

# **ARDEX EG15**

### Easy Clean High Performance Epoxy Grout

Use where strict hygiene standards, high chemical and physical resistance are required

Exceptionally easy clean off

Solvent free, environmentally friendly

For joints from 1.5mm to 15mm

Suitable for wall and floor applications

Adjustable viscosity to suit application conditions

Use with range of ARDEX Colour Packs

Water wash up, easier than other epoxy grouts



Ideal for wet areas including swimming and hydrotherapy pools

For internal and external applications

Low VOC content

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#### DESCRIPTION

ARDEX EG15 is a high performance epoxy grout designed for situations that require strict standards of hygiene, high chemical and physical resistance. ARDEX EG15 is exceptionally easy to clean up during application. It can be used in joints up to 15mm wide on walls and floors. ARDEX EG 15 is a 100% epoxy grout system.

#### FOR GROUTING (TILE TYPES)

All ceramic tiles, porcelain and non moisture or thermal senstive natural stones

Note: porous, moisture sensitive and textured tiles may require special application procedures, contact ARDEX Technical Services.

#### PREPARATION

Ensure joints are clean and free from dust, excess adhesive and bedding mortar. Do not grout until the adhesive has set firmly. All 'spacers' must be removed from joints. Joints must be dry before grouting and free from permanent dampness.

Prior to grouting, it is advisable to check ease of cleaning with tiles that have a textured or matte surface.

#### **MIXING RATIO**

ARDEX EG15 should be mixed to the ratios below in parts per volume:

Part A Compound	2 parts/1L	
Part B Hardener	1 part/500ml	
Part C Colour Pack	6-8 parts/5kg	

#### MIXING

Only mix enough material that can be used within 30 minutes.

Transfer the measured amount of compound (Part A) to a suitable sized mixing container and add the hardener (Part B). Mix the two components using a low speed mechanical stirrer (e.g. electric drill) until a uniform mixture is obtained. Maintain mixing paddle head below surface of liquid to reduce entrapped air. Smaller quantities can be mixed by hand.

Add ARDEX Colour Pack (Part C filler) in incremental amounts until a non-slump consistency with uniform colour is obtained. Filler addition can be adjusted to accommodate site conditions (e.g. ambient temperatures, joint width). Coverage will vary dependant on the amount of filler added. Reducing filler decreases coverage and makes clean up more difficult. For wider joints, more filler may be necessary to obtain a firmer, non-slump consistency. To extend the pot life, spread the mix onto a non-absorbent surface (e.g. plastic sheet) at a thickness not exceeding 15mm and begin application.

To optimise the workability, incorporate less ARDEX Colour Pack Part C filler at low temperatures and more Part C filler at high temperatures into the mix.

It is recommended not to mix the entire kit in case of a need to adjust the volume of the filler for your specific application, alternatively ensure you have additional filler on hand.

#### **APPLICATION**

Apply the mixed grout using a grout float, spatula, or caulking gun. Compact the grout firmly into the joints ensuring they are completely filled, minimising the amount left on the tile surface. Remove excess grout from the tile surface using the grout float, wiping across the tiles in a diagonal motion.

Optimum pot life, coverage and workability are achievable when ARDEX EG15 is used at temperatures between 20-25°C. The components can be warmed or cooled to achieve optimal results depending on temperature and site conditions. Do not apply in temperatures below 10°C or above 30°C. Low temperatures will retard curing and high temperatures will dramatically shorten the pot life.

The pot life of the mixed mortar is approximately 60 minutes at 23°C and 50% relative humidity.

#### CLEANING

For best results, cleaning should be completed within 15 minutes after application. Grouting and cleaning 1-2m<sup>2</sup> at a time is recommended. Consult ARDEX for porous and heavily textured tiles.

Step 1: Remove excess grout from the tile surface using a rubber grout float in a diagonal pattern.

Step 2: Using a cleaning cloth lightly soaked in water gently wipe in a circular motion and loosen the excess grout on the tile surface. Frequently clean cloth in water. Adding a small capful of cleaning vinegar to the wash water will improve the ability to clean.

Step 3: Using a cleaning cloth lightly soaked in water, gently remove any further residue and smooth grout surface. Frequent rinsing of the cleaning cloth reduces clogging and prolongs its life.

Step 4: Using a chamois remove any remaining haze from the surface.

It is important to clean all grout from the tile surface before the grout hardens. In some cases a slight smear may develop on the tile surface after cleaning. The smear can be removed 2-4 hours after grout application by wiping with a clean sponge or open weave cloth lightly soaked in water. For stubborn areas use a scourer. Clean residue no later than 24 hours after grout application.

Note: Superior cleaning can be achieved by using solvents such as methylated spirits and a sponge only. However cleaning with solvent may be a health and safety issue.

#### **DRYING TIME**

Initial set and trafficable after 24 hours, full cure after approximately 7 days, after which time the grout joints are chemically resistant, at 23°C and 50% relative humidity. Allow longer for lower temperatures.

#### PACKAGING

ARDEX EG 15 is a three part system. Part A: 1L Part B: 500ml Part C - ARDEX Colour Pack 5kg

#### SHELF LIFE

ARDEX EG15 has a shelf life of not less than 24 months, when stored in the original unopened packaging, in a dry place at 23°C and 50% relative humidity. Keep away from flames and high temperatures. Keep away from food and drink. Reseal partly used containers.

#### Pay attention to the following:

Epoxy based grouts are prone to discolouration and chalking when used externally. However, performance is not affected. Light coloured epoxy grouts are subject to colour variation over prolonged periods.

Exercise caution when grouting over soft or highly glazed tiles, ARDEX recommend a trial application.

