



# Single-Flex®

## PREMIUM MULTI-PURPOSE POLYMER-MODIFIED THIN SET MORTAR

### KEY FEATURES

- For interior and exterior use on vertical and horizontal surfaces
- Exceeds ANSI A118.4 and A118.11
- Excellent working characteristics

### DESCRIPTION

Bostik Single-Flex® Premium Multi-Purpose Polymer-Modified Thin Set Mortar is for interior or exterior installations to set all types of ceramic, porcelain, granite, slate, marble, limestone, and dimension stone. Use over properly prepared concrete; structurally-sound, exterior grade plywood (interior/dry use only); cementitious backer board; Bostik Ultra-Set® Advanced, Bostik Black-Top™ and Bostik GoldPlus™; and existing, well-bonded vinyl composition tile (VCT) or ceramic tile.

### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Read and understand data sheet completely before beginning installation. Follow applicable ANSI, NTCA and TCNA installation standards.

### SURFACE PREPARATION

All surfaces must be clean, dry and smooth; free of voids, projections, loose materials, oil, grease, sealers, curing compounds, waxes and all other surface contaminants that may inhibit proper bond. Refer to [www.bostik-us.com](http://www.bostik-us.com) for the most recent product information and material safety data sheet prior to installation.

**NOTE:** It is the user's responsibility to determine the condition and suitability of all surfaces before application.

### MIXING

Using a slow speed mixer (<150 rpm), mix 5 to 5-1/2 quarts of clean, potable water to 50 pounds of Single-Flex®. Mix to creamy consistency. Allow mixture to stand 15 minutes, and remix prior to application. Do not re-temper by adding more water. Mix with water only.

### APPLICATION

Apply a thin coat of Bostik Single-Flex® with flat edge of trowel to achieve a good mechanical bond to substrate. Comb additional mortar with the appropriate size notched trowel. If any evidence of skinning or setting occurs, re-comb mortar with notched trowel. Apply mortar to an area no greater than can be tiled in 20 to 30 minutes. Apply tile using a twisting motion into a fresh bed of mortar to ensure maximum contact and bond. Periodically



check back of tile to ensure proper transfer (interior applications – min. 80% coverage; exterior, wet, or plywood applications – min. 95% coverage). A finished mortar bed thickness of 3/32" to 1/8" is required.

### TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Open Time at 70°F (21.1°C)	70 minutes
Adjustment Time at 70°F (21.1°C)	30 minutes
Initial Set at 70°F (21.1°C)	9 hours
Final Set at 70°F (21.1°C)	12 hours


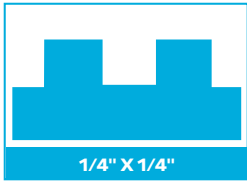
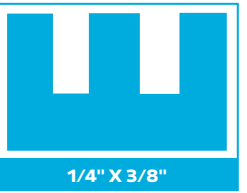
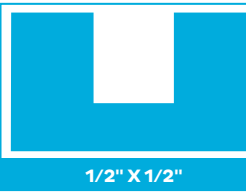
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### 28 Day Shear Strengths:

Porcelain Tile	450 psi (ANSI REQ 200)
Glazed Wall Tile	450 psi (ANSI REQ 300)
Quarry Tile	440 psi
Quarry to Wood*	250 psi (ANSI REQ 150)
28 Day Compressive Strength	3450 psi

\* Wood failure (wood typically fails between 250 to 300 psi)  
All numbers represent minimum test results.

## RECOMMENDED TROWELS FOR MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE

Ceramic Mosaics Mounted Ceramics Coverage 85-100 ft <sup>2</sup>	4" x 4" and 4" x 8" Ceramic & Pavers Coverage 70-80 ft <sup>2</sup>	6" x 6" and 8" x 8" Quarry Tile 12" x 12" Ceramic Tile Coverage 50-60 ft <sup>2</sup>	8" x 8" and 12" x 12" Lugged back & Mexican Paver Tile Coverage 35-40 ft <sup>2</sup>
 3/16" X 5/32"	 1/4" X 1/4"	 1/4" X 3/8"	 1/2" X 1/2"

Trowel size is suggested to maximize mortar transfer/coverage. Periodically check coverage during installation. Uneven substrate may require the use of either a leveling/patching material, or larger notched trowel for proper mortar coverage.

**Application Over Plywood:** Maximum joist spacing shall be 16" on center. Plywood shall be Underlayment Exterior Grade or C-C Plugged Exterior Grade plywood (or better). If the existing floor is less than 1" thick, glue and nail 15/32" or 1/2" APA Underlayment Exterior Grade or C-C Plugged Exterior Grade plywood to the floor. Glue and nail using 5D or 6D (1-1/2" or 2") cement coated screw shank nails 6" on center along the panel edges and a maximum of 8" on center each way throughout the panel. Allow 1/8" gap between underlayment sheet edges and all areas that abut walls, drains, posts, etc., these areas shall be filled with mortar when tiles are installed. Clean and rough sand the plywood. Due to the limitations of plywood as a substrate, Bostik Single-Flex® is not intended for use on plywood in exterior, wet interior, or applications subject to heavy/commercial traffic.

**Application over Existing Vinyl/VCT Flooring:** Vinyl must be clean and well-bonded to substrate. Do not install over cushion-backed or perimeter bonded sheet vinyl. Remove any loose pieces of vinyl or flooring. Ensure the exposed substrate is suitable for application. Some flooring and cutback adhesive may contain asbestos. Follow all Federal, state and local guidelines for proper removal. Refer to the Resilient Floor Covering Institutes "Recommended Work Practices for the Removal of Resilient Floor Coverings."

**Application over Existing Ceramic Tile:** (Bostik 425™ Multi-Purpose Acrylic Latex Admixture or Bostik 447™ Flex-A-Lastic® Admixture required). Tile must be clean and well-bonded to substrate. Mechanical abrasion with Carborundum disk, followed by a clear water wash is recommended. Installation must be thoroughly rinsed and dry before setting the new tile.

### CURING

Keep all foot traffic off the installation until tile is firmly set (approximately 12 hours). Set times vary based on temperature, humidity and porosity of substrate.

### CLEAN UP

Clean all tools and equipment immediately with soap and water. Do not allow material to dry on surface of tile.

### GROUTING

Depending on ambient, slab, and material temperatures, grouting can generally begin after 12 hours with most Bostik grouting system. Allow 48 hours before grouting with Bostik EzPoxy™ or any 100% solids epoxy grout. Allow 24 hours before grouting with Bostik pre-mixed grouts.

### LIMITATIONS

- Do not use for installing moisture sensitive stones (i.e. green marble) or resin backed stone.
- Do not use in installations where deflection exceeds L/360 (1" in 30 feet).
- Do not apply over oriented strand board, particle board, masonite, luaun, or similar unstable substrates.
- Do not use where hydrostatic pressure can occur.

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- For marble and limestone, please refer to the Marble Institute of America's deflection requirements.

### STORAGE AND SELF LIFE

Store in a clean, dry area not affected by freezing or hot temperatures. Shelf life is one year from date of manufacturing in unopened bags.

### PACKAGING

50 lb. bags, in gray or white formulations.

### LIMITED WARRANTY

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