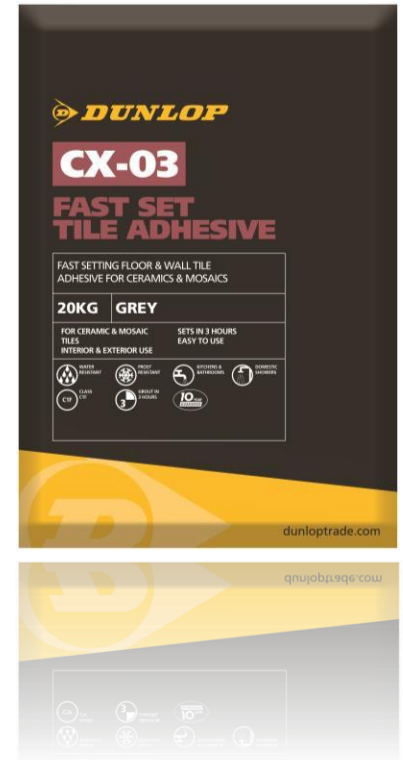


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TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Size	20kg
Colour	Grey
Classification	C1F
Composition	Fast setting cementitious adhesive
Coverage (20kg bag)	At 3mm thickness: 2kg/m ² for dry wall areas 3.5kg/m ² for floors, exterior and wet areas
Pot Life*	45 mins
Open Time*	10-15 minutes
Setting Time*	3 hours
Grout After*	3 hours
Bed Thickness	3-6mm
Application Temperature	Room Temperature approx. 20°C (do not use below 5°C)
Storage & Shelf Life	This product must be stored in unopened packaging, clear of the ground in cool dry conditions between 5°C and 30°C and protected from excessive draught. Ensure part-used bags are resealed. If stored correctly the shelf life of this product is 12 months.

*Depending on temperatures, background and site conditions.

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SITUATION

Walls	✓	The surface must be clean, dry, sound and flat.
Floors	✓	The surface must be clean, dry, sound. The surface may require priming such as DUNLOP MULTI-PURPOSE PRIMER or DUNLOP UNIVERSAL BONDING AGENT, dependent on the type of background
Interior Dry	✓	
Wet Areas	✓	Background should be protected from water ingress. (e.g. by using DUNLOP SHOWER WATERPROOFING KIT). British Standards recommend at least 2 weeks from completion of grouting before the shower can be used
Power Showers	✓	Background should be protected from water ingress. (e.g. by using DUNLOP SHOWER WATERPROOFING KIT). British Standards recommend at least 2 weeks from completion of grouting before the shower can be used
Swimming Pools	✓	DUNLOP FLEXIBLE ADDITIVE may be used to enhance performance in exterior situations. Contact DUNLOP TECHNICAL HELPLINE for further advice.
Exterior	✓	DUNLOP FLEXIBLE ADDITIVE may be used to enhance performance in exterior situations. Contact DUNLOP TECHNICAL HELPLINE for further advice.
Underfloor Heated Screeds	✓	DUNLOP FLEXIBLE ADDITIVE may be used to enhance performance in heated screeds. Contact DUNLOP TECHNICAL HELPLINE for further advice.
Electric Undertile Heating	✓	DUNLOP FLEXIBLE ADDITIVE may be used to enhance performance in electric heated floors. Contact DUNLOP TECHNICAL HELPLINE for further advice.

For further advice or advice on any other situations not listed above, please contact DUNLOP TECHNICAL HELPLINE on 01782 591120

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BACKGROUND

The surface to be tiled should be flat, clean and free from dust, grease or any other barriers to adhesion. Suitable surfaces include:

Concrete; cement:sand screeds and rendering	✓	Allow the following minimum drying times: Concrete – 6 weeks, Cement: sand screeds – 3 weeks, Cement: sand rendering – 2 weeks. If surface is porous or dusty- clean, then apply one coat of DUNLOP MULTI-PURPOSE PRIMER diluted 1:1 with clean water or DUNLOP SBR UNIVERSAL BONDING AGENT diluted 1:4 with clean water. Allow to dry
Plaster		Must be at least 4 weeks old before tiling. Ensure finish coat has been applied, and surface is free from dust. If polished, brush thoroughly using a stiff bristled brush before priming with two undiluted coats of DUNLOP MULTI-PURPOSE PRIMER or DUNLOP SBR UNIVERSAL BONDING AGENT diluted 1 part primer to 2 parts water by volume. Allow primer to dry. Do not tile to bonding/browning plaster. The maximum weight of tiling to plaster (including the tile adhesive) is 20kg per m ²
Existing unglazed ceramic tiles, quarry tiles and natural stone:	✓	Must be soundly bonded to a stable background that is sufficiently strong enough to support the weight of the new tiling. Surface must be clean, dry and dust/contamination free. Any surface sealers must be removed. Use an admix such as DUNLOP FLEXIBLE ADDITIVE diluted 1:1 by volume with water when tiling onto glazed tiles or when fixing fully vitrified/porcelain tiles.
Asphalt:	✓	Must be of suitable internal flooring grade and be in sound condition with adequate cohesive strength.
Existing vinyl tiles (Not cushion floor variety):	✓	Must be securely bonded to their backgrounds and free of polish, grease etc. Use an admix such as DUNLOP FLEXIBLE ADDITIVE diluted 1:1 by volume with water when tiling onto vinyl tiles or prime using undiluted DUNLOP SBR UNIVERSAL BONDING AGENT.
Plaster:	✓	Must be at least 4 weeks old before tiling. Ensure finish coat has been applied, and surface is free from dust. If polished, brush thoroughly using a stiff bristled brush before priming with two neat coats of DUNLOP MULTI-PURPOSE PRIMER. Allow primer to dry.
Plasterboard	✓	Use an admix such as DUNLOP FLEXIBLE ADDITIVE diluted 1:1 by volume with water when tiling onto plasterboard. Ensure the plasterboards are dry, securely fixed i.e. at 300mm centres or as per board manufacturer's recommendations and be of a suitable thickness. If the plasterboard is dot and dabbed at 300mm centres and around the perimeter, leave to dry before tiling. Maximum weight of tiling to plasterboard (including the tile adhesive) is 32kg per m ² .
Fibre reinforced cement boards, and tile backer boards (when used with DUNLOP FLEXIBLE ADDITIVE)	✓	Used with DUNLOP FLEXIBLE ADDITIVE diluted 1 part additive to 1 part water by volume. Check suitability with the board manufacturer. Ensure boards are sufficiently rigid and stable and to receive tiling and, for floor, can carry the additional load without excessive deflection and has adequate ventilation underneath the boards (floors). If boards <10mm thick also use DUNLOP PROCOVER UNCOUPLING MAT on floors. Some boards may require priming prior to tiling using a primer such as DUNLOP MULTI-PURPOSE PRIMER (1:1 dilution).
Existing T&G Floorboards / plywood floors:	✓	Used with DUNLOP FLEXIBLE ADDITIVE diluted 1 part additive to 1 part water by volume. NOTE: from May 2024 Plywood/Timber is not suitable to tile directly to - BS 5385 -3: 2024 Option 1 - Overlay with a suitable tilebacker board of appropriate thickness and fixed as per manufacturers instructions. Option 2 - An uncoupling matting such as DUNLO PROCOVER - can be selected providing that the plywood/timber floor is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the correct grade • sufficiently dry, rigid and stable • able to carry all anticipated static and dynamic load without deflection • have adequate ventilation below • flat and level (SR1) • securely fixed (screwed to joists at 300mm centres, including any cross-noggins, if necessary) When bonding tile backer boards or uncoupling mattings down to the surface of the timber it should be prepared to receive an adhesive. Sanding of the surface may be required to ensure any surface coatings are removed, e.g. varnish, lacquers, etc. Prime with 2 coats of (second coat applied at 90° to first) DUNLOP MULTI-PURPOSE PRIMER (undiluted).

