**SECTION 093013**

**TILING (3/8” TILE - LIFETIME SYSTEM WARRANTY GROUT CRACK ISOLATION)**

# PART 1 GENERAL

* 1. **SUMMARY**

##### A. Ceramic Tile

1. Surface Preparation
2. Crack Isolation Membrane System
3. Setting Mortar
4. Grout and Accessories
   1. **REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

A. Conform to requirements of ANSI A137.1 for standard grade tile. Second grade or worse material will not be permitted.

1. Conform to Ceramic Tile Manual published for the Ceramic Tile Institute.
   1. Tile should be installed in compliance with applicable material standards and in accordance with the current Tile Council of North America Handbook specifications
   2. **SUBMITTALS**

A. Submit manufacturer’s descriptive literature and product specifications for each product.

B. Submit manufacturer’s technical data indicating compliance with all applicable standards.

C. Shop drawings showing layout, joint locations and transition treatments.

1. Submit two (2) sets of physical samples for products specified herein.
   1. Full size samples of each tile and appropriate trim shapes of each tile.
   2. Grout color samples of each color and type. Prepare samples in specified dimensions using the same tools and techniques intended in actual work (including grout sealer application if specified). Manufacturer’s paper charts and plastic channels are to be used for initial color selection only and are not acceptable submittal samples.
2. Certifications: Submit manufacturer’s letter of compliance that products will meet or exceed TCNA 137.1, including Master Grade Certificate.
   1. **QUALITY ASSURANCE**
3. Manufacturer’s Qualifications:
   1. Company specializing in the manufacturing products specified in this Section with minimum 5 years documented experience.
   2. Single source manufacturer: Crack isolation membrane system, setting materials and grout materials shall be provided by a single manufacturer.
4. Installer Qualification: Choose one.

1. Installer is **[a five-star member of the National Tile Contractors Association] [or] [a Trowel of Excellence member of the Tile Contractors' Association of America]**

2. Installer's supervisor for the Project holds the International Masonry Institute's Foreman Certification.

3. Installer employs **[Ceramic Tile Education Foundation Certified Installers] [or] [installers recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor as Journeyman Tile Layers]**

4. Installer submits references reflecting competence with work of similar size, scope and complexity of the work required for this project.

1. Field Mock-up: Install a fully finished mock-up for each type tile installation. Mock-up shall be a minimum of 10'0" X 10'0" and will be reviewed for joint quality, color range, pattern and workmanship.
2. At the end of the project, provide to the Owner, unopened, clearly marked cartons of additional ceramic tile materials and grout utilized on the project.

1. 100 square feet of each color porcelain floor tile.

2. One container of each color porcelain base.

3. Containers of each color grout required to-install 100 square feet of tile. (No less than one

(1) container required)

* 1. **PRE-INSTALLATION MEETING**

A. Conduct pre-installation meeting in accordance with Section 01310.

B. Convene pre-installation meeting one week prior to purchasing materials for field sample [mock-up].

**1.07 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING**

1. Comply with requirements of Section 01650 and Section 01660.
2. All products supplied shall be delivered in original, unopened packages with labels identifying products legible and intact.
3. All products supplied shall be stored in a dry enclosure and protected from the weather, direct sunlight, surface contamination, aging, damaging temperatures, damage from construction traffic, and other potential adversities.
4. Damaged materials shall be removed from the jobsite.

## 1.08 ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Environmental Conditions: Do not install ceramic tile setting materials or grouts when ambient air temperature or substrate temperature are below 50°F unless temporary protection and heat are provided to maintain ambient temperatures above 50°F during installation of wet materials and until they have cured thoroughly and become weather resistant.
2. The General Contractor shall provide access to electrical power and clean potable water in the area where the ceramic or stone tile is being installed.

**1.09 WARRANTY**

1. Comply with provisions of Section 01780.

B. **3⁄8" Crack Isolation System Limited Warranty** – **LIFETIME PERIOD upon completion**

1. **LIFETIME System** **Limited Warranty** must stipulate: When installed as a complete system**2**, will 1) Not transfer cracks from the approved substrate through the tile or stone and will maintain the bond between the tile or stone and approved substrate, when subjected to in-plane movement of cracks up to 3⁄8", and 2) Not transfer cracks from the approved substrate through the grout when subjected to In-plane movement of cracks up to 3⁄8".

**For warranty details: http://www.tecspecialty.com/supporting-materials/warranty-info/?lang=English**

Existing substrate cracks cannot exhibit in-plane differences beyond 3⁄8”.