In low temperatures below 10°C, it is advisable to pre-heat the separate components or store in a temperature controlled environment for 12 hours prior to use. The sealed liquid components can be heated in warm water of up to 25°C.

In high temperatures above 30°C, the material should be stored in shade or an air conditioned environment for 12 hours prior to use.

Not suitable for use in areas subject to long term contact with high concentrations of chicken fat.

#### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Avoid contact with skin and eyes; in case of contact with the eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water for 15 minutes and seek medical advice; wear suitable gloves and eye protection and keep the product out of the reach of children. Avoid generation of airborne dust during mixing, use only in well ventilated areas and wear appropriate respiratory equipment to avoid breathing vapour and fumes. If swallowed do not induce vomiting, give a glass of water to rinse mouth, then as much water as the patient can drink and contact a doctor. If skin contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and wash skin thoroughly with warm soapy water.

ARDEX EG15 Part B is considered a corrosive material under UN 1760 Corrosive liquid N.O.S Packaging Group III Hazchem 2X. Causes burns. Harmful by inhalation and if swallowed. May cause sensitisation from inhalation and skin contact. Serious risk of damage to the eyes.

For further material safety data, consult the latest Material Safety Data Sheet.

Please ensure you are using the most up to date technical infomation by downloading the Technical Datasheet from our website or mobile APP.

#### COVERAGE

Coverage will vary according to tile size, joint width and depth, as well as the method of application and on site condtions. Allow an additional 15% for wastage. Estimates are approximate and do not include wastage.

Tile Size (mm)	Coverage in m² per kit (Kit is: Pt A 1L, Pt B 500mL, Pt C 5kg) Joint Width				
length x width x depth	1.5mm	3mm	5mm	10mm	15mm
25 x 25 x 4	8.5m <sup>2</sup>	4m <sup>2</sup>	2.5m <sup>2</sup>	1.2m <sup>2</sup>	0.8m <sup>2</sup>
100 x 100 x 8	17m <sup>2</sup>	8.5m <sup>2</sup>	5m <sup>2</sup>	2.5m <sup>2</sup>	1.7m <sup>2</sup>
200 x 200 x 8	34m <sup>2</sup>	17m <sup>2</sup>	10m <sup>2</sup>	5m <sup>2</sup>	3.4m <sup>2</sup>
330 x 330 x 9	50m <sup>2</sup>	25m <sup>2</sup>	15m <sup>2</sup>	7.5m <sup>2</sup>	5m <sup>2</sup>
600 x 600 x 10	81m <sup>2</sup>	40m <sup>2</sup>	24m <sup>2</sup>	12m <sup>2</sup>	8m <sup>2</sup>

#### CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

CHEMICAL RESISTANCE	Intermittent	Continuous	TECHNICAL DATA Product Identity	
Chemical Reagents	Exposure	Exposure	Туре:	Part A - Compound Part B - Hardener
ACIDIC				Part C - Colour Filler
Sulphuric acid (20%)	R	R	Solids Content: Form and Colour:	100% Part A: clear colourless/pale yellow,
Nitric acid (20%)	R	-		medium viscosity liquid
Hydrocholoric acid (30%)	R	R		Part B: clear low viscosity amber
Formic acid (7%)	R	R -		liquid with an ammonia odour. Corrosive.
Acetic acid (10%)	R	-		Part C: inert coloured powder
	R	- R		
Phosphoric acid (50%)	R	R	Application Properties at	
Tartaric acid (50%)			Mixing Ratio (by volume):	2:1:(6-8) (Part A: Part B: Part C)
Citric acid (50%)	R	R	Pot Life:	60 minutes
Lactic acid (10%)	R	R	Approx Specific Gravity (mixture):	2.0 - 2.1
			Application Temperature:	+10°C to +30°C
ALKALINE	_	_	Application Humidity: Curing Time:	30% - 70% RH Trafficable: 24 hours
Sodium Hydroxide (20%)	R	R	Curing Time.	Full cure: 7 days
Ammonia concentrated	R	R	Service Temperature:	(continuous): -20°C to +60°C (intermittent): +105°C
Hydrogen Peroxide (6%)	R	R	Flammability:	Not flammable
Aluminium Sulphate (40%)	R	R	-	6 4000)
Ammonium Chloride (20%)	R	R	Mechanical Properties (A Compressive Strength: Flexural Strength:	70 Mpa 45 Mpa
SOLVENTS			Classification:	RG
Diesel oil	R	R		
Unleaded Petrol	R	R		
Ethanol	R	-	Toll Free Technical Ser	vices:
White spirits	R	R	1800 224 070 (Australia)	
Xylene	R	-	0800 227 339 (NZ)	
1,1,1 Trichloroethane	R	-	ARDEX Australia Pty Ltd	
Mineral Turpentine	R	R	20 Powers Road	
			Seven Hills NSW 2147	
MISCELLANEOUS			Phone: 1300 788 780 Fax: 1300 780 102	
Bleach	R	-	Email: technicalservices@ardexaustralia.com	
Pool Chlorine	R	R	www.ardexaustralia.co	m
Water (distilled, mineral, sea)	) <b>R</b>	R	ARDEX New Zealand Lt	н
Milk	R	R	32 Lane Street	
Wine	R	R	Woolston, Christchurch 8241	
Fruit Juice	R	R	Phone: 0800 227 339	
Olive Oil	R	R	Fax: (03) 3849779 Email: info@ardexnz.com	
Motor Oil	R	R	www.ardex.co.nz	
Sugar	R	R	DISCLAIMER The technical details recommendations ar	nd other information contained in this data sheet
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