



# C2FT

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## ATLAS GEOFLEX EXPRESS

### highly flexible rapid set gel adhesive 2-15 mm

- foot traffic and grouting just after 2 hours
- for installation of ceramic and natural stone tiles, porcelain-gres and mosaic
- for application in communication routes, bathrooms, balcony and terraces
- perfect spread and no slip even with large tiles
- for critical substrates e.g. old tiles, terrazzo, plasterboards, damp-proofing, floor heating, concrete and OSB
- wide range of mix water – consistency adjusted to the needs
- 2 up to 15 mm layer - for floating, thin- and thick-coat application
- application in temperatures from +5°C up to +35°C

### Unique Gel Technology

ATLAS GEOFLEX EXPRESS contains the unique siliceous gel technology. The siliceous gel offers exceptional ability of water retention which ensures full cement hydration, regardless the cladding type in use.

Use of the siliceous gel technology allows for:

- fixing cladding of any type, both porous and low suction,
- optimum adaptation of the adhesive consistency to individual contractor's preferences and actual needs resulting from particular use, by dosing water within a range much wider than in case of traditional adhesives,
- full adhesive spread underneath the tiles, which improves adhesion, particularly in case of outdoor use,
- safe cladding installation on substrates exposed to direct sunshine (if the temperature does not 35°C), both during tiling and the adhesive setting.

### Properties

ATLAS GEOFLEX EXPRESS is manufactured in the form of dry mix of highest quality cement binder, aggregates and special composition of natural and synthetic modifying agents.

**Rapid setting** – use of rapid setting cement in the adhesive formula allows for rapid increase of adhesion and strength, especially during the initial setting (first 2-3 hours after tiles installation). This ability enables to foot traffic and grouting just after 2 hours after tiles installation. The adhesive is recommended also for quick repairs of the floor (e.g. on balcony, terrace etc.)

**Wide range of adhesive thickness (2-15 mm) enables:**

- thin-coat cladding installation on even substrates,
- thin-coat cladding installation on uneven substrates, preceded by substrate floating,
- thick-coat cladding installation on uneven substrates, with no need for substrate floating.

**No cladding slip** – enables installation of the cladding from top to bottom with no need of support at the fixing stage.

**No shrinkage of the adhesive underneath the tile** – no subsidence of the tiles during setting – works can be continued after a break with no risk of level difference.

**Resistant to changing atmospheric conditions** – allows for quick and safe works in various atmospheric conditions. Rapid strength gain by the adhesive limits possibility of damaging cladding during installation outside of the building.

### Use

CLADDING TYPE	
glazed tiles	+
terracotta	+
porcelain gres	+
laminated gres	use ATLAS ULTRA GEOFLEX
natural stone cladding (granite, marble, travertine, syenite, slate, etc.)	carry out application test*
clinker	+
stoneware	+
ceramic mosaic	+
glass mosaic	carry out application test*
glass, coloured, printed tiles	carry out application test* and check recommendations of tiles manufacturer
concrete/cement mortar tiles	+
composite tiles	use ATLAS ULTRA GEOFLEX
insulation and sound absorbing panels	use ATLAS ULTRA GEOFLEX

\*application test description shown on section Important additional information

SIZE OF INSTALLED ELEMENTS	
small, medium and large sized tiles ( $\leq 0.25 \text{ m}^2$ ) and greater edge length $\leq 100 \text{ cm}$	+
large sized tiles ( $> 0.25 \text{ m}^2$ )	use ATLAS ULTRA GEOFLEX
slim tiles	use ATLAS ULTRA GEOFLEX

OBJECT TYPE	
residential buildings	+
public access, educational, office and healthcare facilities	+
commercial and service buildings	+
sacral buildings	+
industrial buildings and multi-storey garages	use ATLAS ULTRA GEOFLEX
industrial warehouses	use ATLAS ULTRA GEOFLEX
infrastructure buildings	use ATLAS ULTRA GEOFLEX
SPA objects	use ATLAS ULTRA GEOFLEX

