

Model Specification for Installation of Tekcem 212+ Leveller onto Calcium Sulphate / Anhydrite Base Using Tekprime CS (Bonded System)

1. Substrate Requirements

Substrate Type:

Calcium sulphate / anhydrite screeds, including heated screeds.

Minimum Compressive Strength:

25 MPa.

Condition:

- Structurally sound, dry, and free from laitance or surface contamination.
- All cracks and defects repaired to achieve a continuous, stable surface.
- Free of dust, oil, grease, curing agents, and any contaminants that may inhibit adhesion.
- Surface relative humidity ≤ 85 % (≤ 75 % RH for resilient floor coverings).
- Flat and level; significant deviations corrected before priming.
- Underfloor heating systems must be fully commissioned and switched off at least 48 hours before application.

2. Mechanical Surface Preparation

Method:

Mechanically remove all laitance and weak surface material by grinding or vacuum-assisted shot-blasting to expose a clean, sound surface.

Cleaning:

Remove all debris and dust using an industrial vacuum.

Moisture Testing:

Confirm surface RH \leq 85 %. If > 85 %, delay works until screed reaches acceptable moisture levels or install an appropriate surface DPM.

3. Primer Application (Tekprime CS)

Primer:

Tekcem Tekprime CS – high-performance, red-pigmented primer designed for calcium sulphate/anhydrite substrates.



Application:

- Apply **one neat, undiluted coat** of Tekprime CS using a short-pile roller, brush, or squeegee, ensuring uniform coverage and penetration into the substrate.
- Avoid pooling or over-application.
- Work the primer well into the surface, particularly on porous screeds.
- Allow to **dry fully (approx. 60 minutes @ 20 °C)** before applying Tekcem 212+ Leveller Plus.
- Ensure the surface is dry and tack-free prior to levelling compound application.

Coverage:

Approx. 6.5 m² per litre ($\approx 0.15 \text{ kg/m}^2$).

Coverage will vary depending on substrate texture and porosity.

Conditions:

Apply only when substrate and ambient temperatures are between 5 $^{\circ}$ C and 30 $^{\circ}$ C (optimum 15–25 $^{\circ}$ C).

Maintain RH below 75 % during curing.

4. Tekcem 212+ Leveller Specification

Product:

Tekcem 212+ Leveller – fast-setting, cement-based, protein-free, shrinkage-compensated self-levelling compound.

Water Addition:

5.8 – 6.0 litres per 25 kg unit.

Do not exceed 6 litres to avoid extended drying and reduced strength.

Properties:

- Working time: 20 30 minutes @ 20 °C
- Light foot traffic: ~ 2 hours @ 20 °C
- Tile installation: after 3 hours @ 3 mm
- Resilient finishes: after 4 hours @ 3 mm
- Compressive strength (28 days): > 22 N/mm²
- Flexural strength (28 days): > 5 N/mm²

Thickness Guidelines (Bonded Systems):

Minimum 2 mm, maximum 12 mm in a single application.

For greater thicknesses, apply in multiple layers, re-priming with Tekprime CS between coats.



5. Screed Application

Mixing:

Add powder slowly to clean water while mixing with a slow-speed drill and paddle or suitable screed pump.

Mix until uniform and lump-free.

Allow to stand for 2 minutes, re-mix, and apply immediately.

Use each batch within 20–30 minutes of mixing.

Placement:

Pour or pump the material onto the primed substrate.

Spread using a steel trowel to the required thickness and finish with a spiked roller to remove trapped air.

Environmental Conditions:

Substrate temperature 5–30 °C; ambient RH < 75 %.

6. Post-Installation

Drying & Overlay:

- Light foot traffic after ~ 2 hours @ 20 °C
- Tiled finishes after 3 hours @ 3 mm
- Resilient finishes after 4 hours @ 3 mm
- Ensure residual moisture is within limits before applying floor finishes.

Drying Guidance:

At 3 mm thickness, typical drying time is 3–4 hours under good ventilation.

Cool or humid conditions will extend drying times.

Always verify surface RH prior to installing moisture-sensitive finishes.

Curing:

No curing membrane is required; avoid rapid drying from direct heat or draughts.

Access:

Light traffic after 2–3 hours; full traffic after 24 hours.

7. Limitations

- Do not apply below 5 °C or above 30 °C.
- Not suitable for permanent water immersion.
- Ensure substrate RH ≤ 85 % before application.
- Always use Tekprime CS for calcium sulphate substrates to prevent adverse chemical reactions with cementitious materials.



8. Disclaimer

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