

**TECHNICAL DATA SHEET**
**DESCRIPTION**

Ferro Tuff is a metallic dry shake floor hardener comprised of clean and well graded iron aggregates, special additives and portland cement that is designed for application to freshly cast horizontal concrete to harden and densify the surface. Ferro Tuff provides greater impact resistance than other types of dry shake hardeners. Ferro Tuff is available in a natural concrete color.

**USE**

Ferro Tuff is designed to provide an extremely dense, abrasion resistant and ductile floor for heavy duty applications. The ductile iron aggregate helps prevent spalling, deterioration and surface abrasion. Applications for Ferro Tuff include airplane hangars, manufacturing plants including car, truck and tractor assembly plants, processing plants, warehouses, loading docks, foundries, smelters, generating stations, industrial plants, etc.

**FEATURES**

- High impact resistant floor
- Ductile metal aggregates resist high point loading
- Recommended for steel-wheeled traffic
- Up to 8 times the abrasion resistance of normal concrete
- Long service life/low maintenance
- Resists dusting, spalling and deterioration

**PROPERTIES**

100% Well graded, clean ground cast iron aggregate  
 Specific Gravity 7.0 (Metallic Aggregate)  
 Compressive Strength ASTM C-109 2" cubes (5.1 cm)  
 7 days – 10,000 psi (68.9 MPa)  
 28 days – 12,000 psi (82.7 MPa)  
 Abrasion Resistance – CRD-C 52 ASTM C-944  
 Average Depth of Wear:  
 1/2 hour – 0.003 in. (0.076mm)  
 1 hour – 0.009 in. (0.228mm)  
 For Heavy duty service Class 5 and 6 industrial floors ACI Manual of Concrete Practice

**Note:**

The data shown is typical for controlled laboratory conditions. Reasonable variation from these results can be expected due to interlaboratory precision and bias. When testing the field mixed material, other factors such as variations in mixing, water content, temperature and curing conditions should be considered.

**Estimating Guide**

Medium Duty: 1.0 – 1.5 lb./sq. ft. (5.0 – 7.6 kg /sq. m)  
 Heavy Duty: 1.5 – 2.0 lbs./sq. ft. (7.6 – 10.1 kg /sq. m)

**Packaging**

Product	Product Code	Packaging	Size	
			Lb.	kg
Ferro Tuff™ Natural	67550	Bags	50	22.7

**STORAGE**

Store in a cool, dry area free from direct sunlight. Shelf life of unopened bags, when stored in a dry facility is 12 months. Excessive temperature differential and /or high humidity can shorten the shelf life expectancy.

**Mock Up:**

It is recommended that a minimum 10' x 10' (3.0 m x 3.0 m) test placement (mock up) be made using the same applicator, concrete mix proportions, method of placement and finishing procedures and the same conditions as anticipated on the project. The mock up sample area should be to assure acceptance of installation and appearance.

**APPLICATION**

ACI Manuals of Concrete Practice to be followed:  
 ACI 302 Guide for Concrete Floor and Slab Construction  
 ACI 305 for Hot Weather Concreting.  
 ACI 306 for Cold Weather Concreting.  
 ACI 308 Curing of Concrete  
 ACI 309 Consolidation of Concrete

**Placement:**

Placement of Base Concrete: Concrete slump is NOT to exceed 5 in. (12.7 cm). Gap grading of concrete aggregate in the mix design should be avoided. The use of air entraining agents, fly ash, fibers, calcium chloride and water reducers should be avoided. Total air content of normal weight concrete should not exceed 3% except when service conditions expose the concrete to freeze/thaw cycling and the slab is not hard-trowel finished.

Contact Dayton Technical Services Department for more specific recommendations concerning concrete mix designs. Only place when ambient temperature is between 40°– 90°F (4°– 32°C).

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### General Application Procedure:

General Application Procedure: The industry standard application procedure for dry shakes is to apply them in two passes, 2/3 by weight the first pass and 1/3 the weight on the second last pass. Distribution of the dry shake hardener by mechanical spreaders (i.e. Morrison or Somero) is the recommended method. Broadcast the first pass onto the concrete after the concrete bleed water has dissipated, and immediately after the concrete appears to have lost its surface sheen.

After broadcasting, let the dry shake wet out until all of the shake has darkened uniformly and appears the same color. The wet out time will be affected by ambient job-site conditions, and slightly shorter or longer times may be necessary. Avoid clumping material on the surface. After material has darkened and is uniform in color, then float with weighted wood bull floats or highway straight edge to embed into the concrete surface and remove any surface irregularities. Wait until the concrete will support the weight of a power trowel using float shoes or a pan (combination blades should not be used) and break open the surface across the placement in the short direction.

Immediately apply the remaining 1/3 uniformly at right angles to the first application. The second application does not have to be applied at right angles to the first application if a mechanical spreader is used. Early setting around the slab edges will occur and should be watched closely to properly time the floating operation. After the second application has absorbed the surface water and uniformly darkened, float the surface with a finishing machine equipped with float shoes. When the surface can support the weight of a power trowel and finisher, then, power trowel multiple times using trowel blades or pans to thoroughly embed the dry shake in the concrete for a smooth finish. Initially, the trowel blades should be set as flat as possible to avoid digging into the surface. The trowel blades may be gradually raised to slowly close the surface. Proper and uniform finishing is essential at this point. Do not rewet and do not overwork. Prevent closing the slab too early as blistering or delamination may occur. Do not use combination blades. Surface may be broomed or textured.

NOTE: During hot, dry, or windy conditions, use the AquaFilm™ Concentrate J74 or the AquaFilm™ J74RTU evaporation reducer, in accordance with the instructions in their current technical data sheet, to reduce moisture loss and extend concrete workability.

### CURING

Immediately after final finishing and evaporation of bleed water apply a Dayton Superior membrane forming curing compound or cure and seal. Wet curing methods compliant with ACI 308 may also be employed.

### CLEAN UP

Use clean water. Clean up all tools and equipment before Ferro Tuff has set. Hardened material will require abrasive methods of removal.

### LIMITATIONS

#### FOR PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY

Install only when the ambient temperature is between 40°–90°F (4°– 32°C).

Do not use on floors that will be exposed to acids known to deteriorate concrete.

Air entrainment should not exceed 3%.

Do not use on floors exposed to standing water or deicing salts. (For those applications use the Dayton Superior Emery Tuff™).

Do not add other cements or additives to Ferro Tuff. Prepackaged material segregates while in the bag, thus when mixing less than a full bag it is recommended to first agitate the bag to assure it is blended prior to sampling.

### PRECAUTIONS

#### READ SDS PRIOR TO USING PRODUCT

- Product contains Crystalline Silica and Portland Cement - Avoid breathing dust – Silica may cause serious lung problems
- Use with adequate ventilation
- Wear protective clothing, gloves and eye protection (goggles, safety glasses and/or face shield)
- Keep out of the reach of children
- Do not take internally
- In case of ingestion, seek medical help immediately
- May cause skin irritation upon contact, especially prolonged or repeated. If skin contact occurs, wash immediately with soap and water and seek medical help as needed.
- If eye contact occurs, flush immediately with clean water and seek medical help as needed
- Dispose of waste material in accordance with federal, state and local requirements

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