

## BIG TILE & STONE™

Latex-Modified Medium Bed Mortar For Interior and Exterior

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Big Tile & Stone™ is a latex-modified medium bed mortar used for interior or exterior installations to set all large sized ceramic, porcelain, granite, slate, marble, limestone, and dimension stone tiles. Use over properly prepared concrete; structurally-sound, exterior grade plywood (interior/dry use only); cementitious backer board; Ultra-Set® Advanced; Hydroment Gold™; Black-Top 90210™; and existing, well-bonded vinyl/VCT or ceramic tile. Big Tile & Stone may also be used as a leveling bed to compensate for uneven tile and stone thickness; smooth irregular or uneven substrates; or to minimize lippage.

### FEATURES & BENEFITS

- Extremely Tacky Consistency
- Extremely Durable
- Single-Component Latex-Modified (water-add only)
- Exceeds ANSI A118.4 and A118.11 Requirements
- Freeze/Thaw Stable
- For all Tile Absorption Rates (from porcelain to saltillo)
- For Interior and Exterior Installations
- Where a Setting Bed of 1/8"-3/4" is Required

### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Read and understand data sheet completely before installation. Follow applicable ANSI, NTCA and TCNA installation standards.

### SURFACE PREPARATION

Surface must be clean, dry and smooth; free of voids, projections, loose materials, oil, grease, sealers, curing compounds, waxes and all other surface contaminants that may inhibit proper bond.

### TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Open Time (@ 70°F)	>70 minutes
Adjustability Time:	40 minutes
Pot Life (@ 70°F)	1-2 hours
Initial Set (@ 70°F)	8-10 hours
Final Set (@ 70°F)	10-15 hours
Exceeds ANSI A118.4 and A118.11 requirements	

#### Shear Strength, 28 Days

Porcelain Tile	375 psi (ANSI REQ 200)
Glazed Wall Tile	557 psi (ANSI REQ 300)
Quarry Tile	300 psi
Quarry to Wood*	250 psi (ANSI REQ 150)

28 Day Compressive Strength 3400 psi

All numbers represent minimum test results.

\*Wood failure (wood typically fails between 250 to 300 psi)

### MIXING

Using a slow speed mixer (< 150 rpm), mix 5 to 6 quarts of clean, potable water to 50 lbs of Big Tile & Stone. Mix to creamy consistency. Allow mixture to stand 15 minutes, and re-mix prior to application. Do not re-temper by adding more liquid.

### APPLICATION

Apply a thin coat of Big Tile & Stone with the flat edge of trowel to achieve a good mechanical bond to the substrate. Comb additional mortar with the appropriate size notched trowel. If any evidence of skinning or setting occurs, re-comb mortar with notched trowel. Apply mortar to an area no greater than can be tiled in 20 to 30 minutes. Apply tile using a twisting motion into a fresh bed of mortar to ensure maximum contact and bond. Periodically check back of tile to ensure proper transfer (interior applications -- minimum 80% coverage; exterior, wet, or plywood applications -- minimum 95% coverage). A finished mortar bed thickness of 1/8" to 3/4" is required.

**APPLICATION OVER PLYWOOD:** Maximum joist spacing shall be 16" on center. Plywood shall be Underlayment Exterior Grade or C-C Plugged Exterior Grade plywood (or better). If the existing floor is less than 1" thick, glue and nail 15/32" or 1/2" APA Underlayment Exterior Grade or C-C Plugged Exterior Grade plywood to the floor. Glue and nail using 5D or 6D (1 1/2" or 2") cement coated screw shank nails 6" on center along the panel edges and a maximum of 8" on center each way throughout the panel. Allow 1/8" gap between underlayment sheet edges and all areas that abut walls, drains, posts, etc., these areas shall be filled with mortar when tiles are installed. Clean and rough sand the plywood. Due to the limitations of plywood as a substrate, Big Tile & Stone is not intended for use on plywood in exterior, wet interior, or applications subject to heavy/commercial traffic.

**APPLICATION OVER EXISTING VINYL/VCT FLOORING & CUTBACK:** Vinyl must be clean and well-bonded to substrate. Do not install over cushion-backed or perimeter bonded sheet vinyl. Remove any loose pieces of vinyl or flooring. Ensure the exposed substrate is suitable for application.

**APPLICATION OVER EXISTING CERAMIC TILE:** Tile must be clean and well-bonded to substrate. Mechanical abrasion with a Carborundum disk, followed by a clear water wash is recommended. Installation must be thoroughly rinsed and dry before setting the new tile.

## CURING

Keep all foot traffic off the installation until tile is firmly set (approximately 12 hours). Set times are dependent upon temperature and humidity.

## GROUTING

Depending on ambient, slab, and material temperatures, grouting can generally begin after 12 hours with any quality Hydroment grouting system. Allow 48 hours before grouting with Bostik EzPoxy™ or any 100% solids epoxy grout. Allow 24 hours before grouting with Bostik TruColor™ Pre-Mixed Grout or any urethane-based grout.

## CLEAN UP

Clean all tools and equipment with soap and water. Do not allow material to dry on surface of tile.

## PACKAGING

Hydroment Big Tile & Stone is available in 50 lb bags, in gray or white formulations.

## STORAGE/SHELF LIFE

Store in a clean, dry area at temperatures between 34°F and 100°F. Shelf life is one year from date of manufacturing.

## LIMITATIONS

- Do not mix with Hydroment 447 Flex-A-Lastic Admixture™ or 425 Multi-Purpose Acrylic Latex Admixture™.
- Do not use for installing moisture sensitive stones (e.g., green marble).
- Do not use in installations where deflection exceeds L/360 (1" in 30 feet).
- Do not apply over oriented strand board, particle board, masonite, luaun, or similar unstable substrates.
- Do not use where hydrostatic pressure can occur.
- Due to the limitations of plywood as a substrate, Big Tile & Stone is not intended for use on plywood in exterior, wet interior, or applications subject to heavy/commercial traffic.
- Application over cutback adhesive residue is limited to well bonded, dry areas only.
- For marble and limestone, refer to Marble Institute of America's deflection requirements.

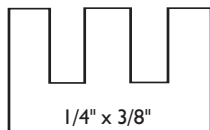
## RECOMMENDED TROWELS FOR MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE

Ceramic mosaics  
Mounted ceramics  
Coverage 85-100 ft<sup>2</sup>



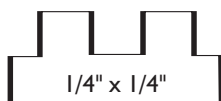
3/16" x 5/32"

6" x 6", 8" x 8" & 12" x 12"  
Ceramic Quarry tile  
Coverage 50-60 ft<sup>2</sup>



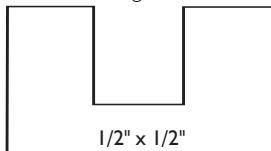
1/4" x 3/8"

4" x 4" & 4" x 8"  
Ceramic & pavers  
Coverage 70-80 ft<sup>2</sup>



1/4" x 1/4"

8" x 8" & 12" x 12"  
Lugged back & Mexican paver tile  
Coverage 30-35 ft<sup>2</sup>



1/2" x 1/2"

Coverages shown are approximate and are given for estimating purposes only. Actual jobsite coverages will vary according to trowel size, tile size and thickness, job conditions, and setting practices.

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