

5900 FLEX-FLO PLUS SELF-LEVELING UNDERLAYMENT



BASIC USES

For leveling and repairing concrete, exterior grade plywood surfaces, or existing floor surfaces such as vinyl-asbestos or vinyl composition tile*, cutback adhesive-coated floor surfaces*, Portland cement-based terrazzo, or ceramic tile. Produces a smooth, level surface, for installation of all types of flooring. Ceramic or stone tile can be installed in as little as 4 to 6 hours; vinyl composition tile or sheet goods, carpet or Hardwood within 16-24 hours after application. Can be poured from 6mm (1/4") to 48mm (2") in a single pour.

*Check with Flextile Ltd. as to acceptability of specific surfaces.

LIMITATIONS

Not intended for use as an exposed traffic surface. Not intended for exterior use. Do not use over particleboard, Masonite, chipboard, gypsum-based products, or similar unstable materials. Do not use over cushioned resilient flooring, rubber, plastic, paint, asphalt, or plywood surfaces or in wet areas. Do not overwork the material, and supply sufficient material to cover high spots. Do not cover existing expansion or control joints.

Use only on surfaces, which are maintained at a temperature above 10°C (50°F) and below 35°C (95°F) during application and for at least 72 hours after application.

COMPOSITION AND MATERIALS

A polymer modified, cementitious self-leveling underlayment, which cures rapidly to provide a smooth level surface.

FEATURES

- Ideal for fast leveling, smoothing and repair of surfaces prior to flooring installation.
- High strength and abrasion resistance.
- Ceramic tile and stone can be installed in as little as 4 to 6 hours after application.
- Resilient flooring coverings can be installed after 16 to 24 hours application.
- Can be applied in thickness of 6mm (1/4") to 48 mm (2").
- Up to 30 minutes working time.
- Easy to use - just mix with water and apply.
- Saves time - finds its own level without troweling.

LEED Points Contribution

MR Credit 5, Regional Materials*
IEQ Credit 4.3, Low-Emitting
Materials – Flooring Systems
**May be eligible*

LEED Points

Up to 2 points

1 point

TECHNICAL DATA

There is no specific ANSI Product designation for self-leveling underlayments.

Typical Physical Properties

Flow Time	20 - 30 minutes
Self-Healing Time	10 - 20 minutes
Initial Set	2 - 4 hours*
Final Set	4 - 6 hours
Final Cure	28 days

**depending on porosity of surface*

Compressive Strength (ASTM C-109)

@ 3 hours cure	4.0 MPa (583 psi)
@ 24 hours cure	11.7 MPa (1700 psi)
@ 7 day cure	19.3 MPa (2800 psi)
@ 28 days cure	33.1 MPa (4800 psi)

Tensile Bond test – (rupture in concrete substrate) (CAN/CSA-A23.2-6B)

@ 7 day cure	1.93 MPa (280 psi)
@ 28 days cure	2.41 MPa (350 psi)
Specific Gravity (dry)	1.78
Specific Gravity (wet)	1.89
pH (paste)	approx. 12
Cleanability:	with water before material dries
Shelf Life:	6 months from production date when stored in dry, heated conditions

Approx. coverage per 22.7 kg (50lb) bag:

2.14 M² (23 Ft²) @ 6mm (1/4") thickness

** Coverages given are for estimating purposes only. Actual coverages may vary depending on job site conditions and installation techniques used.*

INSTALLATION**SURFACE PREPARATION**

1. Surfaces must be structurally sound, well cured, dry and free of grease, oil, dirt, paint, curing compounds or sealers, or other foreign matter. Damp mop or vacuum to remove dust or surface debris.
2. Where necessary, scarify or sand to remove dead or scaled concrete, or other contaminants, which could affect bond.
3. Maintain temperature in tiled areas at not less than 10°C (50°F) or more than 35°C (95°F) during installation and for at least 7 days after completion.
4. In all cases, the structural design of the floor shall not allow a deflection greater than 1/360 of the span under live and dead loads.
5. Provide for expansion and control joints where specified including the perimeter of the room, columns, supports and equipment pedestals. Do not bridge expansion and control joints.
6. Skim coat existing ceramic tile or stone or cutback adhesive with a mortar mix consisting of Flextile 53 mortar mixed with Flextile 44 Additive and allow to harden.