INSTALLATION AREA	
low traffic areas	+
moderate traffic areas	+
heavy traffic areas	+
kitchen, bathroom, laundry, garage (in residential buildings)	+
terraces	+
balcony, loggia	+
external slab stairs	+
external post stairs (e.g. cantilever stairs)	use ATLAS ULTRA GEOFLEX
communication routes	+
facades (including external wall insulation systems)	use ATLAS PLUS
cladding on a plinths	+
technological reservoirs, swimming pools, fountains, jacuzzi, balneotechnology (without aggressive chemical agents)	use ATLAS ULTRA GEOFLEX
drinking water reservoirs	use ATLAS PLUS
sauna	use ATLAS ULTRA GEOFLEX
showers, car washes, rooms washed with plenty of water	+

SUBSTRATE TYPE - STANDARD	
cement floors and screeds	+
anhydrite screeds	+
cement, cement-lime plasters	+
gypsum plasters	+
walls made of cellular concrete	+
walls made of brick or silicate hollow blocks	+
walls made of brick or ceramic hollow blocks	+
walls made of gypsum blocks (only in case of tight joints or after plastering)	+

SUBSTRATE TYPE - DIFFICULT	
concrete	+
terrazzo	+
mineral, dispersive and reactive sealing coats	+
dry facing made of plasterboards	+
screeds (cement or anhydrite) with embedded floor heating, water or electrical	+
screeds with heating mat embedded in the adhesive	+
plasters with wall heating	+
plasterboards	+
gypsum fibre boards	+
cement fibre boards	+
existing ceramic or stone cladding (tile on tile)	+
resin varnishes on concrete, bonded with substrate	+
dispersive, oil painting coats, bonded with substrate	+
timber floors (thickness > 25 mm)	+
OSB/3, OSB/4 and plywood boards on the floor (thickness > 25 mm)	+
OSB/3, OSB/4 and plywood boards on the wall (thickness > 18 mm)	+
surfaces made of metal and steel	+
surfaces made of plastics	+

ATLAS GEOFLEX EXPRESS adhesive is applicable also for floating of standard and difficult substrates mentioned above

## Technical data

Bulk density	approx. 1.4 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Mixing ratio (water/dry mix)	0.24 ÷ 0.30/ 1 kg 6.0 ÷ 7.5 / 25 kg
Min./max. adhesive thickness	2 mm ÷ 15 mm
Adhesive preparation temperature, substrate and ambient temperature during work	from +5 °C up to +35 °C
Maturing time	5 minutes
Pot life*	approx. 45 minutes (for mixing ratio 0,24 l/kg) approx. 75 minutes (for mixing ratio 0,3 l/kg)
Open time*	min. 20 minutes
Adjustability time*	10 minutes
Floor access*	after 2 h
Grouting**	after 2 h
Full operation load – foot traffic*	after 2-6 hours
Full operation load – vehicle traffic**	after 24 h
Floor heating*	after 7 days

\*) The time shown in the table is recommended for the application in the temperature 23°C and humidity 55% (approx.).

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## Technical requirements

The product conforms to PN-EN 12004 + A1:2012 standard for C2FT class adhesive - cement-based adhesive of enhanced parameters, rapid-setting, of reduced slip for indoor and outdoor use, for walls and floors.

ATLAS GEOFLEX EXPRESS (2020) Declaration of Performance 229/CPR EN 12004:2007+A1:2012 (PN-EN 12004+A1:2012)	
Intended use: for any interior and exterior installation of tiles.	
Reaction to fire	A1/A1 <sub>fl</sub>
<b>Bonding strength defined as:</b> • initial bonding • early bonding	≥ 1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup> ≥ 0.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
<b>Bond durability in conditioning/thermal ageing conditions defined as:</b> • bonding after thermal ageing	≥ 1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
<b>Bond durability in water/damp conditions defined as:</b> • bonding after immersion in water	≥ 1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
<b>Bond durability in freeze-thaw cycles conditions defined as:</b> • bonding after freeze-thaw cycles	≥ 1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup>

## Substrate preparation

The substrate should be:

