

PlaniLevel UL

Ultra Lightweight, Self-Leveling Underlayment

DESCRIPTION

PlaniLevel™ UL is an ultra lightweight, polymer-modified, calcium-aluminate-based, self-drying, self-leveling underlayment. It has been formulated using a lightweight matrix, making it ideal for leveling substrates on projects with tight dead-load tolerances where a traditional self-leveling underlayment cannot be used. *PlaniLevel UL* mixes easily and readily flows out to a suitable finish, with a cured density of approximately 67 pcf (1.07 kg per m³) at 28 days.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Reduces dead-load contribution by approximately 50% relative to conventional self-leveling underlayments
- Can be placed up to 2" (5 cm) in thickness in a single pour
- A 25-lb. (11.3-kg) bag of *PlaniLevel UL* provides coverage equal to 50 lbs. (22.7 kg) of a standard self-leveling underlayment.

INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND APPROVALS

- Meets compression and flatness requirements of ASTM F710 and ASTM F2873

WHERE TO USE

- For leveling and smoothing of interior, residential and commercial floors on load-sensitive projects, prior to the installation of subsequent coatings or flooring
- Ideal for high-rise and multi-story construction where added dead load may exceed allowable design limits
- For use over radiant-heated floors on load-sensitive projects, to encapsulate either hydronic or electric radiant-heat systems

SUITABLE SUBSTRATES

- Concrete that is installed in compliance with ASTM F710, that is at least 28 days old, and that is free from hydrostatic pressure, osmotic blistering and alkali silica reaction
- Well-bonded and dimensionally stable ceramic tile, porcelain tile, quarry tile, natural stone, vinyl composition tile (VCT), cement, epoxy-based moisture barriers and epoxy terrazzo
- Properly installed cement backer units (CBUs)
- Durable and fully cured cement-based mortar beds
- Engineer-approved plywood or oriented strand board (OSB) subfloors with a maximum of 19.2" (48.8 cm) on center joist placement and that meet requirements of L/360
- Nailed-down wood flooring (including plank wood subfloors, strip wood subfloors and nailed-down solid wood flooring) that has been covered over with at least one layer of 5/8" (16 mm) plywood, glued and screwed
- Gypsum-based underlayments

SURFACE PREPARATION

- All substrates must be properly prepared, structurally sound, stable, solid, dry and primed with an appropriate MAPEI primer unless otherwise noted.
- On concrete substrates, fill in deep areas, holes and cracks with an appropriate MAPEI patching compound or screed. Fluid self-leveler may leak through to a floor below or other unwanted cavities.
- On plywood substrates, fill joints with an acrylic-based caulking compound to prevent the underlayment from leaking into a floor below.

Refer to MAPEI's reference guide "Surface-preparation requirements for self-leveling underlayments" for details on proper surface preparation.

MIXING

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

1. Based on the number of bags to be mixed, measure and pour the required amount of water (see "Mixing ratio" in the chart below) into a clean mixing vessel such as *MAPEI Self-Leveling Mixing Barrel* or a plastic pail that can hold at least 5 U.S. gals. (18.9 L). For best results, the water temperature should be at about room temperature (70°F or 21°C). The mixing ratio must remain consistent; do not overwater the mixture.
2. Slowly add the powder into the pre-measured water, taking care not to generate excessive dust. Use a high-speed drill and an oval paddle mixer to mix *PlaniLevel UL* for 2 to 3 minutes, until achieving a homogenous, lump-free consistency.
3. Do not overmix: Overmixing or moving the mixer up and down during the mixing process could trap air or cause pinholing during the application and curing process.

PRODUCT APPLICATION

Read all installation instructions thoroughly before installation.

1. Substrates and ambient room temperatures should be maintained at between 50°F and 85°F (10°C and 29°C) during application as well as for 3 days before and after application.

2. Before product installation, close doors and windows, and turn off HVAC systems to prevent drafts during application and until the underlayment is cured. Protect installation areas from direct sunlight.
3. Quickly pour or pump mixed self-leveling compound onto the surface in a ribbon pattern. Set the width of the pour at a distance that is ideal for maintaining a wet edge throughout placement. For best results, work as a team to provide a continuous flow of wet material, to avoid trapping air or creating a cold joint. Apply enough material to adequately cover all high spots.
4. Shortly after placing *PlaniLevel UL*, use a gauge rake to spread the material and assist in gauging it to the desired depth. After achieving the desired depth, use a smoother to obtain an even surface.

CURING

- *PlaniLevel UL* is self-curing. Do not use a damp-curing method, or curing and sealing compounds.
- Cool-weather conditions may extend working and curing times. Warmer weather conditions may accelerate working and curing times.