A. CONCRETE

1. Concrete surfaces should have a wood float or steel trowel with broom finish. Roughen smooth concrete surfaces.
2. New concrete slabs shall be 28 days old before application; the surfaces shall be dry, and free of hydrostatic pressure: vapor emissions shall not exceed 1,36 kg/92,9 m² (3 lbs./1000 sq. ft.) per 24 hours when using the calcium chloride test kit.

B. PLYWOOD UNDERLAYMENTS

Plywood flooring, including those under resilient flooring, must be structurally sound and meet all deflection requirements.

1. Exterior Grade Plywood – Plywood subfloor and underlayment consisting of 2 layers each of 5/8" (16mm). Single Layer underlayment grade plywood, 19mm (3/4") minimum thickness – on bridged floor joists up to 50 cm (20") on center. Plywood floors should be designed for maximum deflection of 1/360 of span. Installation of plastic or metal lath is required over single layer plywood subfloor installations.

Lath should be fastened every 15-20cm (6-8") with galvanized / corrosion resistant fasteners, minimum of 1.13 kg / 0.83m² (2.5 lbs /sq yd). Leave a 6mm (1/4") gap around drain pipes, conduits, posts, columns and along wall curb bases and between sheets of plywood. Subfloor long edges must be tongue and groove or supported by bridging between floor joists. Install a bond breaker on the perimeter of the installation. Block areas, patch holes and cracks from seepage to other areas with Flextile Patch.

2. Presswood, particle board, chipboard, Masonite, Lauan, solid wood planks, engineered hardwood floor oriented strand board (OSB), asbestos board, and dimensionally unstable materials are not acceptable substrates.

APPLICATION**PRIMING**

Use Flextile Primer for Underlayments with every application. Shake thoroughly before using. Pour, mop or spray primer onto surface. Apply an even thickness of primer to the prepared substrate using a bristle broom to ensure the primer is absorbed into the substrate, removing any puddles or thick areas. Coverage is approximately 18.6m² (200 ft²) per 3.8L (1 gal) of primer. Allow the primer to dry to a clear film usually 2-3 hours but, less than 24 hours before application of Flextile Flexflo Underlayment. A test installation is always recommended prior to installation, to confirm job site parameters. Add approximately 4.0-4.25 liters

(1.1 - 1.2 US gallons) of cool, clean water to a clean mixing container. While mixing, slowly add 22.7 kg (50 lb) bag of 5900 Flex-Flo Plus Self-Leveling Underlayment powder. Avoid using high-speed mixers. Mix until smooth and lump free. Pour the mixed material immediately on the floor surface and spread with a straight edge or squeegee. Material should be mixed to permit a continuous supply to the mechanics spreading the material. On larger applications, this can most easily be accomplished using continuous mixing and pumping equipment. DO NOT overwork the material, and supply sufficient material to cover high spots. DO NOT cover existing expansion or control joints.

CURING

DO NOT walk over material until it has been allowed to cure. Foot traffic may be allowed, and floor coverings installed after 4-6 hours. Protect from direct sunlight, moisture, excessive heat or draft during cure.

SAFETY

Refer to Flextile Material Safety Data Sheet for detailed health and safety information.

AVAILABILITY AND COSTS

Flextile 5900 Flex-Flo Plus Self-Leveling Underlayment is available from Flextile Ltd. and its distributors in 22.7 kg (50lb) bags. Cost: Data supplied upon request.

CAUTION

Freshly mixed cement, mortar, concrete or grout may cause skin injury. Avoid extended contact with skin where possible and wash exposed skin areas promptly with water. If any cement or cement mixtures get into the eye, rinse immediately and repeatedly with water and get prompt attention. Keep out of reach of children.

WARRANTY

Flextile warrants that this product is of merchantable quality and is suitable for the purpose for which it is intended. Flextile's liability under this warranty shall be limited to replacement of its product found to be defective or, at its option, a refund of the purchase price.

MAINTENANCE

No maintenance is required except where damages result from unforeseen circumstances. Repair procedures shall be directed by Flextile or its distributors.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Flextile maintains a well-equipped laboratory able to test its products in conjunction with the products with which they are used. Technical assistance for use of Flextile products is available upon request.

RELATED REFERENCES

Current editions of: Ceramic Tile Installation Manual (09 30 00) from the TTMAC & TCA Ceramic Tile Installation Handbook.

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