

SECTION 03 54 16 - HYDRAULIC CEMENT UNDERLAYMENT

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General Conditions and Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. Section Includes:
  - 1. Polymer-modified, self-leveling, hydraulic cement underlayment for application below interior floor coverings.

1.3 UNIT PRICES

- A. Specific work of this section is itemized as Unit Prices on the Bid Form to add or deduct specific units of work to the Project. Unit Price descriptions, requirements, and units of work are enumerated in Division 01 Section "Unit Prices." Unit Prices are inclusive of labor, materials, overhead, and profit per unit of work indicated.

1.4 ACTION SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: For each type of product.
- B. Shop Drawings: Include plans indicating substrates, locations, and average anticipated depths of underlayment based on field survey of substrate conditions.

1.5 INFORMATIONAL SUBMITTALS

- A. Qualification Data: For Installer.
- B. Product Certificates: Signed by manufacturers of underlayment and floor-covering systems certifying that products are compatible.
- C. Test Reports:
  - 1. For fire-resistant ratings, from a qualified testing agency.
  - 2. For STC-rated assemblies, from a qualified testing agency.
  - 3. For IIC-rated assemblies, from a qualified testing agency.

1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Product Compatibility: Manufacturers of underlayment and floor-covering systems shall certify in writing that products are compatible.

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- B. Installer Qualifications: Installer shall be approved by manufacturer for application of underlayment products required for this Project.

1.7 FIELD CONDITIONS

- A. Environmental Limitations: Comply with manufacturer's written instructions for substrate temperature, ventilation, ambient temperature and humidity, and other conditions affecting underlayment performance.
  - 1. Place hydraulic cement underlayments only when ambient temperature and temperature of substrates are between 50 and 80 deg F.
- B. Coordinate application of underlayment with requirements of floor-covering products and adhesives, to ensure compatibility of products.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Fire-Resistance Ratings: Comply with ASTM E119; testing by a qualified testing agency. Identify products with appropriate markings of applicable testing agency.
  - 1. Indicate design designations from UL's "Fire Resistance Directory" or from the listings of another qualified testing agency.

2.2 HYDRAULIC CEMENT UNDERLAYMENTS

- A. Hydraulic Cement Underlayment: Polymer-modified, self-leveling, hydraulic cement product that can be applied in minimum uniform thickness of 1/4 inch and that can be feathered at edges to match adjacent floor elevations. For billing purposes, assume minimum uniform thickness of 1/8-inch on all new and existing surfaces to receive new flooring.
  - 1. Basis of Design: Subject to compliance with requirements, hydraulic cement underlayment incorporated into the project shall be based on systems as follows:
    - a. ARDEX Americas; "V 1000™" or "V 1200™" for use to level subfloor to comply with flooring manufacturer's requirements and for use on all new and existing surfaces to receive new flooring unless noted otherwise.
  - 2. Acceptable Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, in lieu of the Basis of Design manufacturer, Contractor may provide products from the following manufacturers that meet or exceed the published data of the specified Basis of Design product.
    - a. Custom Building Products; CustomTech™.
    - b. Laticrete International, Inc.; NXT® Level.
    - c. Master Builders Solutions; MasterTop.
  - 3. Cement Binder: ASTM C150/C150M, portland cement, or hydraulic or blended hydraulic cement as defined by ASTM C219.
  - 4. Compressive Strength: Not less than 4000 psi at 28 days when tested according to ASTM C109/C109M.

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- B. Water: Potable and at a temperature of not more than 70 deg F.
- C. Reinforcement: For underlayment applied to wood substrates, provide galvanized metal lath or other corrosion-resistant reinforcement recommended in writing by underlayment manufacturer.
- D. Primer: Product of underlayment manufacturer recommended in writing for substrate, conditions, and application indicated.
- E. Corrosion-Resistant Coating: Recommended in writing by underlayment manufacturer for metal substrates.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine substrates, with Installer present, for conditions affecting performance of the Work.
- B. Proceed with application only after unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

3.2 PREPARATION

- A. General: Prepare and clean substrate according to manufacturer's written instructions.
  - 1. Treat nonmoving substrate cracks according to manufacturer's written instructions to prevent cracks from telegraphing (reflecting) through underlayment.
  - 2. Fill substrate voids to prevent underlayment from leaking.
- B. Concrete Substrates: Mechanically remove, according to manufacturer's written instructions, laitance, glaze, efflorescence, curing compounds, form-release agents, dust, dirt, grease, oil, and other contaminants that might impair underlayment bond.
  - 1. Moisture Testing: Perform tests so that each test area does not exceed 500 sq. ft. and perform no fewer than three tests in each installation area and with test areas evenly spaced in installation areas.
    - a. Anhydrous Calcium Chloride Test, ASTM F1869: Proceed with installation only after substrates do not exceed a maximum moisture-vapor-emission rate of 3 lb of water/1000 sq. ft. in 24 hours. Comply with manufacturer's requirements if they are more stringent.
- C. Metal Substrates: Mechanically remove, according to manufacturer's written instructions, rust, foreign matter, and other contaminants that might impair underlayment bond. Apply corrosion-resistant coating compatible with underlayment if recommended in writing by underlayment manufacturer.
- D. Nonporous Substrates: For ceramic tile, quarry tile, and terrazzo substrates, remove waxes, sealants, and other contaminants that might impair underlayment bond, and prepare surfaces according to manufacturer's written instructions.
- E. Adhesion Tests: After substrate preparation, test substrate for adhesion with underlayment according to manufacturer's written instructions.

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3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. Mix and install underlayment components according to manufacturer's written instructions.
  - 1. Close areas to traffic during underlayment application and for time period after installation recommended in writing by manufacturer.
  - 2. Coordinate installation of components to provide optimum adhesion to substrate and between coats.
  - 3. At substrate expansion, isolation, and other moving joints, allow joint of same width to continue through underlayment.
- B. Apply primer over prepared substrate at manufacturer's recommended spreading rate.
- C. Install underlayment to produce uniform, level surface with feathered edges to match adjacent floor elevations as follows:
  - 1. Install underlayment at all irregularities, depressions, etc. and as required by flooring manufacturer's requirements on all new and existing concrete surfaces indicated to receive new flooring.
  - 2. Final layer shall be installed without aggregate to produce surface.
- D. Cure underlayment according to manufacturer's written instructions. Prevent contamination during application and curing processes.
- E. Do not install floor coverings over underlayment until after time period recommended in writing by underlayment manufacturer.
- F. Remove and replace underlayment areas that evidence lack of bond with substrate, including areas that emit a "hollow" sound when tapped.

3.4 INSTALLATION TOLERANCES

- A. Finish and measure surface, so gap at any point between gypsum cement underlayment surface and an unleveled, freestanding, 10-foot-long straightedge resting on two high spots and placed anywhere on the surface does not exceed 1/8 inch and 1/16 inch in 2 feet.

3.5 PROTECTION

- A. Protect underlayment from concentrated and rolling loads for remainder of construction period.

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