

Model Specification for Installation of Tekcem 212+ Leveller onto Asphalt / Bitumen Residue Substrate Using Tekcem TekGrip (Bonded System)

1. Substrate Requirements

Substrate Type:

Asphalt, bitumen residue, or other non-porous bituminous surfaces suitable for bonded levelling applications.

Condition:

- Structurally sound, stable, and firmly bonded to the base structure.
- Free from movement, cracking, or excessive flex.
- All soft, degraded, or tar-contaminated layers must be mechanically removed.
- Surfaces must be free from oil, grease, dust, laitance, and contaminants.
- Dry at time of priming and application.
- Surface temperature ≥ 5 °C and ≥ 2.5 °C above dew point during application.

2. Mechanical Surface Preparation

Method:

Mechanically clean and de-glaze the surface using a suitable method such as grinding, vacuum-assisted shot blasting, or abrading to expose a sound, textured surface.

Cleaning:

Remove all dust and debris using industrial vacuum equipment.

Moisture Testing:

Ensure the surface is dry and free of trapped moisture or condensation. If residual tack or contamination remains, remove mechanically until a clean, dry surface is achieved.

3. Primer Application (Tekcem TekGrip)

Primer:

Tekcem TekGrip – ready-to-use, fast-drying, textured bonding primer for absorbent and non-absorbent substrates including asphalt and bituminous residues.

Application Guidance:

- Shake container thoroughly before use to disperse the internal aggregate.
- Apply one uniform coat of Tekcem TekGrip using a roller or brush, ensuring complete



coverage.

- Avoid pooling; work the primer into the surface to promote adhesion.
- Do not dilute.
- Allow to dry fully (approx. 20 minutes at 20 °C / 65 % RH) before applying Tekcem 212+.
- Ensure primer is touch-dry and fully textured before screeding.

Coverage:

Approx. $0.075 - 0.11 \text{ kg/m}^2$ (typically $9 - 13 \text{ m}^2$ per litre depending on substrate porosity and texture).

Conditions:

Apply between +5 °C and +30 °C under well-ventilated, dry conditions. Avoid rising humidity or condensation during curing.

4. Tekcem 212+ Leveller Specification

Product:

Tekcem 212+ Leveller – a 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 prevent strength loss and extended drying.

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 thicker applications, apply in multiple layers, re-priming with Tekcem TekGrip between coats.

5. Screed Application

Mixing:

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

Mix until uniform and lump-free.



Allow to stand 2 minutes, re-mix, and apply immediately. Use within 30 minutes of mixing.

Placement:

Pour or pump onto the primed substrate.

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

Environmental Conditions:

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

6. Post-Installation

Drying & Overlay:

- Light foot traffic: ~ 2 hours @ 20 °C
- Tile finishes: after 3 hours @ 3 mm
- Resilient finishes: after 4 hours @ 3 mm
- Ensure residual moisture is within acceptable limits before installing final coverings.

Drying Guidance:

Typical drying time 3–4 hours at 3 mm under normal site conditions.

Cooler temperatures or high humidity will prolong drying.

Curing:

No curing membrane is required; protect from rapid drying and strong 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 for use in continuously immersed or permanently damp areas.
- Ensure substrate is clean, dry, and sound prior to application.
- Use only Tekcem TekGrip primer on asphalt or bitumen surfaces.
- Do not apply over soft, oxidised, or unstable asphalt.



8. Disclaimer

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