



# Ultrabond ECO<sup>®</sup> 185

## Professional Carpet Adhesive



### DESCRIPTION

*Ultrabond ECO 185* is a latex-based adhesive that offers fast grab and quick leg development for the fast-track installation of commercial carpet. It can be used in direct-bond and double-stick carpet applications.

### FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Mid-range solids level for a more durable bond
- Fast grab to hold carpet in place during installation
- High moisture resistance
- Low-odor formula for use in occupied buildings

### INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND APPROVALS

- CRI Green Label Plus #GLP84381
- CRI #104, Standard for Installation Specification of Commercial Carpet
- CRI #105, Standard for Installation of Residential Carpet

### WHERE TO USE

- For the installation of carpet with jute, polypropylene (ActionBac), latex-foam and sponge-rubber backings
- Interior, residential applications (such as rental apartments, condominiums and homes)
- Interior, light-commercial applications (such as general office areas, hotel rooms and small retail stores)
- Interior, heavy-commercial applications (such as hotel lobbies, convention centers, airports and department stores)

- Interior, institutional applications (such as hospitals, schools, universities, libraries and government buildings)

### LIMITATIONS

- Do not install over any substrates containing asbestos.
- For interior installations only
- Do not use to install nonporous floor coverings over nonporous surfaces.
- Do not use to install solid vinyl flooring products.
- Do not use to install vinyl-backed carpet products.
- Do not apply over any adhesive residues, including cutback adhesive.
- Do not install when the moisture vapor emission rate (MVER) exceeds 8 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. (3.63 kg per 92.9 m<sup>2</sup>) per 24 hours, when using the anhydrous calcium chloride test (ASTM F1869).
- Do not install when the relative humidity (RH) of the concrete slab exceeds 90% (ASTM F2170).
- Do not install in areas with known hydrostatic moisture problems.
- Use only when the substrate temperature is between 50°F and 90°F (10°C and 32°C), and when the ambient RH is between 20% and 80%.
- Do not install unless the temperature of the prepared concrete slab is at least 5 degrees Fahrenheit (2.8 degrees Celsius) above the dew point to avoid condensation.

### SUITABLE SUBSTRATES

- Exterior-grade plywood, Group 1, CC type
- Other approved wood underlayments (per manufacturer recommendations)

- Concrete and cement terrazzo
- Cement-based, self-leveling underlayments and patching compounds
- Embossing levelers applied over existing and fully bonded ceramic tile and sheet vinyl
- A single layer of fully bonded vinyl composition tile (VCT)
- Primed gypsum underlayments that meet the ASTM F2419 requirements for compressive strength

Consult MAPEI's Technical Services Department for installation recommendations regarding substrates and conditions not listed.

## **SURFACE PREPARATION**

- All substrates must be properly prepared, structurally sound, dry, solid and stable.
- Substrate should be clean and free of dust, dirt, oil, grease, paint, curing agents, concrete sealers, loosely bonded toppings, loose particles, old adhesive residues, and any other substance or condition that may prevent or reduce adhesion. All surfaces must be level, even, flat and smooth.

See MAPEI's general "Surface preparation requirements" reference guide in the Related Documents section of the Floor Covering Installation Systems page on MAPEI's Website.

## **MIXING**

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

- Ready to use; no mixing is necessary.

## **PRODUCT APPLICATION**

Read all installation instructions thoroughly before installation.

1. Spread adhesive evenly over the subfloor, keeping the trowel at a 45-degree angle to the subfloor.
2. For porous substrates, install the flooring material into the adhesive while it is still wet. Over nonporous substrates, allow 20 minutes of drying time for the adhesive to tack up before placing flooring material.
3. Install flooring per flooring manufacturer's written instructions.
4. Periodically confirm the adhesive transfer to the backing by lifting the flooring material.
5. Roll the flooring with the recommended-weight roller across the width and length of the flooring surface.

## **CLEANUP**

- Promptly clean any adhesive smudges from the flooring material's surface with water while the adhesive is still fresh/wet.
- Clean tools with water while the adhesive is still fresh/wet.

- If the adhesive has dried, clean with mineral spirits. Use caution with mineral spirits, which may be harmful to some materials.

## **PROTECTION**

- Protect from light traffic for 24 hours, and from heavy traffic for 72 hours.

## Product Performance Properties

Laboratory Tests	Results
Polymer type	Styrene butadiene latex
Solids content	68% to 72%
VOCs (Rule #1168 of California's SCAQMD)	14 g per L
pH	9 to 10
Flash point (Tag, closed cup) – ASTM D56	> 212°F (100°C)

## Shelf Life and Product Characteristics

Shelf life	2 years when stored in original, unopened packaging at 73°F (23°C)
Consistency	Buttery
Color	Off-white
Storage temperature range	40°F to 100°F (4°C to 38°C)

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

Flash time <sup>†</sup>	0 to 15 minutes
Working time <sup>††</sup>	15 to 35 minutes

<sup>†</sup> Flash time is the waiting time required before installing flooring.



<sup>††</sup> Working time is the window of time for the adhesive to accept flooring.

Note: Flash time and working time may vary based on temperature, humidity, substrate porosity, trowel size and jobsite conditions.

## Packaging

Size
Pail: 4 U.S. gals. (15.1 L)
Pail: 5 U.S. gals. (18.9 L) – Canada only

## Approximate Coverage\*

Flooring Type	Typical Trowel	Coverage
Smooth-backed carpet	1/8" x 1/8" x 1/16" (3 x 3 x 1.5 mm), U-notch 	67 to 77 sq. ft. per U.S. gal. (1.64 to 1.89 m <sup>2</sup> per L)
Rough-backed carpet	1/8" x 1/8" x 1/8" (3 x 3 x 3 mm), U-notch 	85 to 95 sq. ft. per U.S. gal. (2.08 to 2.33 m <sup>2</sup> per L)

\* Trowel dimensions are depth/width/space. Coverage shown is for estimating purposes only. Actual jobsite coverage may vary according to substrate conditions, type of trowel used and setting practices.

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## RELATED DOCUMENTS

Reference Guide: General "Surface preparation requirements" for floor-covering installation systems\*

\* At [www.mapei.com](http://www.mapei.com)

Refer to the SDS for specific data related to health and safety as well as product handling.

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