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# AQUA-FIX (FIX & GROUT)

## READY MIXED WATERPROOF FIXING & GROUTING

- HIGH BOND STRENGTH
- BRILLIANT WHITE
- NON-SLIP WALL TILE ADHESIVE
- FULLY WATER RESISTANT
- SUITABLE FOR POWER SHOWER AREAS & OTHER INTERNAL LOCATIONS



### TECHNICAL SUMMARY

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|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| UNIT SIZES          | 0.75kg/1.5kg/3.75kg/7.5kg/15kg |
| COLOUR              | Brilliant White                |
| COVERAGE            | 1.5kg-2.0kg per sq. metre      |
| OPEN TIME           | 20 minutes                     |
| INITIAL DRYING TIME | 24 hours (porous walls)        |
| WATER RESISTANCE    | For frequently wet areas       |

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Is a brilliant white ready mixed adhesive paste, for use as an All-purpose thin-bed waterproof ceramic wall tile adhesive and joint filling grout, which conforms to BS 5980 Type 2 Class AA (BS EN 12004 Type D, Class 2T).

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### DESCRIPTION

**PALACE AQUA-FIX** is suitable for fixing all types of ceramic wall tiles, including mosaics, porcelain and vitrified tiles in internal locations such as bathrooms, kitchens and shower areas where the tiled surface is subject to frequent wetting, but not total water immersion. **PALACE AQUA-FIX** can be applied to gypsum plaster, cement fibreboard, existing tiles, cement render, concrete blockwork, timber panels and plywood composite boards. **PALACE AQUA-FIX** is recommended for use in areas such as multi-shower changing rooms, steam rooms, power showers, worktops and any tiled wall surface, which is subject to persistent humidity or frequent wetting. The dual purpose application properties of **PALACE AQUA-FIX** make it particularly suited to small area DIY applications and localised repairs.

### SURFACE PREPARATION

All surfaces must be clean, firm and free of dust, dirt, oil, grease and loose flaking coatings. Gypsum finishing plaster should be at least 4 to 6 weeks old, thoroughly dry and wiped clean of dust, efflorescence and loose flaking material. Highly polished (shiny) plaster surfaces should be roughened with a stiff brush, removing all loose fines. All plaster and porous masonry surfaces should be primed with **TILERS PRIMER** diluted as 1 part to 3 parts with water and allowed to dry. All wood-based surfaces, (plywood and composite panel-boards) should be dry, sealed on all exposed faces and edges and then primed using **TILERS PRIMER** diluted as 1 to 3 parts water. Timber boarding should be waterproof rated, 15mm thick and be screw fixed at 150mm centres to provide a dimensionally stable background as described in BS 5385. In frequently wet areas where **PALACE AQUA-FIX** is used it is not recommended that wall panels be constructed from plasterboard or any composite material, which does not have some degree of water resistance. All boards must be level, showing no edge protrusions and be fixed in place with a 0.5 to 1mm gap to avoid expansion stresses between the boards and around the wall corners. Remove areas of unsound (emulsion based) paint from walls and when tiling over existing tiles ensure they are securely fixed. Thoroughly clean and dry tiled, or non-porous surfaces and slightly score out joints to provide a key.

### APPLICATION METHOD

**PALACE AQUA-FIX** is intended for application by a notched trowel (5mm x 5mm notch at 10 mm centres) to give a ribbed bed on the wall surface, into which the tiles are firmly bedded with a twist and slide action to ensure complete contact, without any voids or gaps

remaining beneath the tiles. The position of the tiles can be adjusted up to 10 minutes after initial fixing. Open time of the exposed adhesive bed is approximately 20 minutes, depending on surface porosity and site conditions, however in warm rooms this period may be reduced – check the adhesive remains “tacky to touch” as fixing proceeds. Do not trowel out an area of adhesive greater than can be tiled over within a 10 minute period (about 1 square metre). The final adhesive bed depth should be in the range of 2 to 3mm and grout joints should be at least 2mm, unless self-spacing tiles are used. Ensure all adhesive residues remaining on the tile face are wiped clean with a moist cloth as fixing proceeds. **PALACE AQUA-FIX** should not be applied onto walls affected by penetrating damp, or when temperature is below 5°C. When fixing porcelain tiles the drying time of the adhesive will be significantly extended therefore grouting should be delayed until the adhesive is fully dry, additionally any porcelain tiles of size 300mm x 300mm or greater should ideally be fixed using a cement based adhesive. Additionally, all types of large format ceramic tile, i.e. those with dimensions of 300mm x 400mm or more, will also significantly prolong the drying time of this adhesive and a cement based alternative is strongly recommended in such circumstances.

### COVERAGE

Depends on the surface texture and porosity, however on a typical smooth plastered wall using 150mm x 150mm x 6mm tiles with a 2mm joint width **PALACE AQUA-FIX** will “fix and grout” at a rate of approximately 2.5 kg per square metre.

### GROUTING

Grouting may proceed as soon as the tile bed is sufficiently firm, which depending upon site conditions can be from 24 hours after fixing on porous surfaces such as plaster or up to 7 days where tiles have been fixed to an impermeable surface such as existing tiles or waterproof boards. When grouting with **PALACE AQUA-FIX**, thoroughly stir the paste to a creamy consistency and use either a sponge or rubber squeegee to work **PALACE AQUA-FIX** thoroughly and completely into all the joint spaces. Joint widths of up to 6mm wide and 10mm deep can be grouted using **PALACE AQUA-FIX**. Wipe off excess grout with a damp cloth and allow up to 14 days for both the adhesive and grout to fully dry out before subjecting the tiled area to contact with water.



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### STORAGE AND PACKAGING

**PALACE AQUA-FIX** is supplied in a 15 kg; 7.5 kg; (3.75 kg x 4); (1.5 kg x 12) and (0.75 kg x 12) buckets and has a storage life of not less than 12 months if kept in dry, un-opened conditions.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

A complete PALACE material safety data sheet is available on request or online at [www.palacechemicals.co.uk](http://www.palacechemicals.co.uk)

### QUALITY AND ENVIRONMENT

All Palace Chemicals products are manufactured under a BSI accredited ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System, along with an ISO 14001 Environmental Management system continually working to reduce our carbon footprint.

### TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICE

Should more specific technical information be required, contact the Palace Technical helpline on: **0151 486 6101**.

For a Technical Specification and quantity requirements, visit our 'TilingSpecifier' on the Palace website at: <http://www.palacechemicals.co.uk>

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Improved dispersion adhesive with reduced slip for tiling

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| INITIAL SHEAR ADHESION STRENGTH              | > 1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup> |
| SHEAR ADHESION STRENGTH AFTER HEAT AGEING    | > 1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup> |
| OPEN TIME: TENSILE ADHESION STRENGTH (20MIN) | > 0.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup> |
| ADHESION STRENGTH AFTER WATER IMMERSION      | > 0.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup> |
| ADHESION STRENGTH AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES   | > 1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup> |
| REDUCED SLIP                                 | < 0.5mm                 |
| REACTION TO FIRE                             | CLASS F                 |

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