



# DELTAFLEX

## *Rubber modified Ceramic Tile Adhesive*



### Characteristics:

- Deltaflex is a multipurpose, heavily polymer modified thin or thick bed adhesive designed for bonding most types of ceramic tiles and stone onto substrates that may be subject to vibration and thermal movement.
- Deltaflex can be used internally or externally for most domestic and light commercial wall and floor tiling applications where the substrate is subject to limited movement e.g. under tile heating systems etc, but should not be used for laying tiles directly onto timber substrates or for applications that are subject to total immersion.
- Deltaflex is typically applied to: Concrete, Render, Brickwork, Fibre cement sheets, Heated floor slabs, Plasterboards, existing properly prepared ceramic tiles, and waterproof membranes.

### Preparation:

- While in most cases Deltaflex can be applied directly to the substrate to be tiled there is occasionally a requirement to prime the surface first with Uniprime i.e. on very porous surfaces or very dense glossy surfaces.
- In all instances the surface needs to be well fixed and free from any contamination. Special note should be taken on the fixing and sealing requirements of the substrate supplier. Where water proofing is required use Miracryl 2 part or Polymer Liquid seal.

### Expansion/ Movement Joints:

- Expansion/ Movement joints must be provided to allow for movement between adjacent building components. They should be as follows:
- Over existing joints in the substrate, where two different substrates meet e.g. Timber and concrete, around fixed elements in the floor e.g. columns, at internal vertical corners, and around the perimeter of the floor.
- In internal floors where any dimension exceeds 9m or 6m if subjected to sunlight, and in external floors where any dimension exceeds 4.5m.
- On wall surfaces at storey heights horizontally and approx. 3m-4.5m apart vertically. Movement joints should go right through the tile adhesive bed to the background and kept free from dirt and adhesive droppings. Movement joints must not be less than 6 mm and not wider than 10 mm. The movement joints must be filled with a flexible sealant like Silicone.

### Mixing:

- Deltaflex only requires the addition of clean drinkable water. Place the required amount of water into a clean bucket, allowing about 0.6-0.8 L per m<sup>2</sup> of tiling (if using a 10mm trowel).
- Slowly add the powder to the liquid while stirring, and mix until a smooth lump free paste of the desired consistency is achieved. Allow to stand for 5 minutes and re stir.

### Application:

- Deltaflex is applied to the substrate with a suitable notched trowel (6-10mm) (see notes on coverage).
- Apply about a square metre at a time and firmly press the tiles into the adhesive making sure that the adhesive has not "skinned off". Any material that has "skinned" or dried excessively should be scraped off and discarded.

### Clean up:

- Excess adhesive from the face of the tiles can be cleaned up with damp cloth while the adhesive is still wet.
- Adhesive that has oozed out into the grout joint must be raked out with a knife/spatula etc. Tools and other equipment can be cleaned up using water while the adhesive is still wet.

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#### Coverage

- Coverage will vary depending on the substrate condition and the type of tile but will be approximately 10m<sup>2</sup>/20kg of Deltaflex using a 10mm trowel, and approx 18m<sup>2</sup> if using a 6mm trowel.

#### Grouting Application:

- Generally grouting can be carried out after the adhesive has achieved a firm set (6-8 hours).
- Use either RLA Grout or Smooth Grout on the walls and either RLA Grout or Coarse Grout in combination with Grout Add, or Flexi-grout<sup>TM</sup> Liquid premix on the floors.
- In areas requiring silicone sealant, RLA Tilesil coloured silicone should be used.

#### Packaging/ Shelf Life:

- Deltaflex is available in 20 Kg
- A bag of Deltaflex, when stored in a cool, dry environment, and above ground level, will have a shelf life of approximately 12 months.

#### Handy Tips:

- Due to the specially selected polymers and resins used, Deltaflex will adhere to 7 day old concrete provided a 12mm notch trowel is used. **Note:** Although this is possible, due to the various materials and chemicals used in modern concrete slabs, in some circumstances excessive shrinkage can occur as the concrete sets, and for this reason RLA Polymers highly recommends that concrete be left to cure for a minimum of 28 days.
- For applications/ situations not mentioned in this data sheet please contact your nearest RLA office.
- Deltaflex is classified as a nonhazardous product.
- Deltaflex being cement based is alkaline in nature, and therefore may cause dermatitis. It is recommended that applicators wear PVC gloves or similar and safety goggles.
- For a full MSDS on this product please contact your nearest RLA office.

#### Technical Data:

##### Properties

Appearance  
Bulk Density  
Open Time  
Drying Time @ +20°C  
Full Cure  
Temperature Resistance

##### Results

Light Grey Powder/Black flecks  
1.05 +/- 0.05kg/L  
Approx. 30 minutes @ 20°C  
Approx. 6 Hours  
30 Days  
+80°C

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