- **stable** – sufficiently sound, resistant to deformation, free from materials which would impair adhesion, stabilized.
- **even** – maximum adhesive thickness is 15 mm, in case of larger irregularities use, e.g. ATLAS ZW 330 mortar, screeds ATLAS SMS, SAM, POSTAR.
- **clean** – free from layers which can impair adhesion, especially dust, dirt, lime, oils, greases, wax, residues of oil and emulsion paints. The substrate coated with algae, fungi, etc. must be cleaned and protected with ATLAS MYKOS no 1 or ATLAS MYKOS PLUS agent.
- **primed with:**  
ATLAS UNI-GRUNT, ATLAS UNI-GRUNT ULTRA or ATLAS UNI-GRUNT PLUS – substrates of excessive or heterogenous absorptiveness,  
- ATLAS GRUNTO-PLAST – if the substrate absorptivity is low, or it is coated with layers limiting the adhesion.  
- ATLAS ULTRAGRUNT - if the tiles are installed on a critical substrates.
- **damp proofed** - in case of installation of the tiles in areas exposed to the water or dampness:  
- ATLAS WODER E - possible cladding installation after 2 hours for lightweight type damp proofing and 4 hours for heavy type damp proofing,  
- ATLAS WODER W, ATLAS WODER S - possible cladding installation after 24 hours,  
- ATLAS WODER DUO - possible cladding installation after 12 hours,  
- ATLAS WODER DUO EXPRESS - possible cladding installation after 3 hours.



## Detailed recommendations regarding the preparation of the substrate, depending on its type.

Substrate type	Recommendations
Freshly applied cement screeds ATLAS POSTAR 80, ATLAS SMS 15 or SMS 30	Stabilized min. 24 hours; optimum moisture content < 4% by weight.
Freshly applied cement screed ATLAS POSTAR 20	Stabilized min. 2 days; optimum moisture content < 4% by weight.
Other cement screeds	Stabilized min. 28 days; optimum moisture content < 4% by weight. Prime with ATLAS UNI-GRUNT or ATLAS UNI-GRUNT PLUS.
Anhydrite screeds ATLAS SAM 100, SAM 200 or SAM 500	Stabilized min. 2-3 weeks; optimum moisture content < 0.5% by weight. Prime with ATLAS UNI-GRUNT or ATLAS UNI-GRUNT PLUS. If, white surface tarnish forms during screed drying, it should be removed mechanically (grinded) and the surface dedusted. Screed grinding accelerates the process of its drying.
Cement and anhydrite screeds on floor heating	Prior to cladding fixing the screeds should be appropriately heated and primed with ATLAS UNI-GRUNT or ATLAS UNI-GRUNT PLUS
Terrazzo	De-grease the surface thoroughly, in case of waxed terrazzo remove the top layer or whole layer and execute a new one. Prime with ATLAS ULTRAGRUNT.
Walls made of silicate or ceramic bricks and hollow blocks, cellular concrete	Levelling coat required (plaster). Direct fixing onto rough wall is possible in case of appropriate substrate dimensional tolerance. In such case it is necessary to execute full joint wall (or re-fill the joints) and repair any gaps or irregularities with ready-to-use mortars. Prime with ATLAS UNI-GRUNT.
Cement and cement-lime plasters of ready-to-use ATLAS mortars	Stabilized min. 3 days* for each 10 mm of thickness; optimum moisture content < 4% by weight.
Other cement and cement-lime plasters	Stabilized min. 7 days*. Prime with ATLAS UNI-GRUNT
Gypsum plasters	Prime with ATLAS UNI-GRUNT or ATLAS UNI-GRUNT PLUS. If gypsum plaster is applied in a wet room it should be thoroughly protected against moisture. If dampness has form of short term action or moderate water splash, then the plaster should be coated with a preparation improving resistance against damp penetration, e.g. ATLAS GRUNTO-PLAST. In an environment even more exposed to moisture, it is necessary to make a tight waterproof coating, e.g. ATLAS WODER E.
Substrates levelled with ATLAS ZW 330 mortar	Stabilized min. 5 h for layer thickness 5 mm. Stabilized min. 10 h for layer thickness 10 mm. Stabilized min. 20 h for layer thickness 20 mm. Stabilized min. 48 h for layer thickness above 20 mm.
Concrete	Stabilized min. 21 days; optimum moisture content < 4% by weight. Remove residues of formwork oils and other substances which would impair adhesion. Prime with ATLAS ULTRAGRUNT. Holes, cracks and other gaps should be filled with ATLAS TEN-10 or ATLAS ZW 330 mortars.
Oil paints and resin lacquers coatings	Coatings of poor bonding to the substrate should be mechanically removed. Stable, well bonded coatings: grind, dust; prime oil coatings with ATLAS ULTRAGRUNT. Remove any gypsum fillers used for substrate levelling.
OSB boards and wooden floors – the layer composition should be designed and executed in the way excluding the possibility of deformation which may lead to the cladding damage	-check the boards type: on floors one may use boards OSB/3 and OSB/4 (acc. to PN-EN 300:2007), min. 25 mm thick, on walls – min. 18 mm thick, - check the superstructure stability, boards must not move under operation load; fix additional, stiffening boards layer, if needed, - matt the surface with 40-60 sand paper, - dedust the surface, - apply a layer of liquid foil ATLAS WODER W or ATLAS WODER E – in order to protect the board against humidity or increase of bonding, - use priming agent ATLAS ULTRAGRUNT – in order to increase of bonding (alternatively when liquid foil is not used).
Existing ceramic or stone tiles (indoors only)	- check bonding to the substrate of the existing cladding by tapping; individual loosening tiles must be removed, - clean and de-grease the existing tiles surface, - matt glazed tiles with a diamond grinder, - dedust the surface, - prime with ATLAS ULTRAGRUNT.

