



# PermaFlex® 300 Latex Modified Thin Set Mortar

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## 1. PRODUCT NAME

TEC® PermaFlex® 300 Latex Modified Thin Set Mortar  
(034/035)

## 2. MANUFACTURER

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## 3. DESCRIPTION

TEC PermaFlex 300 Mortar is a one-part latex modified thin set mortar for installing ceramic, porcelain and natural stone tiles. For use over a variety of substrates, PermaFlex 300 Mortar provides a reliable bond for basic residential or commercial installations.

### Key Features and Benefits

- Polymer-modified; no additive required – just add water and mix
- Good workability, for interior or exterior applications
- Meets ANSI A118.4 and ISO 13007 C2
- Contributes to LEED® project points
- VOC 0

### Packaging

50 lb. (22.68 kg) moisture-resistant bags	
Gray	Product #15035784
White	Product #15035789
50 lb. (22.68 kg) plastic bags	
White	Product #15030014

### Coverage

Coverage will vary with condition of substrate. Required trowel size will vary with the tile size, type and substrate uniformity. Select the trowel size that will ensure 100% coverage. Figures below are presented only as guidelines.

Trowel Size	Approximate Coverage per 50 lbs. (22.68 KG)
¼" x ¼" x ¼" (6 x 6 x 6 mm) square-notch trowel	100-110 sq. ft. (9.3-10.2 m <sup>2</sup> )
¼" x ¼" x ⅜" (6 x 6 x 9 mm) square-notch trowel	80-85 sq. ft. (7.4-7.9 m <sup>2</sup> )

### Suitable Substrates

When properly prepared, acceptable substrates include:

- Cured concrete, cured mortar beds, brick and masonry (interior and exterior installations)
- Gypsum wallboard (dry interior wall areas only)
- Water resistant gypsum wallboard (e.g.: greenboard, interior walls only, dry to intermittent water exposure only)
- Cementitious backer units (CBU) or glass mat backerboard
- Existing unglazed ceramic tile and natural stone, provided existing flooring is well-bonded to an approved substrate
- Uncoupling membranes

### Substrate Preparation

All substrates must be dry, structurally sound with maximum deflection per industry standards of 1/360 for ceramic tile installations and 1/720 for natural stone installations; and free from oil, grease, dust, paint, sealers or concrete curing compounds. All contaminants must be removed prior to installation of tile. Surface protrusions and tile glazes shall be removed by sanding, scraping or scarifying. After preparation, remove all dust by vacuuming.

**Notes:** This product cannot be used over vinyl tile. Any substrate containing asbestos must not be sanded, scored or scarified because of the potential health hazard of breathing dust. Any substrate containing asbestos must be handled in accordance with existing EPA regulations. Contact your local EPA office.

Expansion joints must be provided in the tile work over all construction, control and expansion joints in the backing and where backing materials change. Follow ANSI A108.01 Section 3.7 Requirements for Expansion Joints, or TCNA EJ171 Joint Guidelines for Ceramic, Glass and Stone.

Maximum variations in all substrates must not exceed ¼" in 10 ft. (6 mm in 3 m) or 1/16" in 1 ft. (1.6 mm in 0.3 m) from the required plane. For non-level, interior surfaces use TEC® EZ Level® Premium Self Leveling Underlayment.

### Storage

Store in a cool dry area away from direct sunlight. Do not store open containers.

### Shelf Life

Maximum of 1 year from date of manufacture in unopened package.

### Limitations

- Only install when the temperature is between 50°F (10°C) - 90°F (32°C).
- Do not adjust tile after mortar takes its initial set or the bond will be permanently broken.
- Substrate temperature should be a minimum of 43°F (6°C) during application and air temperature maintained above 50°F (10°C) during installation and for 72 hours after installation.
- Do not soak tile.
- Do not use worn trowels. It is important to have the ridges of the tile setting mortar the full depth of the trowel notches.
- Do not use over exterior grade plywood, masonite, particle board, luan, plastic, vinyl composition tile, vinyl asbestos tile or painted surfaces.
- Do not use over cut back adhesive.
- Do not use as a medium bed tile setting mortar.
- Do not allow traffic on freshly installed tile for 16-24 hours.
- Do not allow heavy traffic until 72 hours after installation of tile.
- Certain natural stone tiles may be affected by mortar shadowing or staining. Test a small area prior to use to determine suitability.

### Cautions

Read complete cautionary information printed on product container prior to use. For medical emergency information, call 1-888-853-1758.

