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# **Technical Data Sheet**

# **UNIFIX®-S3-FAST**

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# Highly polymer modified flexible adhesive - rapid hardening

### **Properties:**

- Highly flexible special adhesive
- Conforms to DIN EN 12004, C1 FE S2
- Rapid hardening
- Rapid crystalline water binding
- Especially smooth
- For interior and exterior areas
- For critical substrates and heavy duty use
- Also for use on 'green' substrates
- Water impermeable
- Water and frost resistant in accordance with DIN EN 12004

## Areas of application:

UNIFIX-S3-FAST is used as a thin bed adhesive especially for the installation of vitrified tiles with lower water absorption ≤ 0.5% (fully vitrified), vitrified tiles, clinker and mosaic onto 'green' cement-based substrates. The high deformability of UNIFIX-S3-FAST can largely compensate for the damaging shear stresses in the tiled finish and is therefore also especially suitable for the installation of large format tiles. UNIFIX-S3-FAST is used primarily in floor areas.

UNIFIX-S3-FAST is especially suitable for use on balconies and terraces, on swimming pool surrounds, on heated constructions, on 'green' heavier duty cement-based substrates and for the installation of tiles with lower water absorption.

Due to its high elasticity high stresses are also reliably accommodated with UNIFIX-S3-FAST, such as those that arise e.g. between substrate and tiled finish in exterior areas or when installing on 'green', trafficked cement-based screeds (approx. 3 days after laying) and heated screeds.

The vapour permeability of UNIFIX-S3-FAST guarantees that cement-based substrates, which are still damp, will dry out even when installing tiles early. The mandatory commissioning of heated screeds before the installation of ceramic materials can be omitted.

Due to the rapid crystalline water binding, the flexible

adhesive is suitable for many synthetic and natural stones. When installing natural stone materials make allowances for the specific product properties of the natural stone e.g. sensitivity to discolouration and curling. For the installation of stones containing serpentinite we recommend ASODUR-EK98. UNIFIX-S3-FAST is suitable for use in wet duty classifications 0, A01, A02, B0 on mineral-based and dispersion-based SCHOMBURG bonded waterproof systems e.g. AQUAFIN-2K/M and SANIFLEX.

#### **Technical Data:**

Powder component Liquid component

Basis: aggregate, special liquid polymer

cement-based binders,

additives

Colour: creamy white white

Mixing ratio: 3 parts by weight 1 part by weight
Packaging: 15 kg bag 5 kg bucket
Storage: dry, 6 months frost free, 24 months
in the original unopened container
UNIFIX-S3-FAST (combined product)

15 kg powder component : 5 kg liquid

component: 1.4 - 2.4 litres water

Application/

Mixing ratio:

substrate

temperature: +5 °C to +25 °C Pot life \*): approx. 30 to 45 minutes Open time \*): approx. 30 minutes

Grout after \*): approx. 6 hours

Foot traffic

after \*): approx. 6 hours

Fully serviceable

after \*): 7 days at the earliest dependent on

the porosity of the substrate

Cleaning: with water immediately after use

Deformation: > 5 mm to DIN 12002

Testing: DIN EN 12004

DIN EN 12002

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Consumption: approx. 2.9 kg/m² with a 6 mm

notched trowel

approx.  $3.8 \text{ kg/m}^2$  with an 8 mm

notched trowel

approx.  $4.8 \text{ kg/m}^2$  with a 10 mm

notched trowel

## **Substrate preparation:**

The substrate must be dry, load bearing, adequately flat, free from penetrating cracks and free from separating substances such as e.g. oil, paint, laitance layers and loose constituents. It must possess a largely closed surface with a surface condition and strength in accordance with its type. DIN 18157, part 1 and the divergent application specifications of UNIFIX-S3-FAST prevail when installing tiles regarding the substrate, substrate preparation and product application. Prime porous substrates with ASO-Unigrund. Calcium sulphate screeds must be mechanically abraded, vacuumed and as with all substrates based on calcium sulphate binders, primed with ASO-Unigrund. Heated screeds must be commissioned in accordance with recognised technical regulations before installing floor finishes. To determine a substrate's readiness to receive finishes carry out a moisture test with a carbide hygrometer (CM device). The CM moisture readings may not exceed:

- CA without underfloor heating ≤ 0.5%
- CA with underfloor heating ≤ 0.3%

Tiles can be installed with UNIFIX-S3-FAST on cement-based screeds as soon as they will take foot traffic, concrete substrates after 28 days, independent of the moisture content.

The CM readings are to be carried out in accordance with current FBH-AD work instructions taken from the technical information for the "coordination of cut out points in heated floor constructions".

Unevenness in the substrate that is ready to receive tiles can be levelled out beforehand with SOLOPLAN-30.