\*) The time shown in the table is recommended for the application in the temperature 20°C and humidity 50%.

## Cladding installation

### Adhesive preparation

Pour the adhesive from the bag into a container with the suitable amount of water (see Technical Data for ratio) and mix, using a low speed mixer with a drill for mortars, until homogenous. The adhesive should be left for 5 minutes and then remixed. So prepared adhesive should be used up within the time shown in TECHNICAL DATA table.

### Adhesive application

It is advised to rub a thin adhesive coat first and then apply the thicker coat and shape it with a notched trowel. It is recommended to lead a notched trowel in one direction. On walls, it is recommended to shape the adhesive in vertical direction.

### Placing the tiles

After the application, the adhesive retains its properties for ca. 20 minutes (in temperature approx. 23 °C and 55 % humidity). Within this time, the tile must be placed and pressed well (the contact surface between the adhesive and the tile should be uniform and as large as possible – min. 2/3 of tile surface). In case of floor tiles or tiling outdoors it is advisable to keep the full bonding surface (use the mixed method consisting in application of the adhesive on the substrate and tile bottom side, if needed). Remove the excess of the adhesive pressed into the joints immediately. Keep the joint width appropriate for the tile size and operation conditions (check data in the sheets of ATLAS grouts).

### Tile adjustment

The position of a tile can be adjusted with delicate moves along the bonding plane. It can be done within approximately 10 minutes since the tile is pressed (in temperature approx. 23 °C and 55 % humidity).

### Grouting and cladding use

It is recommended to use ATLAS grouting mortars for cladding grouting. Foot traffic and grouting is possible just 2 hours after tiles installation. Expansion joints, joints along the wall corners, at sanitary equipment, etc. should be filled with sanitary silicone ATLAS SILTON S.

## Exemplary technological cycle of cladding installation

Step (following layer)	Product	Conditioning of the layer before execution of the next step*
Substrate levelling	levelling mortar ATLAS ZW 330	approx. 5 h
	screed ATLAS POSTAR 80 screed ATLAS SMS 15 screed ATLAS SMS 30	approx. 1 day
	screed ATLAS POSTAR 20	approx. 2 days
	screed ATLAS POSTAR 10 screed ATLAS SAM 100	approx. 14 days
	screed ATLAS POSTAR 100 screed ATLAS POSTAR 40 screed ATLAS SAM 150 screed ATLAS SAM 200 screed ATLAS SAM 500	approx. 21 days
Damp-proofing**	ATLAS WODER E ATLAS WODER S ATLAS WODER W ATLAS WODER DUO ATLAS WODER DUO EXPRESS	approx. 2 h approx. 24 h approx. 24 h approx. 12 h approx. 3 h
Installation of tiles	ATLAS GEOFLEX EXPRESS	approx. 3 h
Grouting of tiles	grouting mortar ATLAS	-

\*detailed conditions regarding conditioning are shown in Technical Data Sheets of relevant products.

\*\* in systems without damp proofing, skip steps marked grey

## Consumption

Average consumption of adhesive shown in table below is applicable for application on even substrate. Substrate irregularities are increasing the consumption of the adhesive mortar.