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TILE TYPE

Glazed - ceramic	✓	Cannot be generally used for external or heavy traffic floor areas
Unglazed - ceramic	✓	Normally used in commercial/industrial situations and more used for wet areas and external.
Porcelain	✓	When used with DUNLOP FLEXIBLE ADDITIVE diluted 1:1 by volume with water.
Natural Stone – translucent / water sensitive including (resin agglomerated stone)	✓	Certain light coloured stone tiles may be susceptible to staining. Please check the suitability of the natural stone with the tile adhesive before tiling commences Use DUNLOP CF-03 FLEXIBLE TILE ADHESIVE (WHITE) or DUNLOP CLF-03 LARGE FORMAT AND NATURAL STONE ADHESIVE (WHITE) With resin agglomerated stone, you must use DUNLOP FLEXIBLE ADDITIVE diluted 1:1 by volume with water. Check with the manufacture if the stone will require sealing the face before tiling or grouting.
Natural Stone – non translucent	✓	Check with the manufacture if the stone will require sealing the face before tiling or grouting.
Mosaics - ceramic	✓	Supplied on sheets, mesh/paper or plastic. Follow manufacture instruction on installation (note it is better to stagger the sheets when fixing).
Mosaics - porcelain	✓	When used with DUNLOP FLEXIBLE ADDITIVE diluted 1:1 by volume with water.
Mosaics – natural stone	✓	Supplied on sheets, mesh/paper or plastic. Follow manufacture instruction on installation (note it is better to stagger the sheets when fixing). NOTE: If translucent –Use DUNLOP CF-03 FLEXIBLE FAST SET TILE ADHESIVE (WHITE) The sheets maybe required sealing before fixing, check with the mosaic manufacturer or supplier.

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IN A NUTSHELL

DUNLOP CX-03 FAST SET TILE ADHESIVE is a water-resistant, fast-setting floor & wall adhesive, suitable for bed thickness from 2-6mm or up to 12mm in limited, isolated areas for interior tiling. Mixed with water, it is suitable for fixing ceramic floor and wall tiles, vitrified tiles and mosaics, quarry tiles and brick slips. This product is not suitable for fully vitrified and porcelain tiles or exterior areas unless a flexible additive is used such as DUNLOP FLEXIBLE ADDITIVE. Tiles can be grouted 3 hours after fixing. DUNLOP CX-03 FAST SET TILE ADHESIVE exceeds the requirements of BS EN 12004 for a C1F tile adhesive

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MIXING

Mix in the ratio of approx. 3 parts powder to 1 part water by volume. This 20kg bag requires approximately 4.4 litres of cold clean water. Add the powder to clean water and mix thoroughly until a smooth uniform consistency is obtained. Allow mixed adhesive to stand for 1-2 minutes before re-mixing for 30 seconds. Use within 45 minutes of mixing (at 20°C). Do not use below 5°C. NOTE: if using an electric drill mixer blend at slow speed (i.e. 300rpm).

If adhesive feels to be firming up before the 45 minutes pot life (at room temperature) is exceeded, you can re-mix but DO NOT add any more water.

Note: Rapid setting adhesives will have a shorter working time and pot life during higher site temperatures i.e. in excess of 20°C and, conversely these will be extended in colder site temperatures. Temperatures on site should be at least 5°C and rising.

APPLICATION

1. Spread the adhesive with a suitable notched trowel to cover approximately 1m² or an area that can be tiled within 10-15 minutes. Spread adhesive so ribs all go in one direction to help achieve solid bed. DO NOT use a "Dot and Dab" method.
2. For floor tiling, large format wall tiles, wet areas and exterior situations, a solid-bed trowel must be used.
3. Press the dry tiles firmly into the adhesive, checking periodically that good contact is maintained with the backs of the tiles. Back buttering of large format tiles may be necessary. Tiles should be fixed within 10-15 minutes of adhesive being applied, depending on the surface porosity and atmospheric conditions (check the adhesive ribs periodically and if a skin has formed, remove the residue and apply a new layer). Tiles can be adjusted up to 5-10 minutes after initial positioning.
4. Leave minimum 2mm joints between wall tiles and 3mm joints between floor tiles.
5. Remove all surplus adhesive from tiles and joints with a damp sponge/cloth before it sets.
6. Ensure adhesive is fully set before grouting. This will help avoid possible issues with grout finish. – for example, efflorescence or patchy grout.

NOTES

This product is fully resistant to water, however, being cement-based it is not impervious to passage of water. To improve flexibility & adhesion use DUNLOP FLEXIBLE ADDITIVE (pre-diluted 1:1 by volume with clean cold water). When protecting water sensitive backgrounds, apply a tanking membrane to the background such as DUNLOP SHOWER WATERPROOFING KIT.

COVERAGE

Depends on the nature and flatness of the surface and the method of application, but on a level background the amount of adhesive required at 3mm thickness will be: Approx. 2kg/m² for internal dry wall areas. Approx. 3.5kg/m² for floors, exterior and wet areas.

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DUNLOP TECHNICAL HELPLINE

For free expert guidance on the use of this product or any aspect of ceramic tiling telephone the DUNLOP TECHNICAL HELPLINE on: Tel: 01782 591120 Fax: 01782 591121.

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