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# ARDEX E 101

## **Grout Improver Admix**

#### **Features**

- For use with ARDEX F 4, ARDEX C 2 and ARDEX GK tile grouts
- Produces flexible and water repellent joints
- Provides protection for moisture-sensitive backgrounds
- For use when grouting tile joints on heated subfloors
- · Recommended when tiling to wood-based sheets and boards
- Provides increased adhesion to dense tile edges



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#### **DESCRIPTION**

ARDEX E 101 is an admix for use with ARDEX F 4, ARDEX C 2 or ARDEX GK and normal cement/sand grouting mortars in internal and external situations. The addition of ARDEX E 101 gives elastic and water repellent properties to the set and hardened grout as well as improving adhesion. The modified mortar can be used for grouting ceramic wall and floor tiles, ceramic and glass mosaics, brick slips, porcelain etc.

#### **USE**

ARDEX E 101 is used to provide: additional protection to moisture-sensitive substrates in domestic bathrooms, showers and kitchens; water repellent joints between tiles on balconies, on external cladding etc.; improved flexibility for joints between tiles fixed to backings subject to movement such as plasterboard, chipboard, plywood etc.; and increased elastic properties for joints between tiles fixed to heated subfloors and to substrates subject to limited moisture movement.

#### **MIXING**

For use with ARDEX C 2, ARDEX GK and normal cement/sand grouting mortars, ARDEX E 101 should be diluted with an equal volume of clean water.

For use with ARDEX F 4, dilute ARDEX E 101 with two volumes of clean water.

Use a clean mixing container and add the cement-based grout to the diluted ARDEX E 101 whilst stirring thoroughly to obtain the required consistency.

#### **APPLICATION**

The ARDEX grout, incorporating ARDEX E 101, is applied using a rubber squeegee, working the mixed grout thoroughly into the joints to ensure that they are completely filled.

Excess grout on the tile surface should be removed as work proceeds.

Any residues left on the tiles should then be cleaned off with a damp sponge. If the mortar is allowed to dry and harden on the tile surface, cleaning off will be difficult.

**NOTE:** The colour of a grout mixed with water may not match the colour of the same grout mixed with ARDEX E 101; therefore use the same mix throughout to obtain a uniform grout colour.

Certain types of tiles may be prone to surface discolouration or scratching when using grout mortars e.g. some natural stone or absorbent, textured or soft glazed ceramic tiles. Consult either BS 5385: Part 1 for further information or the tile manufacturer/distributor for advice. If in doubt carry out a trial application beforehand.

#### MATERIAL REQUIREMENT

Approximately 1kg of ARDEX E 101 is required for 11kg of grout.

#### **PACKAGING**

ARDEX E 101 is packed in polyethylene containers – net weight 1kg and 5kg.

#### STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

ARDEX E 101 must be stored in unopened packaging, clear of the ground in cool dry conditions and be protected from excessive draught, frost and direct sunlight. If stored correctly as detailed above, the shelf life of this product is 12 months from the date shown on the packaging.

**NOTE:** For the latest health and safety data on this product, consult the current health and safety data sheet online at **www.ardex.co.uk** 

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

The modulus of elasticity of ARDEX grouts improved with ARDEX E 101 is between 5000 and 6500 N/mm<sup>2</sup>.

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