Tiles size [cm]	Place of application	Recommended notches size [mm]	Consumption [kg/m <sup>2</sup> ]
2 x 2	wall	4	1.3
	floor	4	1.3
10 x 10	wall	4	1.3
	floor	6	2.0
15 x 60	wall	6	2.0
	floor	8	2.5
20 x 25	wall	6	2.0
	floor	8	2.5
25 x 40	wall	6	2.0
	floor	8	2.5
30 x 30	wall	6	2.0
	floor	8	2.5
30 x 60	wall	8	2.5
	floor	10	3.0
40 x 40	wall	8	2.5
	floor	10	3.0
50 x 50	wall	8	2.5
	floor	10	3.0
tiles – slab type*, e.g. 20 x 90 or 15 x 100	wall	8	2.5
	floor	10	3.0

\*for tiles of slab type, it is recommended to use the combined method of tiles fixing.

In case of application of tiles with so called combined method, the consumption is increased. In case of installation of a tiles on the floor with a 12 mm trowel with semicircular notches (liquefied consistency 7.5 l water / 25 kg of dry mix) - consumption 4.6 kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

## Packaging

Unit packaging
foil bag 25 kg
foil bag 22,5 kg
alubag 5 kg

## Important additional information

- The adhesive spreadability beneath a tile is reached when using the upper mixing ratio, i.e. approx. 0.3 l with 1 kg of dry mix. No slip is reached when using the lowest mixing ratio, i.e. 0.24 l with 1 kg of dry mix.
- When fixing the tiles on terraces divide the screed with expansion joints into max. 3 m x 3 m technological areas. It is acceptable to increase the area surface up to 25 m<sup>2</sup> on condition that expansion joints within the cladding are applied (recommended min. 4 cladding areas, each up to 9 m<sup>2</sup>). Keep the 1:1 - 1:2 ratio between the area sides when planning the technological areas. The screed expansion joints should be transferred onto the cladding and filled with ATLAS SILTON S silicone. The adhesive must fill the whole space beneath the tile.
- The time of technological breaks, product technical parameters, etc. refer to standard setting conditions, i.e. temperature +23°C (+/- 2°C) and 55% humidity (+/- 5%). In other thermal and humidity conditions the time indicated may vary.
- The tiles must not be soaked before fixing. When determining the adhesive thickness under the cladding, one should consider the geometric deviation of tiles shape, e.g. plane warpage.
- Conduct test application prior to natural stone tiles or glass elements fixing – apply a single tile. Keep the 60% of surface bonding (leave 40% of a tile with no contact with adhesive). Check the tile appearance after 2-3 days. The test is passed when there is no difference of shade of tile surface in contact and not in contact with the adhesive.
- Open time – from the moment of application of the adhesive to the moment of placing the tiles upon it – is limited. In order to check if it is still possible to fix tiles, performing a test is recommended. It consists in pressing your fingers against the adhesive. If the adhesive remains on the fingers, you may fix the tiles. If the fingers are clean, the old layer of the adhesive has to be removed and a new one applied.
- The tools must be cleaned with clean water directly after use. Difficult to remove residues of the set adhesive can be removed with the ATLAS AGENT FOR REMOVAL OF CEMENT DEPOSIT AND STAINS.
- Contains cement. May cause respiratory irritation. Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye damage. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid breathing dust. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/ eye protection/face protection. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. If skin irritation or a rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do – continue rinsing. Follow the instructions of the Safety Data Sheet.
- The adhesive must be transported and stored in tightly sealed, original and labelled bags, most preferably on pallets. Do not expose to the direct sunlight. Keep in dry, cool and well ventilated room, away from incompatible materials (see section 10 of Safety Data Sheet), food and beverages. Protect against humidity – product gets irreversibly solid after contact with water. Shelf life in foil bags in conditions as specified is 12 months from the production date shown on the packaging. Shelf life in alubags in conditions as specified is 24 months from the production date shown on the packaging. Content of soluble chromium (VI) in ready-to-use mix - ≤ 0.0002%.

*The above information constitutes basic guidelines for the application of the product and does not release the user from the obligation of carrying out works according to engineering principles and OHS regulations. At the time of publication of this product data sheet all previous ones become void. An up-to-date technical product documentation is available at [www.atlas.com.pl/en](http://www.atlas.com.pl/en).*

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