





## Polymer modified marble adhesive

#### Uses

Expanmarble\* Adhesive is a high quality adhesive for the permanent fixing of marble, quartz, ceramic and all types of tiles, especially design for white marble.

- Wet areas kitchens and bathrooms
- Tile claddings

#### **Advantages**

- · Keep the white marble bright for longer period
- · Good open wet time
- Good slip resistance
- · High adhesive bond strength
- Water proof
- Good slip resistance
- Can be used in totally submerged conditions

## Standards compliance

Expanmarble\* Adhesive conforms to BS5980 Class AA Type 1 and suitability for contact with potable water as per BS 6920 Part 1.

#### Description

Expanmarble\* Adhesive cementitious based powder is available in grey or white colour.

#### **Technical support**

Expanchem Fospak offers a comprehensive technical support service to specifiers, end users and contractors. It is also able to offer on-site technical assistance, an AutoCAD facility and dedicated specification assistance in locations all over the world.

#### Instructions for use

## Surface preparation

All surfaces must be sound and thoroughly clean before Expanmarble\* Adhesive is applied. All traces of grease or oil must be removed with a chemical degreaser. All loose particles of mortar, old wallpaper, paint etc. must be physically removed.

#### Surface Primer

Prior to the application of Expanmarble\* Adhesive apply Expanmarble\* Primer on well prepared concrete surface, Expanmarble\* Primer seal the surface and stop the penetration of any pigment into the Expanmarble\* Adhesive and keep the white marble brighter for longer period of time.

#### Surfaces

Expanmarble\* Adhesive can be applied directly on concrete, cement screeds, and cement or lime mortar. Special attention must be given to new construction prior to commencing tiling. Tiles should not be placed on concrete or block-work until all shrinkage movement has taken place.

To use Expanmarble\* Adhesive on gypsum or gypsum board substrates, diluted Expanbond\* PVA (1:3 with water) should be applied to the surface of the gypsum or gypsum board prior to application of Expanmarble\* Adhesive.

## Mixing

5 liters of water is required for each 20 kg bag, and 6.25 liters of water is required for each 25 kg bag of Expanmarble\* Adhesive. A slow speed drill fitted with a Expanchem Mixing Paddle is recommended. Add powder to water and mix for 3 minutes, until a uniform and lump-free consistency is achieved.

## **Application**

Expanmarble\* Adhesive should be spread on the substrate to a uniform thickness of 2-3mm, and then combed horizontally. Place marble firmly into adhesive bed, ensuring good contact with a twisting motion. Only apply to areas which can be tiled in the adhesive's open wet time (up to 1m² at a time).

#### Joints

It is recommended that when fixing marble, a minimum spacing of 2mm be left around each tile.

### **Finishing**

Remove excess adhesive with a damp cloth before material has set. Joint grouting with Expanmarble\* Grout may be commenced 24 hours after marble have been laid

### Cleaning

Expanmarble\* Adhesive should be removed from tools, equipment and mixers with clean water immediately after use. Cured material can only be removed mechanically.



## Limitations

Expanmarble\* Adhesive should not be used when the temperature is below 5°C and falling. The product should not be exposed to moving water during application. Ifany doubt arise concerning temperature or substrate conditions, consult your local Expanchem Fospak office.

## **Estimating**

#### Supply

Expanmarble\* Adhesive : 20 kg bags

#### Yield/Coverage

Expanmarble\* Adhesive : Approx. 14.48 liters / 20 kg

Expanmarble\* Primer : 4 - 5 sq.mt. / Ltr.

Note: Actual yield will vary according to water addition

#### Shelf life

All products have a shelf life of 12 months if kept in a dry store in the original, unopened bags.

### Storage conditions

Store in dry conditions in the original, unopened bags or packs. If stored at high temperature and / or high humidity conditions the shelf life may be reduced.

## **Precautions**

## Health and safety

Expanmarble\* Adhesive contains cement powders which, when mixed with water or upon becoming damp, release alkalis which can be harmful to the skin.

During use, avoid inhalation of the dust and contact with the skin or eyes. Wear suitable protective clothing - eye protection, gloves and respiratory equipment (particularly in confined spaces).

The use of barrier creams to provide additional skin protection is also advised. In case of contact with the skin, rinse with plenty of clean water, then cleanse thoroughly with soap and water.

In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of clean water and seek medical advice. If swallowed seek medical attention immediately - do not

#### **Fire**

## Expanmarble\* Adhesive is non-flammable

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