



ARDEX FG 4

(Product Name Transition from ARDEX F 4)

Unsanded Wall & Floor Coloured Grout

Fine, smooth grout that is easy to apply and clean off

For use on walls & floors: tile joints up to 4mm wide

For internal and external applications

Available in different colours matching tile trends

Green product certified material



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DESCRIPTION

ARDEX FG 4 is a cement-based fine, smooth grouting compound for ceramic wall tiles and mosaics where the joint width does not exceed 4mm.

The powder is mixed with water to produce a soft, creamy and easily worked mortar with good filling properties, allowing joints to be completely filled in one operation.

The hardened ARDEX FG 4 is smooth, weather resistant, unaffected by water and can be used for internal and external tiling in dry and wet conditions, including swimming pools with non-aggressive water conditions.

NOTE: Where chemical spillages or corrosive liquids are likely to be in contact with the tile joints, use ARDEX EG 15.

ARDEX FG 4 can be used with the addition of ARDEX Grout Booster to product tile joints with improved properties.

SURFACE PREPARATION

Ensure tiles are firmly fixed and joints are clean, free of dust, excess adhesive and bedding mortar, etc.

MIXING PROPORTIONS

Mix the ARDEX FG 4 with the recommended water ratio of approximately 25 - 28% as shown in the table below.

1kg	0.25L - 0.28L / 1kg powder
20kg	5L - 5.6L / 20kg powder

MIXING

To the required amount of clean water in a clean mixing container add the powder whilst stirring thoroughly until a creamy, easily worked mortar is obtained. The mixed grout has a working time of 2 to 3 hours at 20°C. Higher temperatures shorten the working time.

NOTE: Certain types of tile may be prone to surface discolouration or scratching when using this grout e.g. some natural stone or absorbent, textured or soft glazed ceramic tiles.

Consult BS 5385 : Part 1 : 1995 for further information or consult the tile manufacturer/distributor for advice. If in doubt, carry out a trial application.

APPLICATION

Using a rubber squeegee or sponge, work the mixed grout thoroughly into the joints ensuring they are completely filled. Excess grout should be removed as work proceeds and any residues left on the tile face can be removed by wiping off with a damp sponge between 15 minutes and 2 hours after application. Any dry film remaining on the tile surface can be removed by polishing off with a dry cloth when the grout has hardened in the joints. Apply at temperatures above 5°C.

DRYING TIMES

Approximately 24 hours at 23°C and 50% relative humidity. Allow longer for lower temperatures or high relative humidity.

COVERAGE

Approximate coverage shown below. Allow 15 - 20% for wastage depending on site conditions, tile type etc.

Tile Size (mm)			20kg bag covers (m²)			
			Joint width (mm)			
Length	Width	Thickness	1.5mm	2mm	3mm	4mm
25	25	5	22	17	11	8
50	50	5	44	33	22	17
100	100	5	89	67	44	33
150	150	5	133	100	67	50
300	300	5	267	200	133	100

CLEANING

All tools should be cleaned with water immediately after use.

TECHNICAL DATA

Mixing ratio:	0.25L - 0.28L / 1kg powder 5L - 5.6L / 20kg powder
Working time:	2-3hrs @ 20°C
Drying time:	24hrs @ 20°C
Initial set:	approx. 2 1/2 hrs

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Final set:	approx. 4 hrs
Bulk density of powder:	approx. 1.2 kg/litre
Density of fresh mortar:	approx. 2.0 kg/litre
Brinell hardness after 7 days:	approx. 55 N/mm ²
Compressive Strength after 28 days:	≥ 20 Mpa
Flexural Strength after 28 days:	≥ 5 Mpa
Water absorption, 30 mins	≤ 2 g
Colours:	18 (see colour chart)

PACKAGING

ARDEX FG 4 is packed in 1kg and 20kg bag.

STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

ARDEX FG 4 must be stored in unopened packaging, clear of ground in cool dry conditions and be protected from excessive draught. If stored correctly, as detailed above, the shelf life of this product is 12 months from the date shown on the packaging.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

ARDEX FG 4 contains more than 20% portland cement and, in line with current legislation, is classified as irritating to eyes and skin. For this reason the following precautions should be observed: Avoid contact with skin and eyes, in case of contact with the eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Wear suitable gloves and keep the product out of the reach of children. Avoid generation of airborne dust during mixing. For further safety data, consult the Safety Datasheet available online at www.ardex-quickseal.com.

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