

ACRYLPRO® CERAMIC TILE ADHESIVE

1. Product Name

AcrylPro® Ceramic Tile Adhesive

2. Manufacturer

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3. Product Description

AcrylPro® Ceramic Tile Adhesive is a high performance, professional formula adhesive with the high bond strengths required for 12" x 12" (30 x 30 cm) ceramic floor tile installations. Suited for ceramic, mosaic, quarry, pavers, gauged slate, porcelain and gauged stone tile, AcrylPro provides maximum resistance to intermittent water exposure.

Uses for AcrylPro include:

- Interior floors, walls, countertops — Do not use in critical water exposure areas
- Concrete, masonry, plaster
- Wallboard in dry areas only
- WonderBoard®, cement backerboards
- Exterior grade plywood in dry interior areas
- Existing ceramic tile
- Resilient flooring
- Existing plastic laminates

COMPOSITION & MATERIALS

AcrylPro® Ceramic Tile Adhesive is a ready-to-use, proprietary blend of acrylic copolymers, calcium carbonate and inorganic materials.

SIZES, COLORS

- 1 qt (0.95 L) pail
- 1 gal (3.78 L) pail
- 3.5 gal (13.25 L) pail
- Canada — 1 qt (0.95 L), 6.5 lb (2.9 kg) pail
- White

BENEFITS

- High bond strengths for 12" x 12" (30 x 30 cm) floor tile
- Meets ANSI A136.1, Type 1 requirements for intermittent water exposure



LIMITATIONS

- Do not bond directly to hardwood, lauan plywood, particle board, parquet, cushion or sponge back vinyl flooring, metal, fiberglass, plastic or OSB panels.
- When setting moisture sensitive natural stone, cement or agglomerate tile, check with Custom Building Products or use EBM-Lite™ Epoxy Bonding Mortar—100% Solids or CEG-Lite™ 100% Solids Commercial Epoxy Grout.
- Do not use to install resin backed marble or stone; use EBM-Lite™ Epoxy Bonding Mortar—100% Solids, CEG-Lite™ 100% Solids Commercial Epoxy Grout contact Custom Building Products for recommendations.
- Do not use for steam rooms, shower floors, underwater, or in areas exposed to hydrostatic pressure.
- Do not use over wood surfaces in exterior or wet areas.
- Do not use to install fixtures, ungauged natural stone, gauged stone thicker than 3/8" (9.5 mm), transparent glass tile, saltillo pavers or tile with lugs on floors.
- Do not use AcrylPro for exterior applications.

4. Technical Data

APPLICABLE STANDARDS

American National Standards Institute (ANSI) — ANSI A108.4 and A136.1, Type 1 American National Standards for the Installation of Ceramic Tile
Tile Council of North America (TCNA) — TCNA Handbook for Ceramic Tile Installation, TCNA Method EJ171



TECHNICAL PROPERTIES

Results based on applicable ANSI test specifications

Property	Results
Adjustment time	45 minutes
Open time	75 minutes
Shear strength	
Type 1 water immersion	Meets
Freeze/thaw	Stable
Stain test	Pass
Impact test	Pass
Heat resistance	Pass

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Custom Building Products is committed to environmental responsibility in both products produced and in manufacturing practices.

Use of AcrylPro Ceramic Tile Adhesive can contribute to LEED® certification.

5. Installation

PREPARATORY WORK

General Surface Preparation:

Surfaces must be structurally sound, clean, dry and free from grease, oil, dirt, curing compounds, sealers, adhesives and other contaminants that would prevent a good bond. Glossy or painted surfaces must be sanded, stripped and cleaned of waxes, dirt and other contaminants. Ambient temperature, surfaces and materials should be 50° – 100° F (10° – 38° C) until adhesive cures.

Cementitious Surfaces:

Concrete or plaster must be porous, fully cured and must accept water penetration. Test by sprinkling water on various areas of the substrate. If water penetrates, then a good bond can be achieved; if water beads, surface contaminants are present, and loss of adhesion may occur. Contaminants should be mechanically removed before installation. Concrete must be free of efflorescence and not subject to hydrostatic pressure. Concrete slabs should have a broomed or brushed finish to enhance the bond. Smooth concrete slabs must be mechanically abraded to ensure a good bond.

Plywood Substrates:

Plywood floors must be structurally sound and must meet all ANSI requirements and deflection requirements. For questions about proper subfloor installation, call Custom Building Products.

WonderBoard Backerboard:

As a recommended alternative to additional layers of plywood, WonderBoard backerboard may be installed over plywood subfloors. Refer to technical data sheets for installation information.

