



BUILDING TRUST



## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

# Davco CTF 99

Ceramic tile / stone adhesives - floor and wall thin-set mortar

### DESCRIPTION

Davco CTF 99 is an economical thin bed cementitious tile adhesive ideal for fixing ceramic tiles, natural stones and most monocottura tiles interior and exterior walls and floors.

### USES

- Installation of tiles and natural stones onto concrete render, blockwork and rendered brickwork surface
- For walls and floors in both interior and exterior applications

### CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Excellent water resistance (when used with Davco Admix 99 Latex Additive)
- Easy Installation
- User friendly

### PRODUCT INFORMATION

<b>Packaging</b>	25 kg bag
<b>Shelf life</b>	6 months from date of production
<b>Storage conditions</b>	Store properly in dry conditions, in undamaged and unopened, original sealed packaging. Keep away from direct sunlight, rain and moisture.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

<b>Tensile adhesion strength</b>	Standard condition	$\geq 0.5 \text{ N/mm}^2$	(EN 12004-2:2017, 8.3)
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### APPLICATION INFORMATION

<b>Mixing ratio</b>	5.75–6.25 L of water per 25 kg bag
<b>Consumption</b>	This depends on the level, profile and surface roughness of the substrate, the size of the tiles and the technique of placing (simple placing or "back"-buttering). As a guide, in kilogram of powder per $\text{m}^2$ on flat surfaces:

<u>Tiles size</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Trowel size</u>
Mosaics and small tiles	~2.0–3.0 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	3 mm x 3 mm notched trowel
Normal size tiles (20 cm x 20 cm)	~5.0–5.5 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	6 mm x 6 mm notched trowel
Large size tiles up to 3 600 cm <sup>2</sup> (internal floors) and 2 100 cm <sup>2</sup> (external floors)	~10.0–11.0 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	12 mm x 12 mm notched trowel

The consumption above may only serve as a guide. It is highly recommended to carry-out trials on site to determine the actual coverage.

<b>Open Time</b>	~20 minutes at 25 °C
<b>Adjustability time</b>	~15 minutes at 25 °C
<b>Curing time</b>	~24 hours at 25 °C

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### SUBSTRATE QUALITY / PRE-TREATMENT

- All surfaces must be structurally sound, dry, clean and free from movement, oil, grease, wax, curing compound and any other loose or contaminating materials.
- Dusty concrete or masonry should be swept clean and dampened with water prior to the application of adhesive.
- Weak concrete and/or cement laitance must be removed. Repairs to the substrate, filling of blowholes / voids, etc. must be carried out using appropriate products from the SikaTop® or Sika® MonoTop® range of material.
- Painted surface must be scabbled / abraded to the original substrate. Newly rendered / screeded surface must be thoroughly cleaned prior to tiling and have a wood float finish.
- Old rendered / screeded surface must be thoroughly cleaned prior to tiling and have a wood float finish.
- New concrete must be allowed to cure for at least 1 month and have a wood float finish. Steel trowel finished concrete must be mechanically abraded prior to tiling.
- Old concrete surface must be thoroughly cleaned prior to tiling. Make sure all release agents are removed from concrete surfaces, especially on tilt-up slabs.
- Screeds should be allowed to dry out as slowly as practicable after curing to reduce the risk of curling. Cement and sand and fine concrete levelling screeds should be cured for at least 7 days and be subjected to continuous air drying after curing for at least 2 weeks before the tiling is applied. Please refer to BS 5385 or MS 1294.
- To ensure screed/render level is plumb to achieve optimum adhesive bed thickness.
- Certain non-absorbent surfaces can be easily prepared using Davco Bonding Agent. Refer to Davco Bonding Agent data sheet for further details and suitability.
- Remove the release powder at the back of porcelain tiles with clean water.

### MIXING

Pour clean water into a mixing container. Then, slowly add Davco CTF 99. Mix continuously in circular motion using low-speed mechanical mixer until a lump-free, creamy consistency and uniform paste is achieved. Allow the mix to stand for 5 minutes and re-mix prior to use.

### APPLICATION

Davco CTF 99 is spread onto the substrate using a proper and suitable notched trowel. The choice of trowel should be governed by the size of the tiles, depth of knobs, grooves or ridges on the back of the tiles and the evenness of the substrate.

Use the flat side of the notched trowel to spread the mix onto the receiving surface at approximately 1 m<sup>2</sup>. Then, use the notched side of the trowel to apply the required amount of the mix in one direction.

Press the tile in a perpendicular motion and tapped into position to ensure positive contact with the adhesive and adjust within 30 minutes.

For tile with grooves or ridges, it is necessary to skim a layer of adhesive / butter coat the back of the tiles. This is to ensure good bonding and adequate coverage between the adhesive and tile.

Ensure that the adhesive is wet when the tiles are laid. Do not allow the adhesive to skin-over prior to tiling. Should skinning occur, break the skin by re-trowelling the adhesive in the opposite direction.

Do not spread more than 1 m<sup>2</sup> at any one time. Fix tiles within 15 minutes of applying the adhesive and check contact by occasionally lifting the tiles.

Ensure there are no voids under the tiles and leave adequate wall & floor joints.

For external tiling, protect from direct sun and rain by means of a shelter. It is the user's responsibility to determine the condition and suitability of all surfaces prior to application.

### Grouting

Tile joint grouting should preferably be carried out at least 24 hours after completion of tiling or until the adhesive has set and dry sufficiently.

Setting may be delayed on dense or impervious surface.

## CLEANING OF EQUIPMENT

Clean all tools and application equipments with clean water immediately after use. Hardened or cured material can only be removed mechanically.

## IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- Where higher adhesion strength is required, Davco CTF 99 must be mixed with Davco Admix 99 Latex Additive
- Do not apply over single layer wood floors
- Do not use with moisture sensitive stones eg. green marble
- Do not use over rubber or strip wood floors
- Do not use over frozen or unsound substrates
- Do not use over wood, asphalt sheeting, vinyl covered wall board, cement asbestos board, metal, glass or plastics
- For porcelain tile installation – mix with latex additives eg. Davco Admix 99 Latex Additives

## BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA

All technical data stated in this Product Data Sheet are based on laboratory tests. Actual measured data may vary due to circumstances beyond our control.

## LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

Please note that as a result of specific local regulations the performance of this product may vary from country to country. Please consult the local Product Data Sheet for the exact description of the application fields.

## ECOLOGY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

For information and advice on the safe handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, users shall refer to the most recent Safety Data Sheet (SDS) containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

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