**2** System shall be defined as single sourced membrane and mortar and grout as specified on warranty.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

* 1. **MANUFACTURERS AND PRODUCTS**

1. Ceramic Tile
2. Furnish tile complying with “Standard Grade” requirements per ANSI A137.1, for types of tile indicated.

2. Pattern Name: Tile shall be [insert tile pattern name], as manufactured by [insert tile manufacturer name].

3. Color: Tile shall be [insert color name and number].

4. Size: Tile shall be manufactured to specific size after firing and shall be 3" x 3" x 1/4", 6" x 6" x 5/16", 8" x 8" x 5/16" ,12" x 12" x 5/16"; **Large and Heavy Tile sizes** 16" x 16" x 3/8", 6” x 36”, 4 x 24, 6 x 24, 10 x 20, 16" x 16", 12” x 24”, 24” x 24”, 24” x 48”, 32” x 32”, 40” x 120”, 9” x 36”, 18” x 36”, 12” x 48”; [16" x 16" x 3/8" (actual 15-7/8" x 15-7/8" x 3/8")]].

1. Product shall exhibit the following minimum test results:

a. Water Absorption (ASTM C373): [insert % water absorption].

b. Abrasion Resistance (EN 154): [insert PEI class].

c. Breaking Strength (ASTM C648): [insert minimum lbs. strength].

d. Coefficient of Friction – Wet (ASTM C1028): [insert value].

e. Coefficient of Friction – Dry (ASTM C1028): [insert value].

f. Glaze Hardness: [if tile selected is glazed, insert Moh value].

1. Provide matching trim shapes such as bullnose, corners and cove base where specified.

B. Surface Preparation Products

1. Provide cementitious, trowelable, patch material to remedy any depressions in existing slab to allow for flat installation of tile. Product shall be TEC® VersaPatch Latex Modified Floor Patch as manufactured by H.B. Fuller Construction Products Inc.

2. For interior large format, floor tile installations using 15" or greater on one side tile, install self-leveling underlayment at 1⁄4" to insure flat, level floor installation and appropriate mortar coverage to back of tile and substrate. Prime all porous surfaces according to manufacturer’s instructions. Products shall be TEC® Multipurpose Primer™, and TEC® Level Set 300® Self Leveling Underlayment as manufactured by H.B. Fuller Construction Products Inc.

C. Crack Isolation Peel and Stick Sheet Membrane System (**3/8” In Plane** **Crack Protection**)

1. Membrane shall meet all ANSI A118.12 for ceramic tile crack isolation membranes providing up to **3⁄8"** crack isolation protection. Approximately 40 mil thick. Delta IIC Rating shall be 16 dB per ASTM E2179-03. ASTM E492 Impact Sound Performance shall be IIC 60 dB - 6" concrete slab with 5⁄8" gypsum board ceiling and ASTM E90-09 Airborne Sound Performance shall be STC 61 dB - 6" concrete slab with 5⁄8" gypsum board ceiling

a. Peel and Stick applied crack isolation membrane shall be **TEC® Crack Isolation Sheet Membrane,** **3⁄8"** in plane crack isolation as manufactured by TEC® / H.B. Fuller Construction Products Inc.

**{Note to Specifier: The use of Multipurpose Primer is required to install this product. See “H” below}**

D. Setting Materials

1. Latex Modified Cement Mortars (**for the installation of tile size smaller than 15” on one side**)

a. **TEC® Super Flex™ Ultra-Premium Thin Set Mortar**, one part, flexible latex thin set mortar conforming   
to ANSI A118.4 & A118.15 & A118.11, 28 Day Shear Strength (Porcelain) of 700 psi as manufactured by TEC® / H.B. Fuller Construction Products Inc. Color: **[white] [gray].**

2. Latex Modified Cement Mortars (**for large/heavy tile sizes**)

a. **TEC® 3N1® Performance Mortar or TEC® Fast Set 3N1® Performance Mortar**, one-part, non-sag/non slump, minimum 28 Day Shear Strength (Porcelain) of 711 psi, light weight latex thin set mortar conforming to ANSI A118.4TE, A118.11 and A118.15TE, as manufactured by H.B. Fuller Construction Products Inc. Color: **[white] [gray].**

E. Grouting Materials

1. Non Epoxy, High Performance Grouts

a. **TEC® InColor™ Advanced Performance Tile Grout**, stain and crack resistant, chemical resistant, mold and mildew resistant, ready-to-use grout, as manufactured by H.B. Fuller Construction Products Inc. **Lifetime Product Warranty**. Color: **[specify color name and number].**

b. **TEC® Power Grout® Grout**, High Performance, stain and crack resistant, efflorescence proof, mold and mildew resistant. **Water absorption shall be less than 1.5 percent, 28 Day Compressive Strength minimum shall be 10,000 psi.** **Lifetime Product Warranty.** Shall meet ANSI A118.7. **[specify color name and number].**

2. Epoxy Grouts

a. **TEC® AccuColor EFX® Epoxy Special Effects Grout**, three component, 100% solids epoxy, chemically resistant grout conforming to ANSI A118.3 standards, as manufactured by H.B. Fuller Construction Products Inc. Color: **[specify color name and number]**. {Note to Specifier: AccuColor EFX has 12 standard colors and more than 700 custom made colors.

