



# AQUAFIX WATERPROOF FIX N GROUT

Issue – EBWPGF/0705

**BRILLIANT WHITE  
NON SLIP**

**HIGH BOND STRENGTH  
FULLY WATER RESISTANT**

**SUITABLE FOR POWER  
SHOWER AREAS**

## **DESCRIPTION:**

AQUAFIX is a brilliant white ready mixed adhesive paste, for use as an All-purpose thin-bed waterproof ceramic wall tile adhesive and joint filling grout, which conforms to BS 5980 Type 2 Class AA (BS EN 12004 Type D, Class 2T). Suitable for fixing all types of ceramic wall tiles, including mosaics, porcelain and vitrified tiles in internal locations such as bathrooms, kitchens and shower areas where the tiled surface is subject to frequent wetting, but not total water immersion. AQUAFIX can be applied to gypsum plaster, cement fibreboard, existing tiles, cement render, concrete blockwork, timber panels and plywood composite boards. AQUAFIX is recommended for use in areas such as multi-shower changing rooms, steam rooms, power showers, worktops and any tiled wall surface, which is subject to persistent humidity or frequent wetting. The dual purpose application properties of AQUAFIX make it particularly suited to small area DIY applications and localised repairs.

## **SURFACE PREPARATION:**

All surfaces must be clean, firm and free of dust, dirt, oil, grease and loose flaking coatings. Gypsum finishing plaster should be at least 4 to 6 weeks old, thoroughly dry and wiped clean of dust, efflorescence and loose flaking material. Highly polished (shiny) plaster surfaces should be roughened with a stiff brush, removing all loose fines. All plaster and porous masonry surfaces should be primed with TILERS PRIMER diluted as 1 part to 3 parts with water and allowed to dry. All wood-based surfaces, (plywood and composite panel-boards) should be dry, sealed on all exposed faces and edges and then primed using TILERS PRIMER diluted as 1 to 3 parts water. Timber boarding should be waterproof rated, 15mm thick and be screw fixed at 150mm centres to provide a dimensionally stable background as described in BS 5385. In frequently wet areas where AQUAFIX is used it is not recommended that wall panels be constructed from plasterboard or any composite material, which does not have some degree of water resistance. All boards must be level, showing no edge protrusions and be fixed in place with a 0.5 to 1mm gap to avoid expansion stresses between the boards and around the wall corners. Expansion joints should be installed in accordance with the recommendations of BS 5385. Remove areas of unsound (emulsion based) paint from walls and when tiling over existing tiles ensure they are securely fixed in all areas. Thoroughly clean and dry tiled, or non-porous surfaces and slightly score out joints to provide a key.

## **APPLICATION METHOD:**

AQUAFIX is intended for application by a notched trowel (5mm x 5mm notch at 10 mm centres) to give a ribbed bed on the wall surface, into which the tiles are firmly bedded with a twist and slide action to ensure complete contact, without any voids or gaps remaining beneath the tiles. The position of the tiles can be adjusted up to 10 minutes after initial fixing. Open time of the exposed adhesive bed is approximately 20 minutes, depending on surface porosity and site conditions, however in warm rooms this period may be reduced – check the adhesive remains “tacky to touch” as fixing proceeds. Do not trowel out an area of adhesive greater than can be tiled over within a 10 minute period (about 1 square metre). The final adhesive bed depth should be in the range of 2 to 3mm and grout joints should be at least 2mm, unless self-spacing tiles are used. Ensure all adhesive residues remaining on the tile face are wiped clean with a moist cloth as fixing proceeds. AQUAFIX should not be applied onto walls affected by penetrating damp, or when temperature is below 5°C. When fixing porcelain tiles the drying time of the adhesive will be significantly extended therefore grouting should be delayed until the adhesive is fully dry, additionally any porcelain tiles of size 300mm x 300mm or greater should ideally be fixed using a cement based adhesive. Additionally, all types of large format ceramic tile, i.e. those with dimensions of 300mm x 400mm or more, will also significantly prolong the drying time of this adhesive and a cement based alternative is strongly recommended in such circumstances.

## **GROUTING:**

Grouting may proceed as soon as the tile bed is sufficiently firm, which depending upon site conditions can be from 24 hours after fixing on porous surfaces such as plaster or up to 7 days where tiles have been fixed to an impermeable surface such as existing tiles or waterproof boards. These periods however may be prolonged in cold conditions. When grouting with AQUAFIX, thoroughly stir the paste to a creamy consistency and use either a sponge or rubber squeegee to work AQUAFIX thoroughly and completely into all the joint spaces. Joint widths of up to 6mm wide and 10mm deep can be grouted using AQUAFIX. Wipe off excess grout with a damp cloth and allow up to 14 days for both the adhesive and grout to fully dry out before subjecting the tiled area to contact with water.

## **COVERAGE:**

Depends on the surface texture and porosity, however on a typical smooth plastered wall using 150mm x 150mm x 6mm tiles with a 2mm joint width AQUAFIX will “fix and grout” at a rate of approximately 2.5 kg per square metre.

