

MASTERSEAL BC1850

Phenol novolac epoxy grout for bedding and grouting tiles in corrosive conditions

Description

A two component phenol novolac epoxy resin based adhesive and grouting system for pavements, ceramic and acid resistant tiles, in medium and heavy duty corrosive and hygienic environments.

Primary uses

MASTERSEAL® BC1850 is an ideal material to bed and grout tiles in a single operation with one material. It is used wherever a superior degree of chemical resistance and excellent mechanical properties are required.

Advantages

- Non-absorbent easy to clean and hygienic in service.
- Dual purpose: bedding and grouting of tiles with the same material.
- Excellent resistance to a wide range of chemicals and acids.
- Impermeable: resistant to staining and absorption when permanently immersed in water.
- Non-tainting and non-toxic: can be used in most areas where drink and foodstuffs are processed.
- Excellent adhesion to most commonly encountered building substrates and materials.
- Excellent proven performance.
- Suitable for vertical and horizontal applications in interior and exterior locations.

Packaging

MASTERSEAL® BC1850 is available in 3.0 litre packs (4.43kg).

Typical applications

- For application in conjunction with acid resistant tiles
- Trenches
- Warehouses
- Laboratories.
- Swimming pools and leisure facilities.
- Heavy duty workshops, garages and services facilities.
- Bottling plants and breweries.
- Neutralization pits

*Typical properties

Density:	1470 kg/m ³
Pot life:	22 mins @ 25°C 9 mins @ 40°C
Initial Shear Adhesion Strength BS EN 12003: 2008 Section 7.3	11.00 N/mm ²
Shear Strength (after thermal shock) BS EN 12003: 2008 Section 7.5	8.0 N/mm ²
Shear Strength (after water immersion) BS EN 12003: 2008 Section 7.4	6.0N/mm ²
Compressive Strength (after 4h @ 25°C)	60 N/mm ²

Application procedure

Bedding:

To the prepared surface apply a solid bed of adhesive to a minimum thickness of 3mm. Ensure that the size of the working area can be tiled within the pot life of the MASTERSEAL® BC1850. On vertical applications the adhesive must be applied with a notched trowel to leave a ribbed bedding.

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Tiling:

Tiles and paviours should be pressed firmly into place with a twisting motion until properly aligned and bedded. On vertical applications tiling should begin from the bottom upwards. Ensure that at least 75% of the tile back is in contact with the adhesive. A minimum width of 3mm must be left around tiles for grouting.

Grouting:

The grouting operation can be carried out simultaneously with the application of the bedding mortar or after the bedding mortar has set. When proceeding with one continuous operation, apply extra thickness in the bed to allow for material to ooze through the gaps once tiles are pressed onto the adhesive. The grout is then trimmed off and grouted joints are finished with a spatula or palette knife. Where grouting is to be carried out after the bed has set and tiles are permanently fixed in place apply the epoxy grout to the joints by plastic spatula and finish off. Following the grouting operation use a fibrous pad or solvented damp soft cloth to clean off the excess material (do not use water). This should take place within 15 minutes and care should be exercised not to use water or allow water to come into contact with the wet grout. Surplus material must be removed from the face of the tiles before it sets.

Curing

Good curing is essential for resin based materials to ensure specified performance. A minimum temperature of 10°C should be maintained during the curing period by the use of additional heating if necessary. Installations using MASTERSEAL® BC1850 systems can be opened to foot traffic after approximately 6 hours at 25°C. Complete cure is achieved after 72 hours at 25°C.

Coverage

Coverage rates are dependent on the specified tile or paviour dimensions. A 150 x 150 x 20mm tile would require the following:

Bedding	5mm:	5 litres / m ²
Jointing	3mm:	0.8 litres / m ²
	6mm:	1.6 litres / m ²

For 150 x 150 x 4mm the coverage rate would reduce by 80%.

All calculated usages assume constant thickness on a regular substrate. Failure to achieve the required surface will lead to additional material being used.

Watchpoint

Movement joints should be provided in accordance with normal practice. Refer to BS 5385.

Chemical resistance

Excellent resistance to most aqueous systems including sewage, urine, salt water, concentrated acids, battery acids, alkalis, oils and fats.

Application

The application and use of MASTERSEAL® BC1850 should be in accordance with the relevant international tiling codes practice.

Preparation:

Ensure all laitance and contaminants such as oil, grease and coating systems are removed by either mechanical wire brushing or grit blasting. The surface should be dry and any dust should be removed by an industrial vacuum. The surface should contain no more than 5% moisture and any major repairs in the form of damaged arrisses, cracks and honeycombing should be repaired

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with the appropriate BASF repair system. Where minor blemishes like blowholes exist, these can be filled out simultaneously with the bedding adhesive when it is applied.

Prior to application, MASTERSEAL® BC1850 systems should be stored under cover and protected from extremes of temperatures which may cause inconsistent workability and cure times for the mixed material. Ideally, at least 24 hours before mixing, MASTERSEAL® BC1850 systems should be maintained at approximately 20°C. During application in cold conditions, correct conditioning can help, but application should be halted if the ambient temperature is likely to fall below 10°C. Consideration should be given to the substrate or base slab as it is likely to be considerably colder than the surrounding air temperature. When temperatures exceed 30°C during application, working times may be reduced by as much as 50%.

Mixing:

MASTERSEAL® BC1850 is of a heavy consistency and should be mechanically mixed.

Using a slow speed electric drill with a paddle attachment, add the reactor (Part B) into the base tin (Part A) and mix for approximately 2 minutes or until a uniform lump free consistency and colour is obtained. In all applications the full contents of each component pack should be mixed together.

Storage

Store under cover and out of direct sunlight. Protect from extremes of temperature and do not exceed 40°C. In tropical climates the product must be stored in an air conditioned environment. Shelf life is 12 months in unopened containers stored as above.

Safety precautions

As with all chemical products, care should be taken during use and storage to avoid contact with eyes mouth, skin and foodstuffs. Treat splashes to eyes and skin immediately. If accidentally ingested, seek immediate medical attention. Mixed material should be sprayed or poured out into trays and brushed or rolled before the pot-life of the material. Do not leave mixed quantities beyond 300grams (200ml) to sit for prolonged time or exposed to high temperatures as this can cause exothermic reaction to occur and excessive smoking. If smoking of the product should occur, quickly fill it with sand and remove it to a well ventilated area.

Do not breathe in the smoke. Reseal containers after use. For further information, refer to material safety data sheet.

Quality and care

All products originating from BASF's Dubai, UAE facility are manufactured under a management system independently certified to conform to the requirements of the quality, environmental and occupational health & safety standards ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001.

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