



253R GOLD RAPID

253R Gold Rapid is a fast setting, bagged cementitious powder to be mixed only with water to install ceramic tile, porcelain tile and stone using the thin-set method of installation.

**Globally Proven
Construction Solutions**



FEATURES/BENEFITS

- Rapid setting, ready for grouting in 2 - 4 hours
- High bond strength
- Interior and exterior
- Exceeds ANSI A118.4F requirements
- Smooth, creamy and easy to install

USES

- Designed for interior and exterior floor and wall installations of all types of ceramic tiles and stone over concrete, exterior glue plywood and a variety of other substrates.

PACKAGING

- 22.7kg bag, 56 bags per pallet

SUITABLE SUBSTRATES

- Concrete
- Concrete Masonry
- Brick Masonry
- Vinyl Or Other Resilient Tile
- Gypsum Wallboard
- Cement Plaster
- Cement Terrazzo
- Plastic Laminate
- Exterior Glue Plywood*
- Cement Backer Board~

*Interior use only.

~Check with cement backer board manufacturer for suitability, exterior work and load limits.

MANUFACTURER

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Approximate Coverage (per 22.7kg bag)

7.4 – 8.8 m ²	/	6 mm x 6 mm notched trowel
5.6 – 6.5 m	/	9 mm x 6 mm notched trowel
3.7 – 4.4 m ²	/	12 mm x 12 mm notched trowel.

Coverage will vary depending upon trowel notch size, type and size of tile and substrate.

Shelf Life

Factory sealed bags of this product are guaranteed to be of first quality for one (1) year from date of manufacture when stored off ground in a dry area. High humidity will reduce the shelf life of bagged product.

Limitations

- Not for use directly over OSB, interior glue plywood, particle board, luan, Masonite® or hardwood floors.
- For veneer installations using this product, consult local building code requirements regarding limitations and installation system specifications.
- Adhesives/mastics, mortars and grouts for ceramic tile, pavers, brick and stone are not replacements for waterproofing membranes. When a waterproofing membrane is required, use a LATICRETE® HYDRO BAN® waterproofing membrane.
- Not for use in submerged applications. For these applications, use LATICRETE 254 Adhesive.
- Note: Surfaces must be structurally sound, stable and rigid enough to support ceramic/stone tile, thin brick and similar finishes. Substrate deflection under all live, dead and impact loads, including concentrated loads, must not exceed L/360 for thin bed ceramic tile/brick installations or L/720 for thin bed stone installation where L=span length (except where local building codes specify more stringent deflection requirements)

Cautions

Before using any LATICRETE product:

- Consult SDS for safety information.
- Some marbles and other stone have low flexural strength and may not be suitable for installation over wood floors.
- For white and light-coloured marbles use a white LATICRETE adhesive. For green marble, resin backed tile and stone and other moisture sensitive marbles and agglomerates, use LATAPOXY® 300 Adhesive (refer to Data Sheet 1047NZ).
- Protect finished work from traffic until fully cured.
- Contains Portland cement and Silica sand. May irritate eyes and skin. Avoid contact with eyes or prolonged contact with skin. In case of contact, flush thoroughly with water. Wear protective gloves, protective clothing and eye protection when handling.
- DO NOT take internally. Silica sand may cause cancer, respiratory irritation or serious lung problems. Do not breathe dust. Wear a respirator in dusty areas.
- Keep out of reach of children.

TECHNICAL DATA**VOC Product Information**

Total VOC Content of product in unused form is 0.00 g/L.

Applicable Standard

- ANSI A118.4F and A118.11
- This product has a cradle-to-grave Industry-Wide Environmental Product Declaration. The PCR review, life cycle assessment and declaration were independently verified by UL Environment in accordance with ISO 14025, ISO 14040 and ISO 14044.

Physical Properties

Test	Test Method	Results	ANSI Specification
Porcelain Tile Shear Strength	ANSI A118.4–5.2.4	2.1–2.6 MPa	> 1.4 MPa
Porcelain Tile Shear Strength Water Immersion	ANSI A118.4–5.2.3	1.03–1.4 MPa	> 1.03 MPa
Quarry Tile to Plywood Shear Strength	ANSI A118.11–4.1.2	1.03–1.4 MPa	> 1.03 MPa
4 Hour Porcelain Tile Shear Strength	ANSI A118.4–5.5	0.5–0.7 MPa	> 0.3 MPa

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Working Properties at 21 °C

Open Time	30 minutes
Pot Life	50 minutes
Time to Grout	2–4 hours

Specifications subject to change without notification. Results shown are typical but reflect test procedures used. Actual field performance will depend on installation methods and site conditions.