This Product Data Sheet has been prepared in good faith on the basis of information available at the time of publication. It is intended to provide users with information about and guidelines for the proper use and application of the covered TEC brand product(s) under normal environmental and working conditions. Because each project is different, TEC Specialty Products LLC cannot be responsible for the consequences of variations in such conditions, or for unforeseen conditions.

## 4. TECHNICAL DATA

### Applicable Standard

Meets ANSI A118.4 specifications.

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Description	ANSI Requirement	Typical Results
7 Day Shear Strength Glazed Wall Tile	> 300 psi (2.1 MPa)	> 390 psi (2.7 MPa)
28 Day Shear Strength Porcelain Mosaic Tile Quarry Tile	> 200 psi (1.3 MPa) > 150 psi (1.0 MPa)	> 330 psi (2.3 MPa) > 380 psi (2.6 MPa)

Greater than: >    Greater than or equal to: ≥    Less than: <    Less than or equal to: ≤  
NOTE: Test results obtained under controlled laboratory conditions at 72°F (22°C) and 50% relative humidity. Tested using 5.27 qts. (5.0 L) water per 50 lbs. (23 kg) bag. Reasonable variations can occur due to atmospheric and job site conditions.

## Product Data

**Physical Properties**

Description	
Physical State	Dry powder
Color	Available in white and gray
Pot Life	2 to 3 hours
Initial Cure [at 72°F (22°C)]	16 to 24 hours
Final Cure	21 days
Foot Traffic Rating (ASTM C627)	Residential to Extra Heavy Commercial (depending on substrate)
Storage	Store in cool, dry location. Do not store open containers.
Shelf Life	Maximum 1 year from date of manufacture in properly stored, unopened package.

**5. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS****Mixing**

For best results, maintain all tiling materials, substrates, room and adhesives at 50°-70°F (10-21°C) for 24 hours before and 48 hours after installation. Thoroughly mix 50 lbs. (22.68 kg) PermaFlex 300 Mortar with 5-6 qts. (4.7-5.7 L) clean, cool water. Add powder to liquid for ease of mixing. Mix material to a thick creamy consistency, then allow the mortar to stand for 10 minutes. Remix and apply. Avoid breathing dust and contact with eyes and skin. Avoid using high speed mixing, not to exceed 300 rpm, to prevent entraining air.

**Application**

Apply mortar using flat side of trowel to promote better substrate contact, then comb in one direction with the notched side of the trowel. Spread only an area that can be tiled while surface is still tacky (typically 15 minutes). Press tiles into setting bed, then push in a direction perpendicular to the notched trowel ridges to achieve optimum coverage. Apply mortar in a heavy enough layer so that complete contact (no voids) between mortar and tile is accomplished when tile is positioned. It may be necessary to "back-butter" large tiles to achieve complete coverage and firm support. Periodically remove and check a tile to assure proper coverage. Keep a minimum of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the joint depth between tiles for grouting.

Open time and tile hand adjustability may vary with job site conditions. Stir occasionally during use to maintain the smooth, creamy consistency of the product. **Do not add additional water.**

**Clean-up**

Clean tools, hands, and excess materials from face of tile, while mortar is still fresh, with warm soapy water.

**Grouting/Curing**

Grouting may be accomplished when tiles are held firmly in place, typically 16 to 24 hours after installation is completed. No traffic is permitted over the tiles prior to grouting. Cold temperatures or high humidity may extend curing time, working time, and pot life. Hot temperatures or low humidity may decrease curing time, working time, and pot life. Unglazed tiles may require sealing prior to grouting so discolorations will not occur. The use of TEC brand grouts is highly recommended.

**6. AVAILABILITY**

TEC premium surface preparation, tile, stone, carpet, wood and resilient floor covering installation products are available nationwide. To locate TEC products in your area, please contact:

Phone: 800-832-9002

Website: [tecspecialty.com](http://tecspecialty.com)

**7. LIMITED WARRANTY**

The product(s) covered by this Product Data Sheet are sold subject to a Limited Warranty and related terms. **TEC Specialty Products disclaims the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose and all incidental and consequential damages arising out of the sale, purchase or use of this product.** For Limited Warranty details visit [tecspecialty.com](http://tecspecialty.com). To obtain a hard copy of the Limited Warranty call TEC Specialty Products at 800-832-9023 or mail a written request to the address in Section 2 of this Product Data Sheet.

**8. MAINTENANCE**

Not applicable

**9. TECHNICAL SERVICES****Technical and safety literature**

To acquire technical and safety literature, please visit our website at [tecspecialty.com](http://tecspecialty.com).

**10. FILING SYSTEM**

Division 9



Conforms with LEED v4 low emitting interiors.  
Compliant with (CDPH) Standard Method v1.2 VOC Emissions.



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