## **TECHNICAL SUMMARY:**

**APPEARANCE:**

**WATER RESISTANT:**

**OPEN TIME:**

**INITIAL DRYING TIME:**

**COVERAGE:**

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<b>PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:</b>			
<b>AQUAFIX - WATERPROOF FIX n GROUT</b>			
<b>COMPOSITION:</b> A brilliant white, viscous, dispersion based paste incorporating calcium / magnesium carbonate fillers, acrylic co-polymer emulsion, in-can preservative, coalescent, cellulose ether and wetting agents.		<b>HAZARDS CLASSIFICATION:</b> NON -HAZARDOUS	
<b>FIRST AID MEASURES:</b>			
<b>INHALATION:</b> Polymer odour may be prominent in a poorly ventilated, confined space. Remove to fresh air and If irritation or breathing difficulties persist, seek medical attention.	<b>SKIN CONTACT:</b> Wash off skin immediately with warm soapy water. Remove contaminated clothing and launder regularly. Where irritation to skin is apparent seek prompt medical attention.	<b>INGESTION:</b> Clean out mouth with copious volumes of water and drink plenty. Do not induce vomiting. Beware of aspiration if vomiting occurs. Seek prompt medical attention and show this data sheet.	<b>EYE CONTACT:</b> Irrigate thoroughly for 15 minutes with clean running water or a boric saline eye wash bottle. Seek medical attention should eye irritation persist or become inflamed.
<b>FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES:</b> <b>NON FLAMMABLE</b> Recommended extinguishers – Dry powder; Foam, CO2 – (Polypropylene bucket will support the spread of fire) Hazardous decomposition when subject to combustion – none known Special procedures – N/A			
<b>ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES:</b> Scrape spillages into a waste container and wash remaining residues away with warm soapy water and mark container for disposal in accordance with Local Authority regulations for non-hazardous general building wastes. Consult protective Equipment section for advice when handling spillages.			
<b>HANDLING &amp; STORAGE:</b> Handling: Ensure adequate ventilation and avoid localised sources of heat or prolonged exposure to sunlight. Storage: Store in well-sealed, clearly marked containers. Keep out of reach of children in a cool well-ventilated environment and do not stack 10 litre buckets more than 4 high to avoid risk of collapse.			
<b>EXPOSURE CONTROL / PERSONAL PROTECTION:</b> Notify persons occupying property when product is in use and advise necessary precautions.			
<b>Respiratory:</b> Good ventilation, is necessary when applying in a confined space.	<b>Hand:</b> Wear overalls, PVC gloves and safety boots when applying adhesive	<b>Eye:</b> Goggles not required, although see FIRST AID if eye contact occurs	<b>Skin:</b> Overalls should be worn and laundered regularly where contact with adhesive is likely.

## SAFETY DATA SHEET No. 043 – issue date: 03-06-03

### PRODUCT: AQUAFIX: Water-proof Fix n Grout

<b>PHYSICO-CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:</b>		
Appearance – White, Viscous paste Boiling point range – n/a Solubility – partially in water only Auto ignition temp – n/a Specific gravity - 1.70 +/- 0.05 Miscibility – water only Evaporation rate - N/A	Odour – distinctive acrylic odour Vapour pressure – negligible Flash point - N/A Explosive properties - N/A Viscosity – 15,000 - 22,000 Mpa.s PH - 8.5 +/- 1.0 Oxidising properties - N/A	
<b>STABILITY &amp; REACTIVITY:</b> Conditions to avoid - High temperatures. Materials to avoid – Strong acids Hazardous decomposition products - N/A		
<b>TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:</b> Routes of exposure – Skin contact and ingestion. Key Health effect – Prolonged, unattended skin contact may cause local irritation & redness. Acute toxicity: N/A Irritation: Slight		
Sensitisation: N/A Mutagenicity: N/A	Carcinogenicity: N/A Reproductive toxicity: N/A	
<b>ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION:</b> Bio-accumulative potential – not expected to bio-accumulate. Ecotoxicity: Will not adversely affect watercourses. Environmental Persistence – Components are either biologically inert or slowly bio-degradable.		
<b>DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS:</b> Dried residues can be re-wet and scraped up. Unused product and freshly contaminated application materials must be disposed of in accordance with local authority regulations for non-hazardous builders waste.		
<b>TRANSPORT INFORMATION:</b> NOT CLASSIFIED as Dangerous goods under ADR / CPL / IMDG / IMCO regulations.		
<b>REGULATORY INFORMATION:</b> <b>CHIP Hazard symbols: Not classified under CHIP 3 regulations</b> Contains no hazardous substances in excess of minimum level for classification. <b>Other regulatory controls:</b> Health & Safety @ Work Act 1974; Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 1994. Environmental Protection Act 1990.		
<b>FURTHER INFORMATION:</b> The information supplied in this safety data sheet is intended to assist in the use of the above product without risk to safety and health and is based on current knowledge and experience of the associated physico-chemical hazards. The data does not signify any warranty with regard to the product's properties. This information may be used to assist in formulating a COSHH risk assessment if applied at work.		