

## SECTION 03540 CEMENTITIOUS UNDERLAYMENT

This guide specification has been prepared by Dayton Superior Corporation to assist design professionals in the preparation of a specification section covering cementitious underlayments and toppings for leveling interior concrete, tile, and terrazzo surfaces.

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Section [01330] [\_\_\_\_\_]."

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Optional paragraphs are separated by an "OR" statement, e.g.:

\*\*\*\* OR \*\*\*\*

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### 1 GENERAL

#### 1.1 SUMMARY

Edit the following to suit project requirements.

##### A. Section Includes:

1. Cementitious [underlayments] [and] [toppings] for leveling interior [concrete] [tile] [terrazzo] surfaces.

#### 1.2 REFERENCES

A. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

- 1 C 191 - Test Method for Time of Setting of Hydraulic Cement by Vicat Needle.
- 2 C 348 - Test Method for Flexural Strength of Hydraulic Cement.
- 3 C 944 - Standard Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Concrete or Mortar Surfaces by the Rotary-Cutter Method.

### 1.3 SUBMITTALS

Edit the following paragraph to indicate the correct Division 1 section.

A. Submit under provisions of Section [01330] [\_\_\_\_\_]:

- 1 Product Data: Include manufacturer's specifications, surface preparation and application instructions, and protection of adjacent surfaces.
- 2 Test Data: Confirm compliance with specified requirements.

### 1.4 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

Edit the following paragraph to indicate the correct Division 1 section.

A. Deliver, store, and handle products under provisions of Section [01600] [\_\_\_\_\_].

B. Store materials in a dry area at a temperature between 30 and 100 degrees F (minus 1 and plus 38 degrees C). Provide adequate ventilation and keep away from ignition sources.

### 1.5 PROJECT CONDITIONS

A. Environmental Requirements: Do not apply bonding agents or underlayments at temperatures below 40 degrees F (4 degrees C).

## 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MANUFACTURERS

A. Manufacturer: Dayton Superior Corporation, 402 South First Street, Oregon, IL 61061, (800) 745-3707.

Edit the following paragraph to indicate whether substitutions will be permitted; indicate the correct Division 1 section.

B. Substitutions: [Not permitted.] [Under provisions of Section [01630] [\_\_\_\_\_].]

### 2.2 MATERIALS

A. Primer:

- 1 Product: LeveLayer Bonding Agent (J-42).
- 2 Description: Reemulsifiable emulsion bonding agent.
- 3 VOC compliant.  
Include the following for a premium self-leveling underlayment for use over new or existing concrete, ceramic tile, or terrazzo.

B. Cementitious Underlayment:

- 1 Product: LeveLayer I.
- 2 Description: Premium grade, cement based, non-shrinking, self-leveling floor underlayment.
- 3 Approved by Ceramic Tile Institute.
- 4 Compressive strength: Tested per ASTM C 109 with following results: Days Compressive Strength  
psi (MPa)  
1 1800 (12.4)  
3 2200 (15.2)  
7 2800 (19.3)  
28 4200 (28.9)
- 5 Flexural strength: Tested per ASTM C 348 with following results: Days Flexural Strength - psi (MPa)  
1 495 (3.4)  
3 630 (4.3)  
7 800 (5.5)  
28 1000 (6.9)
- 6 Initial set: 90 minutes, tested per ASTM C 191.
- 7 Final set: 150 minutes, tested per ASTM C 191.
- 8 Self-leveling working time: 20 minutes at 68 degrees F (20 degrees C).  
\*\*\*\* OR \*\*\*\*  
Include the following for a standard grade self-leveling underlayment for use over new or existing concrete, ceramic tile, or terrazzo.

C. Cementitious Underlayment:

- 1 Product: LeveLayer II.

2 Description: Cement based, non-shrinking, self-leveling floor underlayment.  
3 Compressive strength: Tested per ASTM C 109 with following results: Days Compressive Strength  
psi (MPa)  
1 1300 (9.0)  
3 1600 (11.0)  
7 2200 (15.2)  
28 3400 (23.4)

4 Flexural strength: Tested per ASTM C 348 with following results: Days Flexural Strength - psi (MPa)  
3 420 (2.9)  
7 720 (5.0)  
28 1000 (6.9)

5 Initial set: 75 minutes, tested per ASTM C 191.

6 Final set: 90 minutes, tested per ASTM C 191.

7 Self-leveling working time: 20 minutes at 70 degrees F (21 degrees C).

\*\*\*\* OR \*\*\*\*

Include the following for a heavy duty, self-leveling floor topping for use over new or existing concrete designed to take direct traffic.

#### D. Cementitious Floor Topping:

1 Product: LeveLayer III.

2 Description: Cement based, non-shrinking, self-leveling floor topping designed to accept traffic.

3 Compressive strength: Tested per ASTM C 109 with following results: Days Compressive Strength  
psi (MPa)  
1 2700 (18.6)  
3 3400 (23.4)  
7 4200 (28.9)  
28 5700 (39.3)

4 Flexural strength: Tested per ASTM C 348 with following results: Days Flexural Strength - psi (MPa)  
1 600 (4.1)  
3 700 (4.8)  
7 800 (5.5)  
28 1000 (6.9)

5 Abrasion resistance: Average weight loss of 8.3 g, tested per ASTM C 944 with 20 Kfg load.

- 6 Initial set: 65 minutes, tested per ASTM C 191.
- 7 Final set: 90 minutes, tested per ASTM C 191.
- 8 Self-leveling working time: 15 minutes at 68 degrees F (20 degrees C).

### 2.3 ACCESSORIES

Include the following for applications where thickness of underlayment will exceed 1/2 inch (13 mm).

- A. Sand: Clean, coarse, well graded natural sand.

### 2.4 MIXING

- A. Mix materials in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.  
Include the following for applications where thickness of underlayment will exceed 1/2 inch (13 mm).
- B. Add sand at rate of 15 pounds (0.7 kg) per 50 pound (23 kg) bag.
- C. Do not over-water or retemper mix.

## 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 PREPARATION

- A. Clean surfaces to remove loose and foreign matter that could interfere with adhesion. Allow surfaces to dry completely before beginning application.
- B. Protect adjacent surfaces.

### 3.2 INSTALLATION

- A. Follow manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Apply primer with brush or broom at rate recommended by manufacturer. Allow to dry to touch before proceeding, but do not wait longer than 72 hours.
- C. Apply cementitious underlayment by pouring or pumping. Spread with long handled spreader.

END OF SECTION