

# Ultraflex LHT

Professional, Large-and-Heavy-Tile Mortar with Polymer



## DESCRIPTION

*Ultraflex LHT*® is a nonsag, large-and-heavy-tile mortar and thin-set mortar for large-format and heavy tile and stone for interior/exterior installations on floors, walls and countertops. *Ultraflex LHT* is designed for use at 1/2" (12 mm) thickness to give better support under large-format tile. This polymer-modified mortar is formulated with Easy Glide Technology™ for ease of application with excellent adhesion to the substrate and tile.

## FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Polymer-enriched for high performance
- Nonsag formula for large-format and heavy tile and stone in wall applications
- Nonslump for large-format and heavy tile and stone in floor applications. For bond coats up to 1/2" (12 mm) in embedded thickness.
- Smooth and creamy consistency makes it easy to apply.
- Approved for use with plywood

## INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND APPROVALS

- ISO 13007: Classification C2TE
- ANSI: Exceeds ANSI A118.4HET and A118.11 requirements

## WHERE TO USE

- Most interior/exterior residential installations on floors, walls and countertops in dry and wet areas (see wall specifications under the “Limitations” section below)
- Most interior/exterior commercial installations on floors and countertops
- Most interior commercial installations on walls
- Installation of ceramic and porcelain tile, cultured stone, quarry tile, pavers, Saltillo tile, and most types of marble, granite and natural stone

## LIMITATIONS

- Install only at temperatures between 40°F and 95°F (4°C and 35°C).
- Do not use for moisture-sensitive stone (green marble; some limestone and granite), agglomerate tiles, cultured marble or resin-backed tiles. Instead, use suitable epoxy or urethane adhesives. See the respective Technical Data Sheets for more information.
- Do not use over dimensionally unstable substrates such as hardwood flooring, oriented strand board (OSB), substrates containing asbestos, or metal. See the “Suitable Substrates” section below. To use directly over gypsum-based patching or leveling substrates, apply a suitable sealer/primer before use. See the “Tiling over gypsum” technical bulletin in the Tile & Stone Installation Systems section of MAPEI’s Website.
- For light-colored and translucent natural stone, a white mortar is recommended.
- Installations of tile over nonporous surfaces, such as waterproofing membranes and existing tile, may require extended setting/curing times. Dimensionally weak stone (limestone and travertine) is limited to thin-set applications only.
- Do not use for installations subject to water immersion, such as pools and spas.
- Not recommended for areas subject to severe freeze/thaw conditions. For the best performance, use a MAPEI liquid latex additive mortar system.
- Large-and-heavy-tile mortars are not designed to correct uneven floors. Substrates must be flat and level (according to substrate flatness requirements in ANSI A108.02) before the installation of large-format tile.

## SUITABLE SUBSTRATES

- Concrete (cured at least 28 days)
- Masonry cement block, brick, cement mortar beds, render coats and leveling coats
- Cement backer units (CBUs) – see the manufacturer’s installation guidelines
- Gypsum wallboard and plaster – interior walls in dry areas only. Priming may be required. See the “Surface preparation requirements” reference guide in the Tile & Stone Installation Systems section of MAPEI’s Website.
- Plywood underlayments must be a Group 1 exterior-grade plywood CC-plugged or better, conforming to APA classification and U.S. Product Standard PS 95 or a “SELECT” or (SEL-TF) CANPLY classified exterior-grade plywood conforming to CSA-0121 standard for Douglas fir for direct-bond applications (interior, residential and light commercial floors and countertops in dry conditions only).
- Vinyl composition tile (VCT) and cutback residue (interior only)
- Existing ceramic and porcelain tile, quarry tile and pavers (interior applications in dry conditions only)
- MAPEI waterproofing, crack-isolation, sound-reduction and uncoupling membranes

Contact MAPEI's Technical Services Department for installation recommendations concerning substrates or conditions not listed.

## SURFACE PREPARATION

- All substrates should be structurally sound, stable, dry, clean, and free of any substance or condition that may reduce or prevent proper adhesion.
- See the "Surface preparation requirements" reference guide in the Tile & Stone Installation Systems section of MAPEI's Website.

## MIXING

Before product use, take appropriate safety precautions. Refer to the Safety Data Sheet for details.

1. Pour clean water into a clean mixing container. For nonsag/nonslump applications, use about 6.5 to 7.5 U.S. qts. (6.15 to 7.10 L) of water. For MAPEI uncoupling and peel-and-stick membranes, use about 7.5 to 8 U.S. qts. (7.10 to 7.57 L) of water.
2. Gradually add 50 lbs. (22.7 kg) of powder while slowly mixing.
3. Use a low-speed mixing drill (at about 300 rpm), with an angled cross-blade mixer or spiral mixer. Mix thoroughly until the mixture becomes a smooth, homogenous, lump-free paste. Avoid prolonged mixing.
4. Let the mixture stand ("slake") for 5 minutes.
5. Remix.
6. If the mixture becomes heavy or stiff, remix it without adding more liquid.

## PRODUCT APPLICATION

Read all installation instructions thoroughly before installation.

