



ARDEX A38

Rapid Set Screed Cement

Fast track – Ready to receive tiles, natural stone and Terrazzo after 8 hours

Ready to receive resilient and textile floor coverings and parquet after 2 days

For interior and exterior use

Dimensionally stable – Tension and shrinkage free

Can be used in bonded and un-bonded applications

Working time up to 60 minutes

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DESCRIPTION

ARDEX A 38 is a rapid set screed cement that has been designed for all types of floor coverings and is especially effective when installing moisture sensitive coverings. In addition it is compatible with ARDEX's entire PANDOMO range.

AREAS OF APPLICATION

ARDEX A 38 can be used for internal and external applications under various floor coverings.

The screed can be used as a:

- Bonded screed
- Un-bonded screed (on a slipsheet or insulating layer)
- Heated screed

For the installation of:

ARDEX Pandomo products

Tiles

Natural Stones

Terrazzo

Resilient and textile floor coverings

Parquet

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MIXING INSTRUCTIONS

Using horizontal forced action mixers or screed pumps, mix 20kg ARDEX A 38 with 100kg ARDEX Gravel Mix 0 – 4mm; gradually add 9.5 – 11L of clean water (mixing water may vary depending on the moisture content of the Gravel Mix). Mixing time is 2 minutes.

It is important not to overfill the mixer above the recommended volume. Ideally, the mixing drum should only be filled up to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the volume. Overfilling of the drum will result in poor mixing.

The total amount of mixing water to be used must not exceed 11 litres per bag of ARDEX A 38. Do not add any additives such as compound oils etc and do not mix with other cements. The working time of the ARDEX A 38 is approximately 1 hour depending on site conditions.

Mixing, application, levelling and smoothing must succeed each other within 10 minutes. The areas should only be of such a size that they can be completed within this working time.

Higher temperatures shorten, whilst lower temperatures lengthen working and hardening times.

APPLICATION

For bonded screeds and to ensure maximum bond to the substrate, a slurry mix has to be produced. ARDEX A 38 and ARDEX Gravel Mix 0 – 4mm is mixed at 1:1 ratio and then mixed with ARDEX P51 and water at 1:1 ratio. The slurry then has to be applied with A 38 screed wet on wet to the primed substrate.

The fast drying properties of the screed need to be observed. If in doubt install a test area. Do not apply at temperatures below +5°C.

For application over floor heating systems, contact ARDEX Technical Service for more information.

THICKNESS

The nominal screed thickness for unbonded ARDEX A 38 mix is at least 35mm; and preferably 40mm thick. When used under a Pandomo system, minimum thickness is 40mm and 45mm if floor heating system is installed. For a bonded screed thickness must be at least 15mm.

FLOOR COVERINGS

ARDEX A 38 can be walked on and is ready to receive tiles after 8 hours. Pandomo products and ARDEX smoothing cements should be applied after 24 hours. Since the final strength has not been achieved after this time, placement of heavy loads such as pallets with tiles and heavy machines should be avoided.

To check whether the surface is ready to receive resilient floorcoverings which is normally the case after 2 days, carry out moisture tests to confirm that the surface relative humidity is <70%.

COVERAGE

A 20kg bag of ARDEX A 38 mixed with 100kg of ARDEX Gravel Mix will cover approximately 6.5m² per 10mm of thickness.

STORAGE

ARDEX A 38 has a shelf life of approx. 12 months if stored in dry conditions in the original unopened packaging.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

ARDEX A 38 contains Portland cement and Quartz sand. Avoid generation of dust. Do not inhale dust. Avoid contact with eyes or skin. Wear suitable protective gloves and safety glasses. In case of contact with eyes, rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. In case of contact with skin, rinse affected areas thoroughly with running water. If dust is inhaled, remove to fresh air, ensure breathing passages are clear and rinse mouth with running water. If symptoms persist, seek medical advice.

TECHNICAL DATA

Bulk density	approx. 1kg/L
Fresh mortar weight	approx. 2kg/L
Material requirement	approx. 3.1kg of powder per m ² and 10mm
Working time	approx. 60mins
Walkability	approx. 8hrs
Compressive strength	
After 1 day	approx. 20 MPa
After 3 days	approx. 30 MPa
After 28 days	approx. 35 MPa
Tensile bending strength	
After 1 day	approx. 4.0 MPa
After 3 days	approx. 4.5 MPa
After 28 days	approx. 5.0 MPa
Suited for floor heating	yes

GUARANTEE

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