CLEANUP

- Use water to wash hands and tools promptly before the material hardens. Cured material must be mechanically removed.

PROTECTION

- Protect *PlaniLevel UL* from direct sunlight, excessive heat and drafty conditions during curing. Turn off all forced ventilation and radiant heating systems, and protect the installation for up to 24 hours after completion.
- Avoid walking on the installed surface for at least 2 to 3 hours after installation, depending upon temperature and humidity conditions.
- Protect the installation from traffic, dirt and dust from other trades until *PlaniLevel UL* is completely cured and final flooring has been installed.
- Do not expose *PlaniLevel UL* to rolling dynamic loads, such as fork lifts or scissor lifts, for at least 3 days after installation.

LIMITATIONS

- Do not mix with other self-leveling underlayments.
- Do not install over unprimed surfaces.
- Do not install over adhesive residue or substrates containing asbestos.
- Do not use for exterior applications. For interior use only.
- Do not apply *PlaniLevel UL* unless the substrate temperature is maintained at between 50°F and 90°F (10°C and 32°C) for 48 hours before, during and after application. Do not allow freshly installed *PlaniLevel UL* to freeze.
- Do not use as a final wear surface. Cured *PlaniLevel UL* must be covered with a finished floor system or floor covering.
- Do not install over standing water.
- Do not install over dimensionally unstable materials.
- Do not install if the maximum allowable deflection of the supporting surface exceeds L/360 (or L/720 for installations involving natural stone or their agglomerates) when exposed to live or dead loads.

- Do not use in areas subjected to prolonged exposure to moisture. Contact MAPEI's Technical Services Department for waterproofing recommendations.
- Do not use as a moisture mitigation product. Cement-based self-leveling underlayments do not reduce moisture vapor transmissions emanating from high-humidity concrete slabs. If the flooring or installation system requires protection from elevated humidity levels, moisture mitigation must be done before *PlaniLevel UL* is installed. Contact MAPEI's Technical Services Department for recommendations regarding moisture mitigation.

Product Performance Properties

Laboratory Tests	Results
Dry density	1.07 g per cm ³
Wet density	1.25 g per cm ³
pH (of wet mixture)	11
Compressive strength – ASTM C109 Modified	
7 days	2,000 psi (13.8 MPa)
28 days	3,000 psi (20.7 MPa)
Flexural strength – ASTM C348 (CAN/CSA-A23.2-8C)	
28 days	610 psi (4.21 MPa)
Pull-out strength – ASTM C1583	
28 days	> 400 psi (2.76 MPa)
VOC content	0 g per L

Shelf Life and Product Characteristics

before mixing

Shelf life	1 year in original, unopened packaging stored at 73°F (23°C) and 50% relative humidity (RH)
Physical state	Powder
Color	Gray

Protect containers from freezing in transit and storage. Provide for heated storage on site and deliver all materials at least 24 hours before work begins.

Application Properties

Application temperature range	50°F to 85°F (10°C to 29°C)
Mixing ratio	4.5 to 5 U.S. qts. (4.26 to 4.73 L) of room-temperature water per 25 lbs. (11.3 kg) of powder
Mixing time	2 to 3 minutes
Flow time	Up to 15 minutes
Single-lift application range	1/4" to 2" (6 mm to 5 cm)
Minimum thickness over highest point in floor	1/4" (6 mm)
Waiting time for secondary applications of primer and self-leveling compounds	24 hours
Drying time before installation of non-moisture-sensitive floor coverings at 70°F (21°C) at 1" (2.5 cm) thickness	6 hours
Drying time before installation of moisture-sensitive floor coverings at 70°F (21°C) at 1" (2.5 cm) thickness	2 to 3 days

CSI Division Classification

Cast Underlayment	03 54 00

Packaging

Size
Bag: 25 lbs. (11.3 kg)

Approximate Coverage*

per 25 lbs. (11.3 kg)

Thickness	Coverage
1/4" (6 mm)	24 sq. ft. (2.23 m ²)
1/2" (12 mm)	12 sq. ft. (1.11 m ²)
3/4" (19 mm)	9 sq. ft. (0.84 m ²)
1" (2.5 cm)	6 sq. ft. (0.56 m ²)

2" (5 cm)	3 sq. ft. (0.28 m ²)
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** Coverage shown is for estimating purposes only. Actual jobsite coverage may vary according to substrate conditions, type of equipment, thickness applied, and application methods used.*

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Reference guide: "Surface-preparation requirements for self-leveling underlayments"***
- Recommendation bulletin: "Primers for *PlaniLevel* self-leveling underlayments"***

***At www.mapei.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Refer to the Safety Data Sheet (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 (USA).

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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