1. Choose a notched trowel (see the "Approximate Coverage" chart below) with sufficient depth to achieve more than 80% mortar contact to both the tile and substrate for all interior applications, and more than 95% for exterior and wet applications. It may be necessary to back-butter the tile in order to meet these requirements. (Refer to ANSI A108.5 specifications and TCNA handbook guidelines.)
2. With pressure, apply a coat of mortar by using the trowel's flat side to key the mortar into the substrate.
3. Apply additional mortar, combing it in a single direction parallel to the tile's shortest dimension, with the trowel's notched side. Spread only as much mortar as can be tiled before the product skins over. Open time can vary with jobsite conditions.
4. Place tiles firmly into the wet mortar. Push the tiles back and forth in a direction perpendicular to trowel lines, to collapse the mortar ridges and to help achieve maximum coverage. Ensure proper contact between the mortar, tile and substrate by periodically lifting a few tiles to check for acceptable coverage.
5. Remove excess mortar from the joint areas so that at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the tile depth is available for grouting (see ANSI A108.10 guidelines).

## EXPANSION AND CONTROL JOINTS

- Provide for expansion and control joints as specified per TCNA Method EJ171 or TTMAC Specification Guide 09 30 00, Detail MJ301. Do not cover expansion joints with mortar.

## CLEANUP

- Clean tools and tile while the mortar is fresh, using only water.

## PROTECTION

- Do not disturb the installation, allow light traffic or grout any tiles for at least 24 to 48 hours.
- Protect the installation from general traffic for at least 72 hours, and from heavy traffic for at least 7 days.
- Protect the installation from rain for 72 hours, and from freezing for 21 days.

### ISO 13007 Classification

| Classification Code                  | Classification Requirement                                                                 | Test Characteristic            |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| C2 (cementitious, improved adhesive) | ≥ 145 psi (1 MPa) after standard aging, heat aging, water immersion and freeze/thaw cycles | Using porcelain tile           |
| T (vertical slip resistance)         | ≤ 0.019" (0.5 mm)                                                                          | Using porcelain tile           |
| E (extended open time)               | ≥ 72.5 psi (0.5 MPa) after 30 minutes                                                      | Using glazed ceramic wall tile |

### ANSI Specifications

| Test Method                                                          | Specification Standard                                        | Test Results                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ANSI A118.4 – shear strength, impervious ceramic (porcelain) mosaics | > 200 psi (1.38 MPa) at 28 days                               | 225 to 350 psi (1.55 to 2.41 MPa) |
| ANSI A118.4 – shear strength, glazed wall tile                       | > 300 psi (2.07 MPa) at 7 days                                | 400 to 550 psi (2.76 to 3.79 MPa) |
| ANSI A118.4 – shear strength, quarry tile to quarry tile             | > 150 psi (1.03 MPa) at 28 days                               | 300 to 425 psi (2.07 to 2.93 MPa) |
| ANSI A118.4H – mortar for large and heavy tile                       | ASTM C627 Robinson Floor Test lippage change < 1/64" (0.4 mm) | Pass                              |
| ANSI A118.4E – extended open time                                    | ≥ 72.5 psi (0.5 MPa) at 30 minutes                            | Pass                              |
| ANSI A118.4T – sag on vertical surfaces                              | < 0.02" (0.5 mm) at 20 minutes                                | Pass                              |
| ANSI A118.11 – shear strength, quarry tile to plywood                | > 150 psi (1.03 MPa) at 28 days                               | 150 to 175 psi (1.03 to 1.21 MPa) |

## Shelf Life and Product Characteristics

before mixing

| Shelf life | 1 year when stored in original, unopened packaging at 73°F (23°C) |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Colors     | Gray and white                                                    |

## Application Properties

at 73°F (23°C) and 50% relative humidity

| Open time*                    | 30 minutes                   |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Pot life*                     | > 2 hours                    |
| Time before grouting walls*   | 8 to 16 hours                |
| Time before grouting floors*  | 24 hours                     |
| VOC content                   | 0 g per L                    |
| Application temperature range | 40°F to 95°F (4°C to 35°C)   |
| Embedded thickness range      | 3/32" to 1/2" (2.5 to 12 mm) |

\* Cold temperature or high humidity may alter these properties.

## Packaging

| Size and Color                |
|-------------------------------|
| Bag: 50 lbs. (22.7 kg), gray  |
| Bag: 50 lbs. (22.7 kg), white |

## Approximate Coverage\*\*

per 50 lbs. (22.7 kg)

| Typical Trowel                                     | Coverage                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1/4" x 1/4" x 1/4" (6 x 6 x 6 mm), square-notch    | 75 to 90 sq. ft. (6.97 to 8.36 m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| 1/4" x 3/8" x 1/4" (6 x 10 x 6 mm), square-notch   | 55 to 65 sq. ft. (5.11 to 6.04 m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| 1/2" x 1/2" x 1/2" (12 x 12 x 12 mm), square-notch | 38 to 45 sq. ft. (3.53 to 4.18 m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| 3/4" x 9/16" x 3/8" (19 x 14 x 10 mm), U-notch     | 25 to 30 sq. ft. (2.32 to 2.79 m <sup>2</sup> ) |

\*\* Trowel dimensions are width/depth/space. Actual coverage will vary according to substrate profile and tile type.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Refer to the SDS for specific data related to health and safety as well as product handling.

For information on MAPEI's commitment to sustainability and transparency, as well as how MAPEI products may contribute to green building standards and certification systems, contact [sustainability\\_USA@mapei.com](mailto:sustainability_USA@mapei.com) (USA) or [sustainability-durabilite@mapei.com](mailto:sustainability-durabilite@mapei.com) (Canada).

## WARNING

The test results shown in the TECHNICAL DATA table were obtained in compliance with test methods and curing cycles, if applicable, defined in the industry standards referenced on the Technical Data Sheet. Please note that the use of test procedures or methods other than those indicated in the table could lead to different values and that, in such cases, any liability of our company is excluded.

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