Existing Ceramic Tile, Resilient Flooring or Plastic Laminates:

Plywood flooring must be structurally sound and must meet all ANSI and deflection requirements. Resilient flooring or plastic laminates must be well bonded, as well as clean and free of all contaminants. Roughen the surface by sanding or scarifying; rinse and allow to dry. Do not sand flooring that contains asbestos. For existing well bonded ceramic tile, mechanically abrade the surface. Rinse and allow to dry. When sanding, an approved respirator should be used.

Expansion Joints:

Construction, contraction, expansion and isolation joints as described in ANSI A108.01, should never be bridged with setting material. They must be brought through the tile work and filled with an appropriate elastomeric sealant. Contact Custom Building Products for the proper treatment of control or saw cut joints. Refer to TCNA F125, F125A and TCNA EJ171.

Cutback Adhesive Over Concrete:

Thick accumulations, powdery, brittle or weak adhesive layers must be removed. Use extreme caution as adhesives may contain asbestos fibers. Do not sand or grind adhesive residue, as harmful dust may result. Never use adhesive removers or solvents, as they weaken or soften the adhesive and may cause it to penetrate into the concrete. The remaining residue should be no thicker than a coat of paint and should be almost transparent. Always install an adequate number of properly located test areas.

METHODS

Application

Installation must conform to ANSI A108.4. Use a properly sized notch trowel to ensure proper coverage under tiles.

Using the flat side of the trowel, apply a skim coat of adhesive to the surface. With the notch side of the trowel held at a 45° angle, apply additional adhesive to the surface, combing in one direction.

Press the tile firmly into place in a perpendicular motion across ridges, moving back and forth. The perpendicular motion flattens ridges and closes valleys, allowing maximum coverage. With some tile, back buttering is advisable.

Adjust the tile promptly and beat it in with a block and rubber mallet.

Periodically pull up a tile and check the back to ensure proper adhesive coverage. If the material has skinned over (not sticky to the touch), re-trowel before setting tile.

Drying Time

Allow to cure for a minimum of 24 hours before grouting, depending upon temperature and humidity. **Cure time can be greatly extended when setting dense tile, tile larger than 6" x 6" (15 x 15 cm), in high humidity, or when temperature is below 60° F (16° C).**



Cleaning

Remove fresh adhesive from tile surfaces with a damp cloth. Clean tools in warm soapy water.

Coverage

SQUARE FOOT COVERAGE PER GALLON (SQUARE METER PER 3.78 L)	
TROWEL SIZE	COVERAGE
3/16" x 5/32" (5 x 4 mm) V-Notch for tile up to 6" x 6" (15 x 15 cm)	40 – 60 sq. ft. (3.7 – 5.6 M ²)

Recommended Trowel Sizes

- 3/16" x 5/32" (5 x 4 mm) v-notch for tile up to 6" x 6" (15 x 15 cm)
- 1/4" x 1/4" x 1/4" (6 x 6 x 6 mm) square-notch for tile over 6" x 6" (15 x 15 cm)
- 1/4" x 3/8" x 1/4" (6 x 9.5 x 6 mm) square-notch for tile 8" – 12" (20 – 30 cm)

PRECAUTIONS

This product contains petroleum distillates. Avoid eye contact or prolonged contact with skin. If ingested, do not induce vomiting; call a physician immediately. Use with adequate ventilation.

BUILDING CODES

Installation must comply with the requirements of all applicable local, state and federal code jurisdictions.

6. Availability & Cost

Contact the manufacturer or visit custombuildingproducts.com for information about product cost and availability.

	ITEM CODE	SIZE	COLOR	PACKAGE
USA	ARL4000QT	1 quart (.946 L)	White	Pail
USA	ARL40001	1 gallon (3.78 L)	White	Pail
USA	ARL40003	3-1/2 gallon (13.25 L)	White	Pail
Canada	CARL4000QT	1 quart (.946 L)	White	Pail
Canada	CARL40001	1 gallon (3.78 L)	White	Pail
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7. Limited Product Warranty

Custom Building Products warrants to the original consumer purchaser that its product shall be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal and proper usage for a period of one year following the date of original purchase. Custom’s sole liability under this warranty shall be limited to the replacement of the product. Some states, countries or territories do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty will not extend to any product which has been modified in any way or which has not been used in accordance with Custom’s printed instructions. Custom makes no other warranties either expressed or implied. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other rights that vary from state to state or from one country/territory to another.

For details and complete warranty information, visit custombuildingproducts.com.

8. Maintenance

Properly installed product requires no special maintenance.

9. Technical Services

For technical assistance, contact Custom Building Products or visit custombuildingproducts.com.

10. Filing Systems

Additional product information is available from the manufacturer upon request.

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