INSTALLATIONS**Surface Preparation**

All surfaces should be between 4°C and 32°C and structurally sound, clean and free of all dirt, oil, grease, paint, concrete sealers or curing compounds. Rough or uneven concrete surfaces should be made smooth with Latex Portland Cement Underlayment to provide a wood float (or better) finish. Dry, dusty concrete slabs or masonry should be dampened and excess water swept off. Installation may be made on a damp surface. New concrete slabs shall be damp cured and 28 days old before application. All substrates must be plumb and true to the required tolerances based on format size of tile. Movement joints shall be provided through the tile work from all construction or movement joints in the substrate. Follow Australian Standards requirements for Movement Joints in AS3958 & TCNA detail EJ-171. Do not cover movement joints with adhesive

Mixing – 22.7 kg bag

Place clean, potable water into a clean pail. Add 253R Gold Rapid. Use approximately 5.7L of water for 22.7kg of powder. Mix by hand or with a slow speed mixer to a smooth, trowelable consistency. If adhesive tightens up, remix for 20 seconds without water to extend pot life. During use, stir occasionally to keep mix fluffy. Do not temper with water.

Application

Apply adhesive to the substrate with the flat side of the trowel, pressing firmly to work into surface. Comb on additional adhesive with the notched side.

Note: Use proper sized notched trowel to ensure full bedding and appropriate adhesive thickness under tile. Spread as much adhesive as can be covered with tile in 10–15 minutes or whilst adhesive is wet and tacky. Back butter large tiles >200mm x 200mm to provide full bedding and firm support if required. Place tiles into wet, sticky adhesive and beat in using a beating block, rubber mallet and/or slide the tile back and forth to embed tile and adjust level. Check adhesive for complete coverage by periodically removing a tile and inspecting bedding adhesive transfer onto back of tile. If adhesive is skinned over (not sticky), remove and replace with fresh adhesive.

Grouting

Grout installation after a minimum of 24 hours curing time at 21°C. Grout with SPECTRALOCK^{®1} PRO Premium Grout; or, PERMACOLOR Grout.

Cleaning

Clean tools and tile work with water while adhesive is fresh.

AVAILABILITY AND COST**Availability**

LATICRETE and LATAPOXY[®] materials are available worldwide.

For Distributor information:

Telephone: +64 9 394 1900

For online distributor information, visit LATICRETE at nz.laticrete.com

Cost

Contact a LATICRETE Distributor in your area.

MAINTENANCE

LATICRETE and LATAPOXY grouts, sealers and sealants require routine maintenance and cleaning with a neutral pH detergent and water. See TDS 1113 for more information.

All other LATICRETE and LATAPOXY non-finish materials require no maintenance but installation performance and durability may depend on properly maintaining products supplied by other manufacturers.

TECHNICAL SERVICES**Technical assistance**

Information is available by calling:

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Technical and safety literature

To acquire technical and safety literature, please visit our website at

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DISCLAIMER

- The information contained in this document is given in good faith and to the best of our knowledge is true and accurate.
- This information is subject to change without notice and it is the responsibility of the user to obtain up to date and current information.
- The use of this product is beyond our control and liability is assumed by the user when used incorrectly and not in accordance with LATICRETE[®] guidelines.
- The manufacturer is not responsible for any loss or damage arising from incorrect usage of this product.
- The specifier or other party responsible for the project must ensure that the details in this data sheet are appropriate for the intended application and that additional detailing is performed for specific design or any areas that fall outside the scope of this specification.
- Efflorescence is a normal condition of Portland cement and is not covered by any warranty. The use of LATAPOXY[®] SP-100, LATAPOXY 310 Stone Adhesive, LATAPOXY 300 Adhesive, SPECTRALOCK[®] PRO Premium Grout¹ and SPECTRALOCK 2000 IG will not contribute to any noticeable efflorescence.

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¹ United States Patent No.: 6,881,768 (and other Patents).