#### **Product preparation:**

UNIFIX-S3-FAST is a combination product and is supplied at a predetermined mix ratio. Firstly add the liquid component B to a clean mixing bucket. Then add the powder component whilst stirring and continue to mix until a homogenous consistency is achieved. For ease of application 7% up to a maximum of 12% (1.4-2.4 litres) of water can be subsequently added. After a short standing time, stir the thin bed adhesive once again. Do not mix more UNIFIX-S3-FAST than can be used within the pot life.

### Mixing ratio:

15 kg UNIFIX-S3-FAST (powder component) : 5 kg UNIFLEX-B (liquid component) : dependent on desired consistency up to 2.4 litres water

For application on wall areas the water addition can be waived. Trowel UNIFIX-S3-FAST onto the surface of the substrate and comb through with a notched trowel suitable for the tile size/material. Install tiles within the open time (finger test). In exterior areas and continuously wet areas ensure that as far as possible a void free bedding of the tiles is achieved. Special trowels (e.g. HFV notch, Flowline) have proved successful for this purpose.

#### Advice:

- When installing natural and synthetic stone the specific properties of these products (tendency to discolour, risk of curling etc.) and the installation recommendations of the manufacturer are to be observed. In cases of doubt carry out a fixing trial.
- The relevant regulations (DIN, ZDB data sheets) still insist on keeping to a 28 day waiting time for cement-based substrates to receive finishes.
   Longstanding experience with the elastic thin bed

<sup>\*)</sup> These values relate to +20° C and 65% relative humidity, higher temperatures shorten and lower temperatures lengthen these given times.

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adhesive UNIFIX-S3-FAST has shown that it is possible to safely achieve a damage free installation even on 'green' substrates. We agree to recommend this special construction method by contract.

- When combining 'green' substrates and the installation of large format tiles, the tile size is to be restricted to a maximum of 50 cm x 50 cm.
   A minimum joint width of 3 mm is to be planned.
   When installing tiles greater than 50 cm x 50 cm the moisture content of the screed is to be additionally tested with a carbide hygrometer. Keep to a moisture content of ≤ 2 CM% for unbonded or floating cement-based screeds.
- It is a prerequisite that the following criteria are followed:
  - The positioning of movement joints must conform to relevant regulations. Use a minimum trowel notch of 10 mm in order to be able to absorb minimal deformation within the substrate. Undertake the commissioning (heating up) of screeds from the 21st day after installation in conformance with relevant regulations (ZDB data sheet). The tile installation begins as early as possible depending on the ability to traffic the screed; as a rule after a minimum of 3 to 8 days. The screed must have achieved at least 70% of its final strength (normally after 7 days). Carry out grouting with hydraulically setting grouts e.g. ASO-Flexfuge or HF05-Brillantfuge.
- When working on 'green' cement-based substrates (screeds, heated screeds) be aware of the diminished trafficking capacity of the screed construction. Do not store heavy tools, flooring materials etc. on the screed, especially at fragile locations – implement load spreading measures.
- To avoid curling effects due to water absorption we recommend the use of ASODUR-EK98 with agglomerate/synthetic stone.
- Direct sunlight and draughts can lead to the early formation of a skin or to a shortened open time.

- UNIFIX-S3-FAST is a hydraulically setting adhesive with a dispersion component that until fully hardened is to be protected from water and frost penetration, which can take a few days under inclement weather influences/climatic conditions.
- Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
- Prime calcium sulphate based substrates with ASO-Unigrund-GE or ASO-Unigrund-K (mix ratio 1:3 with water). To avoid the formation of ettringite with calcium sulphate based substrates UNIFIX-AEK is suited for the installation on these substrates up to residual moisture values of 1.0% with heated and 1.5% with unheated constructions, measured with a carbide hygrometer.
- Do not relife adhesive that has already started to stiffen by adding more water or fresh adhesive as there is a risk of inadequate strength development.
- The direct contact between cement-based adhesives and magnesium screeds leads to the destruction of the magnesium screed via a chemical reaction. Moisture pressure from the rear of the substrate must be eliminated with appropriate measures. Mechanically abrade the magnesium substrate and prime with the epoxy resin ASODUR-V360W with the addition of max. 5% water as necessary (approx. 250 g/m²). Wait for approx. 12-24 hours at +20° C then apply a second coat of ASODUR-V360W (approx. 300-350 g/m²). Broadcast quartz sand of particle size 0.5-1.0 mm to excess into the wet second coat. After waiting for a further 12-16 hours, installation may be commerced.
- Areas not being treated are to be protected from the effects of UNIFIX-S3-FAST.

Please observe a valid EU Health & Safety Data Sheet.

GISCODE: ZP1 (component A) GISCODE: D1 (component B)