



ROP375 Acrylic Tile Adhesive

Description: ROP 375 Acrylic Tile Adhesive is a solvent free, high strength, acrylic adhesive for indoor installations of Roppe Rubber Tile, SafeTcork Vinyl Tile & North Coast Collection and Subfloor Leveler only, over recommended and properly prepared concrete and wood subfloors only, on grade or above grade. **Do not** use ROP375 to install Lug-Back Tile, Spike/Skate or 800 Series Rubber Tile. This adhesive contains antimicrobial protection that protects the dried/applied adhesive from mold, mildew, and bacteria that cause odors and product degradation. Use of this adhesive is limited to casual foot traffic, in areas where there are no lateral shear stresses or rolling loads, nor in areas that will not be subjected to topical moisture or liquids. **Sizes:** Adhesive is available in 1-gallon and 4-gallon pails. **Color:** White **Shelf Life:** Shelf life is one year stored at 70°F (21°C) in an unopened container stored at indoor room temperature. **Freeze Thaw Stability:** The adhesive is freeze/thaw stable to 5 cycles at 0°F (-18°C); however, it is recommended to protect all adhesive products from freezing. If frozen, **DO NOT** stir until material has completely thawed. **Clean-Up:** Remove wet adhesive with a soft, clean cloth dampened with warm soapy water. Dried adhesive can be removed using a clean white cloth and denatured alcohol. **Mixing:** No mixing is required.

Installation Temperature Ranges: The installation area, substrate, flooring, associated material and adhesive are to be maintained between 65°F (19°C) and 85°F(30°C) for at least 48 hours before installation, during installation, and thereafter. Room temperature must be maintained between 65°F (19°C) and 85°F (30°C) thereafter to prevent adhesive failure and to prevent distortion or destruction of flooring. In addition, the subfloors temperature range must also be between 65°F (19°C) and 85°F (30°C) prior to installation, during installation and maintained thereafter.

Use: Interior Installation of Rubber Tile, SafeTcork Vinyl Tile & North Coast Collection only, depending on substrate and installation type.

Calculated VOC's: Roppe 375 Acrylic Tile Adhesive Calculated VOC's according to California Rule #1168: 26 grams per liter of coating.

ROP375 Qualifications: Meets CHPS, SCAQMD, CRI Green Label Plus and LEED requirements.

Recommended Substrates: On or above grade and properly prepared concrete and wood subfloors. See Individual Product 10-Part Specification Sheet for complete details, cautions and warnings.

Limitations: Intended for the indoor installation only of Roppe Rubber Tile, SafeTcork Vinyl Tile & North Coast Collection. **Do not** use to install Lug-Back, Spike/Skate Rubber Tile or 800 Series Rubber Tile. **Do not** use ROP375 for installations subjected to rolling loads or lateral shear. **Do not** use below grade or over non-porous substrates. **Do not** use outdoors. There is to be no foot traffic until 24 hours after installation. There is to be no maintenance performed for at least 72 hours after installation. **Do not** use over existing floor-covering. **Do not** heat weld until at least 24 hours after installation.

Cautions: When installing flooring, either use a kneeling board, or for best results, work off the flooring to avoid shifting, adhesive displacement & adhesive telegraphing. Remove wet adhesive immediately. **Do not** allow adhesive to dry on the flooring, tools or surrounding areas since it may be impossible to remove. **Do not** allow adhesive to dry or skin-over which will result in either none or inadequate adhesive transfer resulting in an installation failure. All flooring must be properly rolled and re-rolled to ensure proper adhesive transfer.

Subfloor/Substrate Inspection and Preparation: All subfloors/substrates must be inspected prior to installation. All substrates must be clean, smooth, permanently dry, flat, and structurally sound. The substrate must be free of moisture, dust, sealers, primers, paint, oxidation, curing compounds, parting agents, residual adhesives, adhesive removers, hardeners, resinous compounds, solvents, wax, oil, grease, asphalt, gypsum compounds, alkaline salts, excessive carbonation or laitance, mold, mildew, any other extraneous coatings, films, materials and all other foreign matter which might interfere/restrict proper adhesive bonding. **DO NOT** use sweeping compounds, solvents, citrus adhesive removers, or acid etching to clean the substrate. **DO NOT** install flooring over gypsum-based or plaster based leveling or patching compounds. **DO NOT** install new floor covering over old floor covering, as the old floor covering may not be adequately bonded, hide possible structural defects, or cause plasticizer migration into the new flooring. In renovation or remodel work, remove all existing* adhesive residue so that 100% of the overall area of the original subfloor/substrate is exposed. Follow The Resilient Floor Covering Institute's (RFCI) "Recommended Work Practice for Removal of Existing Floor Covering and Adhesive, and all applicable industry, local, state, and federal standards. Care must be taken to analyze the conditions and correct any problems prior to installation. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for any patching or underlayment materials, excluding gypsum based or plaster based levelers or patching compounds.

