



# STOPGAP FAST-TRACK 30

## Rapid Setting, Rapid Drying Smoothing Compound

Declared performance: CT-C35-F10 to EN 13813:2002

### INTRODUCTION

STOPGAP FAST-TRACK 30 is a rapid setting and rapid drying, self-smoothing compound that incorporates the latest advances in cement technology providing a truly fast-track solution. It is suitable for use in light to heavy-duty applications for preparing sound absorbent and non-absorbent subfloors prior to the installation of new floorcoverings. STOPGAP FAST-TRACK 30 allows both textile and resilient floorcoverings to be installed from as little as 45 minutes at 20°C.

STOPGAP FAST-TRACK 30 is dimensionally stable and is supplied as a pre-blended dry powder which is designed for application between 2 – 10mm. It is protein free which allows it to be used in biologically sensitive areas such as hospitals.

STOPGAP FAST-TRACK 30 is suitable for use over a wide range of subfloor types including STOPGAP waterproof surface membranes, sand/cement screed, concrete, calcium sulphate (e.g. anhydrite), granolithic, terrazzo, epoxy and polyurethane resins, ceramic and quarry tiles.

### COVERAGE

A 16kg bag of STOPGAP FAST-TRACK 30 mixed with 4.0 litres of clean water will cover approximately 5.6m<sup>2</sup> at a thickness of 2mm.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Declared performance	CT-C35-F10
Working Time @ 20°C	10-15 minutes
Walk on hardness time @ 20°C	30 minutes
Ready to receive floorcoverings	from 45 minutes
Compressive Strength N/mm <sup>2</sup> (EN 13892-2)	
1 Day	>20.0
7 Days	>30.0
28 Days	>35.0
Flexural Strength N/mm <sup>2</sup> (EN 13892-2)	
1 Day	>4.0
7 Days	>7.0
28 Days	>10.0
Consumption per mm thickness	1.43 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Application thickness	2-10 mm

### FEATURES

- Advanced binder technology
- Install floorcoverings from as little as 45 minutes
- Application thickness 2-10mm
- Excellent self-smoothing properties
- Low odour

### STANDARDS

#### EN 13813:2002

The above standard refers to the properties and performance of the product and the specification to which it has been tested. The data shown confirms the minimum compressive and flexural strengths that the product will achieve.

### HOW MUCH MATERIAL

APPLIED THICKNESS	COVERAGE PER UNIT	CONSUMPTION PER 20M <sup>2</sup> AREA
2mm	5.6m <sup>2</sup>	4 units
5mm	2.2m <sup>2</sup>	9 units
10mm	1.1m <sup>2</sup>	18 units

Coverage rates are based on 4.0 litre water addition and will vary according to the condition of the subfloor.

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## SURFACE PREPARATION

Floor surfaces must be suitably prepared: sound, dry (<75%RH) and free from contaminants that may prevent adhesion. Use STYCCOCLEAN C140 for removing grease, oil, polish, soap etc. from non-absorbent substrates.

Concrete and sand/cement screeds must be fully cured and any laitance or surface treatments must be removed. The temperature of the floor must be maintained above 5°C throughout the application and drying of the compound. Underfloor heating must be off for at least 48 hours before, during and after application.

For fast-track applications, we would recommend that the floor temperature is maintained above 15°C to ensure the initial set time is kept to a minimum.

For detailed information, request the **F. Ball Subfloor Preparation Guide**.

## PRIMING

**IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PRIME ALL SURFACES.**

**Absorbent surfaces** - Prime with dilute STOPGAP P131 to prevent rapid drying of the compound. For dry (<75% RH) and suitably prepared anhydrite screeds use neat STOPGAP P121.

**Non-absorbent surfaces** – such as flat firmly bonded minimal adhesive residues, terrazzo, quarry tiles and STOPGAP waterproof surface membranes should be primed with neat STOPGAP P141 to ensure that good adhesion is obtained between the compound and substrate.

Primers should be used in accordance with instructions printed on the bottle and must be allowed to dry before applying the smoothing compound.

## MIXING

Add 4.0 litres of clean water into a STOPGAP mixing bucket and gradually add all the powder whilst stirring with a power whisk fitted in an electric drill until a smooth creamy lump free consistency is achieved. The material should be mixed for a minimum of 2 minutes.

### Water addition

4.0 litres minimum - 4.25 litres maximum per 16kg depending on consistency and flow properties required. Do not exceed 4.25 litres of water per 16kg bag.

## APPLICATION

Pour the mixed material onto the prepared subfloor and allow to flow and attain a smooth finish. Minimal work with a smoothing trowel is required. The use of a spiked roller will help eliminate entrapped air and smooth out flow lines to give a more uniform surface appearance. The mixed material should be applied at thicknesses between 2mm to 10mm, but can be taken down to a feathered edge if required. For optimum smoothing characteristics and when covering adhesive residues, an overall thickness of at least 3mm should be maintained.

STOPGAP FAST-TRACK 30 is self-smoothing, but should any imperfections remain they can be removed by rubbing with a carborundum stone when the compound will accept foot traffic - typically 30 minutes after application at 20°C. This time will be extended with reduced temperatures i.e. approximately 60 minutes at 10°C.

STOPGAP FAST-TRACK 30 should be applied at a 3mm minimum thickness when used over STOPGAP waterproof surface membranes prior to the installation of resilient floorcoverings.

## DRYING

Drying is dependent on the absorbency of the subfloor, ambient temperature and humidity.

Application of adhesives onto the surface can commence as soon as the surface is hard enough not to be damaged by the adhesive trowel – typically 45 minutes at 20°C when applied to absorbent subfloors and from 1 hour when applied to STOPGAP waterproof surface membranes and other non-absorbent subfloors.

## CAUTION

Due to the fast setting nature of STOPGAP FAST-TRACK 30, apply the material immediately to avoid issues with joining mixes. If working alone, we would recommend that sufficient water is available and measured ready for the required number of units to minimise time taken between mixing units and application. Care should be taken with the use of a spiked roller with such a fast setting product.

## TOOLS

- Suitable steel smoothing trowel
- Spiked roller
- Mixing bucket
- Electric drill
- Power whisk
- Wash tools with water immediately after use

## PACK SIZE

16kg lined paper sacks

## STORAGE

This product must be stored under cover, in unopened bags clear of the ground in cool dry conditions, protected from frost and excessive draught. Dampness will reduce the shelf life and may cause the powder to set in the sack.

## SHELF LIFE

6 months in unopened bags and stored under good conditions.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

This product is not classified. Relevant safety data sheets and advice given can be found at [www.f-ball.com](http://www.f-ball.com).

Alternatively these can be obtained from the point of purchase or from F. Ball and Co. Ltd. at the address below.

Site conditions vary, to ensure this product is suitable and to confirm this data sheet is current please contact our Technical Service Department.

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