be left for a minimum of 4 weeks to dry sufficiently. Ensure new sand/cement screed is confirmed dry via consistent moisture readings across the whole surface. Sand/cement screeds must have a reading of less than 75% relative humidity (RH) before work can commence. Remove any laitance from the surface mechanically and ensure that mould oil, curing agents and any other contaminants are removed. Remove all dust and dirt ideally by vacuum. Prime the surface with Tilemaster Primeplus diluted 3 parts water to 1 part Tilemaster Primeplus and allow to dry.

Flooring Grade Asphalt/Bitumen: Prior to applying Tilemaster Trade Flow ensure that the flooring grade asphalt/bitumen is in good condition and that there are no signs of debonding and/or hollowness. Make sure the surface is dry and free of any contaminants, loose dust or dirt. Prime the surface with one coat of Tilemaster Prime + Grip and allow to dry.

Existing Ceramic, Porcelain & Natural Stone Tiles: Prior to applying Tilemaster Trade Flow ensure the surface is dry and free of any contaminants, loose dust or dirt. Existing tiles that have been previously treated with sealer must be sufficiently cleaned in order to remove any surface treatments. Prime the surface with one coat of Tilemaster Prime + Grip and allow to dry.

Plywood Overlay: Prior to applying Tilemaster Trade Flow, ensure that new or existing boards are dry, i.e. conditioned to the environment in which they will be used. Plywood sheets must be a thickness of 15mm (minimum), flooring grade, screwed (not nailed) to substrate at 6 inch/150mm centres. Ensure there is sufficient ventilation beneath substrate and that the plywood has been fitted competently and will take the weight of the leveller, adhesive and the final floor covering being applied. Make sure the surface is dry and free of any contaminants, loose dust or dirt.

Existing and/or lightly contaminated plywood requires priming with Tilemaster Primeplus diluted 3 parts water to 1 part Tilemaster Primeplus. New, uncontaminated plywood does not require priming prior to tiling.

Underfloor Heating Systems: When applying Tilemaster Trade Flow onto existing underfloor heating you must switch the heating off 48 hours prior to application to allow the substrate to cool sufficiently. Once the self levelling and the flooring installation has been completed allow 1 week for full cure of Tilemaster Trade Flow before switching the heating on. When doing so, start with a low temperature and gradually increase the temperature on a daily basis by no more than 2°C per day.

When tiling or applying soft flooring on to a new electric element underfloor heating system, Tilemaster Adhesives strongly recommend embedding the electric underfloor heating mat/element into a self levelling compound such as Tilemaster Trade Flow in order to protect the heating element and to leave a perfect surface on which to apply the flooring finish. When installing soft flooring above an electric underfloor heating element, Tilemaster Trade Flow must be applied to allow for 5mm of Tilemaster Trade Flow above the element. Allow one week for full cure before switching the heating on, start with a low temperature and gradually increase the temperature on a daily basis by no more than 2°C per day.

Underfloor Heated Screeds should be commissioned prior to tiling or applying a soft flooring finish. Turn on the heating system at a low temperature and heat the screed gradually by no more than 5°C per day until a maximum temperature of 25°C is achieved. Maintain this temperature for 3 days and then switch the heating off 48 hours prior to applying the flooring finish to allow the substrate to cool sufficiently. Alternatively, in cold conditions, reduce the temperature of the screed to below 15°C.

Once the self levelling and the flooring installation has been completed allow 1 week for full cure of Tilemaster Trade Flow before switching the heating on. When doing so, start with a low temperature and gradually increase the temperature on a daily basis by no more than 2°C per day.

Anhydrite/Gypsum Screed: Anhydrite/Gypsum screeds must be confirmed dry via consistent moisture readings across the whole floor. The residual moisture content of the screed must be less than 0.5%. Alternatively, the relative humidity must be 75% or below. As an approximate guide for drying times, allow 1 day per mm up to an overall depth of 40mm and 2 days per mm for anything above 40mm. The drying of anhydrite/gypsum screeds can be assisted by commissioning the underfloor heating system, for further information, please contact our Technical Helpline. All anhydrite/gypsum screeds must be mechanically sanded/abraded in order to remove the laitance from the surface of the screed.