F. Expansion Joints

1. Refer to TCNA Handbook, Method EJ171 for recommendations on locating and detailing various types of construction joints.
2. Use sealant complying with ASTM C920 according to Type, Grade, Class and Uses required.

H. Primer

1. Acrylic latex based primer for the installation of self-leveling underlayments, and for peel and stick tile installation, primer can be used on dry, porous concrete, gypsum cement underlayments and plywood.
2. TEC® Multipurpose Primer, as manufactured by H.B. Fuller Construction Products Inc.

**PART 3 EXECUTION**

* 1. **EXAMINATION**

A. Examine conditions under which ceramic or stone tile will be installed and proceed with work in accordance with Section 01710.

1. Maximum variation from the required plane (as specified by Tile Council of North America)

1. Tiles with no edges greater than 15 inches, floors and walls: 1/4 inch in 10 feet, and/or 1/16 inch in 1 foot.

2. Tiles with at least one edge greater than 15 inches, floors and walls: 1/8 inch in 10 feet, and/or 1/16 inch in 2 feet.

C. Notify Architect and General Contractor in writing of unsatisfactory conditions.

D. Do not proceed until unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

* 1. **PREPARATION AND SITE CONDITIONS**

1. General
2. Surfaces to be tiled shall be structurally sound, dry and free from oil, grease, dust, loose or peeling paint, concrete sealers or curing compounds. All contaminants must be removed prior to system installation.
3. Surfaces must be free of hydrostatic conditions or other moisture related problems.

3. Confirm location of expansion, isolation or control joints required and details provided on the drawings.

**3.03 INSTALLATION**

A. General

1. Install work in accordance with manufacturer’s approved product installation procedures and as specified in this section.

2. Install in accordance with [ANSI A108.5 Installation Specifications for Latex-Modified Portland Cement Mortar.] [ANSI A108.4 Installation Specifications with organic or epoxy adhesives.]

B. Tile Installation

1. General
2. Install tile in pattern shown on drawings. Joints shall be aligned and of same size when adjoining tiles on floor, base, walls and trim.
3. Tile should be cut straight and have edges aligned with adjacent materials. Grind edges of cut tile.
4. Install tile under equipment and fixtures and into recesses to form a complete tile covering.

d. Terminate tile neatly at edges, corners and obstructions without disrupting the tile pattern or joint alignment.

1. Walls: Install tile in accordance with latest version of TCNA method specifications.
2. Grout Installation

1. Install specified product in strict accordance with TEC® / H.B. Fuller Construction Products Inc. installation instructions and following the guidelines of ANSI A108.10.

D. Expansion and Control Joints: Install expansion and control joints in accordance with TCNA method EJ171.

**3.04 FIELD QUALITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. General: Comply with requirements of Section 01450.
   1. **CLEANING**
2. TEC® InColor™: Grout haze might be formed on some porous and absorptive tile. Grout haze shall not be removed the same day as this will disturb the grout during the initial curing process. To remove grout haze the next day, use a white scrub pad and common household glass cleaner.
3. TEC® Power Grout®: Wet a grout sponge in a pail containing cool, fresh water and wring out. Loosen the grout on the tile surface by moving the sponge in a circular motion across the tiles. Then use the sponge to smooth the joints. Completely rinse and wring out the sponge. Wipe diagonally across the tiles to remove grout residue. Use each side of the sponge once, then rinse, completely wring out and repeat. Change the water frequently.
4. TEC® AccuColor EFX® Epoxy: When using an epoxy grout, clean tiles immediately. Do not allow epoxy to harden on face of tile. Remove all grout haze and residue from the surface of the ceramic tile with TEC® AccuColor EFX® Clean-up Water Concentrate is highly recommended
5. Grout joints must be clean and free of standing water, dust and any foreign substances.
   1. **PROTECTION**
6. Protect wall installations from impact or heavy vibration for at least 14 days after completed installation.
7. Protect tile installation from freezing and water immersion for at least 21 days after installation is complete.

**END OF SECTION**

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