

ARDEX AF 160 U

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High strength





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DESCRIPTION

ARDEX AF160 is a water-based, low odour, solvent free, acrylic emulsion-based flooring adhesive containing a blend of high quality emulsions, mineral fillers and water. ARDEX AF160 U has a long tack time, with very good early and long term adhesive strength and is odourless when dry. ARDEX AF160 U is also suitable for use over normal underfloor heating systems. ARDEX AF160 U is designed for use on subfloors such as smoothed and leveled concrete and sand/cement screeds, latex and water-based levelling and smoothing compounds, terrazzo, plywood, hardboard and flooring grade chipboard.

AREAS OF APPLICATION

- PVC coverings
- CV coverings
- · Quartz vinyl tiles

• Textile floor-coverings with textile backing • Textile floor-coverings with latex, PVC or

PUR foam backing

On porous and non-porous substrates inside

SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

The sub-floor must have an effective DPM and must be dry, with an equilibrium relative humidity of 75% or below and be hard, clean, free of barrier materials, sound and smooth. Any free dust on the surface should be removed, preferably using suitable vacuum equipment, prior to applying ARDEX AF160 U as dust can affect both the yield and performance of floor-covering adhesives. Any repairs, levelling or smoothing should be carried out using the relevant surface preparation product and allowed to dry prior to application of the adhesive. Joints, nail holes, small gouges, etc., in plywood and chipboard may be pre-smoothed and levelled prior to the application of ARDEX AF160 U using ARDEX FEATHER FINISH.

INSTALLATION

The laying area and sub-floor should be kept at the appropriate temperatures as specified by the floor-covering manufacturer and the relevant standards. These temperatures need to be maintained for the specified time periods before/during laying and after the installation of the floorcovering. ARDEX AF160 U should be applied evenly to the suitably prepared substrate using the appropriate serrated trowel or serrated spatula, avoiding forming concentrations of adhesive.

Do not apply the adhesive over a larger floor area than can be covered by the floor covering within the working time of the adhesive. The floor-covering may then be applied directly into the wet adhesive. Alternatively, the adhesive can be allowed to develop surface tack prior to applying smooth or impervious backed floorings, ensuring that good transfer is achieved.

The double drop method may be employed in order to save time, as it will reduce the time required for the adhesive to dry. The flash-off (surface tack) time is typically 20 to 40 minutes depending upon temperature, humidity, porosity of the substrate and the size of notch trowel used. Roll the flooring using a 68kg flooring roller, or smoothing blade as appropriate, from end to end and from side to side, to ensure full overall contact with the adhesive. Note: Certain floor-coverings may require further rolling/smoothing. If the flooring seams are to be heat welded, it is advisable to allow a minimum of 12 hours

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Note: Underfloor-heating systems should be switched off at least 48 hours before installation and for 48 hours after completion. Do not subject the floor to loads, loaded rolleys, etc., or move fixtures, furniture, etc., onto the flooring until the adhesive has fully set, typically 48 hours at 20°C. Do not allow the floor to be wet cleaned immediately after the floor-covering has been installed. Allow sufficient time for the bond to develop.

COVERAGE

Notch size (mm): 1.5 x 5 Usage: approx. 360 g/m² Notch size (mm): 2.0 x 6 Usage: approx. 450 g/m² Note: The actual coverage achieved in practice is affected by application technique as well as the texture and absorbency of the sub-floor.

PACKAGING

ARDEX AF160 U is packed in plastic

STORAGE & SHELF LIFE

ARDEX AF160 U has a shelf life of not less than 12 months, if stored in good conditions between 5°C and 30°C in the original unopened containers

TECHNICAL PROPERTIES

Acrylic emulsion, water
based
Cream
Viscous liquid
Water, before drying

Open/drying time Up to 40 minutes depending on room temperature/humidity and absorbency of the sub-floor

Flashpoint:	Not applicable
Suitable for	
underfloor heating	Yes

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