The surface of the anhydrite screed must be primed with 2 coats of Tilemaster Primeplus. The first coat must be diluted 3:1 (3 parts water to 1 part Tilemaster Primeplus) and allowed to dry. Once dry, a second, neat coat of Tilemaster Primeplus must be applied to the surface and allowed to dry.

Tile Backer Board: Prior to applying Tilemaster Trade Flow ensure the surface is dry and free of any contaminants, loose dust or dirt. Prime the surface with Tilemaster Primeplus diluted 3 parts water to 1 part Tilemaster Primeplus and allow to dry.

Existing Vinyl Tiles/Sheet Vinyl: Prior to applying Tilemaster Trade Flow, make sure the existing vinyl tiles/sheet vinyl is firm, stable and well adhered to the substrate to which the vinyl was originally applied to. Ensure the surface is dry and free of any contaminants, loose dust and dirt. Existing vinyl that has been previously treated with sealer must be sufficiently cleaned in order to remove any surface treatments. Prime the surface with one coat of Tilemaster Prime + Grip and allow to dry.

Power Floated Concrete: Ensure the surface has been allowed 7 days to cure. Ensure new concrete is confirmed dry via consistent moisture readings across the whole surface. Concrete screeds must have a reading of less than 75% relative humidity (RH) before work can commence. Power floated concrete can leave a loose top layer and/or laitance once it has cured. Remove the loose top layer and any laitance from the surface mechanically or by acid etching and remove all dust and particles ideally by vacuum. Prime the surface with Tilemaster Primeplus diluted 3 parts water to 1 part Tilemaster Primeplus and allow to dry.

Epoxy Damp Proof Membrane: Ensure the surface is dry and free of any contaminants, loose dust or dirt. Prime the surface with one coat of Tilemaster Prime + Grip and allow to dry.

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| Screed classification | CT-C20-F6 to EN13813:2002 |
| Working time @ 20°C | 20 – 25 minutes |
| Time to foot traffic @ 20°C | 2 hours |
| Application thickness | 2 – 12 mm |
| Compressive strength N/mm ² (BS EN 13892-2) | 1 day > 10.0 7 day > 15.0 28 day > 20.0 |
| Flexural strength N/mm ² (BS EN 13892-2) | 1 day > 3.0 7 day > 5.0 28 day > 6.0 |
| Coverage | A 20kg bag and 5.0Ltr liquid unit will cover 5.0m ² at 3mm thickness |
| Flow properties using 30mm x 50mm flow ring | 135 – 150 mm |
| Minimum application temperature | 5°C |
| Shelf life | Stored correctly this product has a shelf life of 6 months |
| Colour | Powder – Grey Liquid - White |
| Pack size | Bag - 20kg Liquid – 5 Litres |
| Note | All work must be carried out in accordance with British Standard Code of Practice. |

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Tilemaster Trade Flow contains cement. Contact with moisture or gauging water sets off an alkaline reaction which may cause skin irritation and/or caustic burns to mucous membranes (e.g. eyes). Irritant to respiratory system. Risk of serious damage to eyes, therefore avoid contact with eyes and prolonged contact with skin. Do not breathe dust. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. After contact with skin, take off immediately all contaminated clothing, and wash immediately with plenty of water and soap. Wear suitable gloves (e.g. cotton gloves soaked in nitrile) and eye/face protection. If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label. Keep out of reach of children. Low in chromates.

For further information refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet.

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| EN 13813:2002 CT-C20-F6 Cementitious screed material for use internally in buildings | |
| Reaction to fire | NPD |
| Release of corrosive substances | CT |
| Water permeability | NPD |
| Water vapour permeability | NPD |
| Compressive strength | C20 |
| Flexural strength | F6 |
| Wear resistance | NPD |
| Sound insulation | NPD |
| Sound absorption | NPD |
| Thermal resistance | NPD |
| Chemical resistance | NPD |

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