



# MAXKOLA®



## CEMENT-BASED ADHESIVE MORTAR FOR TILING ON TRADITIONAL SUBSTRATES

### DESCRIPTION

**MAXKOLA®** is a cement-based adhesive mortar, that once mixed with water provides a suitable paste for placing tiles by either spreading a thin layer or putting lumps on the back of the tile.

### APPLICATION FIELDS

- Indoor fixing of ceramic tiles with normal porosity, on floors and walls of kitchens, bathrooms, walls, laboratories, hospitals, clinics.
- Tiling on cementitious substrates, bricks, screeded walls, pre-cast elements, etc.

### ADVANTAGES

- High adhesion to standard substrates in construction and good mechanical properties.
- Excellent water retention, it avoids to dampen the substrate or tile.
- Good thixotropy and initial adhesion, prevents sliding of the placed pieces and tiles.
- Easy to use. Long open time and good workability, allowing to arrange the tile pattern.
- Improves the yield of tiling job saving up to 40-60% of the labour cost.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

#### Surface preparation

Surfaces must be structurally sound, clean and free from dust, grease, paints, efflorescence, oils, demoulding agents, gypsum, loose concrete or any other material

that could affect to adhesion. Voids, cracks and surface damages must be prepared by chipping or sand blasting and repaired with a structural mortar such as **MAXREST®** or **MAXRITE® 500** (Technical Bulletins N.: 2 and 50, respectively).

Substrate must be as flat as possible, with no unevenness greater than 5 mm measured with a 2 meters long guide.

For gypsum or plaster substrates, use **MAXKOLA® Y** (Technical Bulletin N.: 74). Do not apply **MAXKOLA®** over dead, delayed setting gypsum plasters or those finished with a thin layer of plaster.

#### Mixing

A 25 kg bag of **MAXKOLA®** is mixed with from 5 to 6 litres of clean water (22% ± 2). Mix mechanically using a low speed drill (400-600 rpm) until achieving a lump free and homogeneous paste. Small quantities of product can also be mixed by hand. Do not mix for prolonged period nor use high-speed mixer. Allow mortar to rest 5 minutes and then, remix briefly again before applying. Only mix quantities that can be placed in 20 minutes or less. After this period, setting process starts and mortar losses its workability. If is needed, remix the mixture to keep its workability, but do not add more water.

#### Application

Apply **MAXKOLA®** on areas not greater than 2 m<sup>2</sup> and comb with a 6x6 mm notched trowel in order to control the application thickness and avoid the slumping of tiles on vertical surfaces. Do not apply in thickness greater than 5 mm. While adhesive is still fresh, place the tile and press them with slight twisting motion, until flattening the ridges and ensuring the tile back achieves full contact with the mortar. Check the adhesion by occasionally removing a set

piece and inspecting mortar transfer onto back of tile.

The open-time at 20 °C is 30 minutes and the rectification time is 5 minutes, increasing with lower temperatures of mixture and reducing with higher temperatures. Remove excess mortar from the joint before it sets. Joint grouting can be carried out after 24 hours using a suitable **MAXJOINT**<sup>®</sup> range product.

For large-format pieces, i.e. bigger than 35x35 cm, apply the adhesive on both surfaces of the substrate and the tile, or use preferably **MAXKOLA**<sup>®</sup> **FLEX** (Technical Bulletin N.: 81).

### Application conditions

Do not apply with temperatures below 5 °C or if lower temperatures are expected during the following 24 hours. Do not apply on frozen or frosted surfaces.

Protect the application from high temperatures (> 30 °C), moderate to high winds, low humidity conditions or direct sunlight exposure, i.e. summer time. Do not apply at ambient temperatures above 35 °C.

### Curing

Applications carried out at lower temperatures with high relative humidity or with poor ventilation will require longer curing times.

### Cleaning

Before **MAXKOLA**<sup>®</sup> sets, all tools and equipment should be cleaned immediately with water. Once it hardens, can only be removed by mechanical means.

### CONSUMPTION

The estimated consumption for **MAXKOLA**<sup>®</sup> is 1,5 kg/m<sup>2</sup>·mm thickness. This figure may vary depending on the roughness, porosity and other conditions for both tile and surface. A preliminary test on-site will determine the coverage exactly.

### IMPORTANT INDICATIONS

- For interior use only.
- Remix briefly the mortar in order to keep its workability, but do not add more water.

- Dampening of the substrate and the tile is not required before tiling.
- Do not exceed the maximum thickness recommended per layer, i.e. 5 mm.
- For further information and other uses not specified in this Technical Bulletin, consult our Technical Department.

### PACKAGING

**MAXKOLA**<sup>®</sup> is supplied in 25 kg bag and it is available in standard grey and white colour.

### STORAGE

Twelve months in its original unopened packaging, in a dry covered place, protected from humidity and frost, with temperatures above 5 °C.

### SAFETY AND HEALTH

**MAXKOLA**<sup>®</sup> is an abrasive compound, so protective rubber gloves and safety goggles must be used to prepare and apply the mixture. In case of eye contact, rinse thoroughly with clean water, but do not rub. In case of skin contact, wash affected areas with soap and water. If irritation continues, seek medical attention.

For further information, Safety Data Sheet of **MAXKOLA**<sup>®</sup> is available by request.

Disposal of the product and its empty containers must be made by the final user and according to official regulations.

## TECHNICAL DATA

<b>Characteristics of the product</b>	
Appearance and colour	White or grey powder
Apparent density in powder form (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1,33 ± 0,05
Maximum aggregate size (mm)	0,8
<b>Application and curing conditions</b>	
Mixing water (% , by weight)	22 ± 2
Apparent density of mortar (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1,67 ± 0,05
Open time at 20 °C (minutes)	20
Rectification time at 20 °C (minutes)	5
Water retention (% , weight)	99
<b>Characteristics of the cured product</b>	
<b>MAXKOLA®</b> meets specifications of CE mark according to EN 12004 <i>Adhesives for tiles</i> and it is classified as a <b>Cementitious adhesive with normal setting-time C1</b> .	
Initial adhesion strength, UNE-EN 1348 (MPa)	1,2
Adhesion strength after water immersion, UNE-EN 1348 (MPa)	1,0
<b>Consumption / Thickness</b>	
Consumption (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ·mm thickness)	1,5
Recommended thickness per layer (mm)	5

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