*Some previous manufactured asphaltic "cutback" contained asbestos. For removal instructions, refer to the Resilient Floor Covering Institute's publication "Recommended Work Practices for Removal of Resilient Floor Covering".

Concrete Substrates: Concrete substrates on all Grade Levels must be tested in accordance with ASTM F 1869 Standard Test Method for Measuring Moisture Vapor Emission Rate of Concrete Subfloor Using Anhydrous Calcium Chloride or ASTM F 2170 Standard Test Method for Determining Relative Humidity in Concrete Floor Slabs using *in situ* Probes to quantitatively determine the amount of moisture vapor emission at least one week prior to the installation.

Caution: ASTM F 1869 or ASTM F 2170 tests cannot predict long-term moisture conditions of concrete slabs. Moisture testing only indicates moisture conditions at the time the tests are performed. Before conducting ASTM F 1869 or ASTM F 2170 test, the installation area must be maintained between for 65° F (19°C) and 85° F (30°C) or at least 48 hours prior to testing, during testing and thereafter. In addition, the concrete's temperature range must also be identical to that of the installation area. Conduct three tests for the first 1,000 sq. ft. and one additional test for each 1,000 sq. ft. or fraction thereof per grade level (on, below or above grade). The Vapor Emission Rate shall not exceed 4.0 lbs and Relative Humidity Test shall not exceed 70% when using ROP375 A pH test must be performed to test for excessive alkalinity using a pH pencil or litmus paper and deionized water. A scaly, sandy, or powdery surface is an indication of some form of contaminant, usually excessive alkalis or an alkali-silica residue. A pH reading higher than 8 is an indication of a potential problem and the concrete must be neutralized by rinsing with clear water. Apply clear water with a mop and allow to dry. Re-rinse with clear water, allow to dry and retest to ensure pH level is within acceptable range of 5 to 8 on the pH scale. Continue to neutralize until the pH level is acceptable.

Wood Subfloors: Wood subfloors to be used as subfloors/substrates are to follow the procedures recommended for Subfloor/Substrate Inspection and Preparation (see above). Wood subfloors should be of double layer construction with a minimum thickness of 1". Crawl spaces underneath wood subfloors shall be in compliance with local building code ventilation practices and have clearance of at least 18" of cross-ventilated space between the ground level and joists. Wood joists should be spaced on no more than 16" centers. Place a moisture retarder; having a maximum rating of 1.0 perm, on the top of the ground under the wood subfloor overlapped at least 8". APA, The Engineered Wood Association, Underlayment Grade plywood, minimum 3/8" thick, with a fully sanded face is to be used. Use APA approved exterior grade plywood if finished floors are subjected to moisture. OSB, lauan, maranti, solid-core mahogany, waferboard, particleboard, chipboard, flakeboard, tempered hardboard, glass mesh mortar units or cementitious tile backer boards, sheathing-grade plywood, preservative-treated plywood, or fire-retardant treated plywood are not recommended as some manufacturers may use resins or other adhesives in the manufacturing of the product that may cause discoloration or staining of the flooring. Wood subfloor movement, flexing or instability will cause the flooring installed to release, buckle or become distorted. **Do not** proceed with the installation until corrective

measures have been made. The warranties, performance, installation, and use are the responsibility of the manufacturer and/or contractor. **DO NOT** use plastic or resin filler to patch cracks. **DO NOT** use cement or rosin coated nails or staples or solvent-based construction adhesive to adhere the plywood. Installation on a sleeper, a wood subfloor system constructed over the top of concrete, is not recommended. Installation directly over Sturd-I-Floor panels is not recommended. All wood subfloors, single construction plywood floors, single and/or double tongue-and-groove strip floors, and wood plank floors must be prepared to receive resilient flooring in accordance with federal and industry standards. Follow the recommendations of the APA, The Engineered Wood Association, *Design/Construction Guide, Residential and Commercial*, and ASTM F 1482, *Standard Guide to Wood Underlayment Products Available for Use Under Resilient Flooring*, for the installation and proper construction of the panels to receive resilient flooring. It is the contractor's responsibility to determine if the subfloor is acceptable to receive the flooring.

Application: ROP 375 Spread coverage using a 1/32" x 1/16" x 1/32" flat "U" notch trowel is approximately 185-245 square feet per US gallon on a smooth substrate. Coverage will vary according to the type of surface, surface texture, spreading angle, and adhesive temperature.

Note: Over extremely porous or rough concrete, a 1/16"x 1/16" x 1/16" Square notch trowel may be required (125-184 sq/ft/gal). Approximate Working Time: 20-30 minutes (depending on substrate temperature, humidity & trowel size). At least 90% transfer to the products backing is required.

Warning: Follow all local, state, and federal standards and practices for the proper removal and disposal of flooring, adhesives, or other materials. Follow all local, state, federal, and manufacturer's safety standards for the use of all products and equipment.

* **Notice:** This document is intended as a general guide only. Therefore, refer to Individual Product 10-Part Specification Sheet for complete details, cautions and warnings.

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