

# Level-Top

**Economical Self-Leveling** Cement-Based Underlayment

# SPECIALTY CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS

# **DESCRIPTION**

Level-Top is a polymer modified, cement based selfleveling floor underlayment designed for interior structural floors scheduled to receive carpet, resilient flooring, ceramic tile or other finished floor coverings.

# **USES**

- Level existing floors before the application of floor coverings
- Smooth rough surfaces on new poured-in-place or precast concrete floors
- Wearing surface for interior residential, commercial or light duty industrial applications
- Underlayment for resilient floor coverings, VCT, ceramic or quarry tile, hardwood floors

# **ADVANTAGES**

- Non-shrink with excellent bond and flexural strengths
- Fast setting, accepts ceramic or quarry tile and carpet in one hour, VCT, sheet goods and hardwood in two hours
- Does not contain gypsum, will not dust or powder
- plywood substrates

Packaging Product Number			
50 lb (22.7kg) bags	56 per pallet	F2215.50	

# **TECHNICAL DATA**

Test Data		
Working Time	15 to 20 minutes	
ASTM C191 Set Times	Final: 35 minutes	
ASTM C109 Compressive Strength 1 hour 1 day 7 days 28 days	1000 psi (7 MPa) 3500 psi (24 MPa) 5000 psi (34 MPa) 6000 psi (41 MPa)	
ASTM C157 Wet Cure Dry Cure	+0.036% -0.011	

Hard Dry Time @ 70 °F(21°C) with 50% R.H.		
Light Traffic	1 hour	
Accepts Covering*	1 to 2 hours	

\* Note: Consult floor covering manufacturer prior to placement for allowable moisture specifications

# **Estimating Guide**

Each bag covers approximately:  $55\text{ft}^2$  at 1/8" (5.1 m<sup>2</sup> at 0.32 cm) 27.5ft<sup>2</sup> at 1/4" (2.5 m<sup>2</sup> at 0.64 cm)

# **DIRECTIONS**

Substrate Preparation: Remove unsound concrete, including loose, frozen, broken or carbonated surfaces, curing or sealing compounds or coatings using Blastrac, Porta-Shot or Bartell surface removal equipment. Fill large May be placed over concrete, masonry or stable cracks, holes and voids with ChemMasters SpeedPatch, Featherpath or ChemSpeed 75 at least 36 hours prior to Level-Top placement. Contraction and control joints must be maintained through the **Level-Top**. Mark their location for later saw cutting.

> Ceramic and quarry tile, terrazzo, wood and tile or cutback covered surfaces require special attention. Consult ChemMasters' technical service for recommendations.

> Priming: Mix Polyweld Bonding Agent & Primer 1:1 by volume with clean, potable water and apply to clean, dry prepared surface with a broom, brush or short napped roller at a rate of 200 ft<sup>2</sup> per gallon (5 m<sup>2</sup>/liter). Apply an even coat removing any puddles. Very porous surfaces may require a second coat of primer once the first coat has dried to fully seal the floor. Allow primer to dry to touch completely. Keep primed surface clean and protected from abrasion. Place Level-Top within 48 hours of priming.

# Hand Mixing/Hand Pour:

Tools: Mixing barrel, gauged spreader, porcupine roller and 1/2 inch, heavy duty drill fitted with a mixing prop or jiffler blade.



**Mixing**: Mix each 50 pound bag of **Level-Top** with exactly 5 quarts of potable water. DO NOT OVER WATER. Mix two bags at a time. Add **Level-Top** to the water in the mixing barrel at a steady rate while mixing with a drill and paddle. Mixing for 2 to 3 minutes should achieve a lump-free mix.

**Pour**: Pour **Level-Top** from mixing barrel onto the area to be leveled. Spread out using gauged spreader tool set to the desired depth. Use spiked roller to disperse air bubbles. Repeat mixing and pouring until installation is complete. Use smoother for touchups. To avoid low spots between pours, pour into leading edge of previous pour before initial set and spread.

Maximum thickness of **Level-Top** in a neat system is 1.50 inches (3.8 cm). From 0.50 to 1.50 inches (1.3 to 3.8 cm), **Level-Top** may be extended with up to 25 pounds (11.3 kg) of coarse sand per bag of **Level-Top**. Extending **Level-Top** will increase the yield, but will severely reduce the self leveling properties of the product. Beyond 1.5 inches (3.8 cm) **Level-Top** must be extended with up to 25 pounds (11.3 kg) of 0.25 to 0.375 inch, clean, SSD pea gravel. Add aggregate extension following initial mixing, and blend until evenly dispersed throughout the batch. The addition of aggregate reduces flow and leaves a rougher surface. Do not add additional water to increase flow.

**Pump Application**: For specific pump methods and installation, contact ChemMasters. **Level-Top** may be pumped through a hose to the application site. Lay down a succession of 3 to 6 inch (8 to 15 cm) ribbons of material pumping into the leading edge of the preceding section. Depending on the pump used, 10,000 to 50,000 square feet (900 to 4.600 m²) can be placed per day. Use within 30 minutes of mixing. For best results ambient and surface temperatures should be between 50° to 90°F (10°to 32°C).

#### **CLEANUP**

Before material hardens and sets, clean tools and equipment with warm water.

#### LIMITATIONS

- Substrate and ambient temperatures must be a minimum of 50°F (10°C) at time of placement and for the following 24 hours.
- **Level-Top** hardens in 15 to 20 minutes. Prepare only enough for immediate use.
- Do not re-temper.
- Do not apply to frozen or frosted surfaces or over standing or running water.
- Exposure to direct sunlight and draft should be avoided during and shortly after placement of Level-Top. Storing bags in direct sunlight will reduce open time for Level-Top.

- Follow standard concrete placement practices in very cold or very hot temperatures.
- Do not place in areas subject to freeze/thaw cycling or to constant moisture

#### **STORAGE**

Store unopened bags in cool, dry area on pallets. Shelf life of properly stored material is one year from date of manufacture.

# Precautions:

**DANGER:** Harmful if swallowed. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Causes serious eye damage. May cause respiratory irritation. Suspected of causing cancer. May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled.

Precautionary Statements: Obtain special instruction before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash hands and skin thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the work-place. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Proper application is the responsibility of the user. Chem-Masters can only make technical recommendations and cannot provide quality control on the jobsite.

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