



F. Ball and Co. Ltd.



Flooring Installation **PRODUCTS**

A GREAT FINISH STARTS WITH F. BALL



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GUARANTEERING OPTIMUM RESULTS

When customers are investing in high-quality flooring for their refurbishment or grand design, it is absolutely critical to make sure that finished results live up to expectations. Following best practice in subfloor preparation and flooring installation is as important as the selection of the floorcoverings itself for ensuring that installations meet the highest standards in their aesthetic appeal and lasting performance.

This involves selecting products that can help achieve optimum results, as well as avoiding common causes of floor failure, and this guide contains key information about F. Ball's smoothing and repair compounds, moisture management solutions, adhesives and ancillary products.

Flooring retailers and customers can also take peace of the mind from the F. Ball guarantee, which assures that its products will perform for the entire lifetime of a flooring installation, as long as the advised subfloor preparation and installation procedures are followed.

As a result, you can rely on combinations of the company's waterproof surface membranes, primers, smoothing compounds and adhesives to deliver an aesthetically pleasing floor finish for customers.

Installers can also check the compatibility of F. Ball adhesives and floorcoverings using the company's industry-leading Recommended Adhesives Guide (RAG®).

For those that want to dive deeper into subfloor preparation and floorcovering installation, F. Ball offers a range of resources, including its website, which features guides and technical articles on a range of subfloor preparation and flooring installation subjects, as well as video demonstrations of how to use the company's products.

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A COMPLETE FLOORING SYSTEM SOLUTION

The easy way to guarantee your floorcovering installation.

High quality floorcoverings rely on the floor beneath them being dry, sound and smooth. A system of products is needed to achieve this – beginning with a damp proof membrane and primer, which is overlaid by a smoothing compound that ensures an ultra-smooth finish. Specialist adhesives are then applied to ensure your floor performs as you need it to.



Subfloor preparation is crucial for a perfect finish.

The impact of not undertaking proper floor preparation can be expensive and disruptive.

Not only can even the smallest of blemishes show through and spoil a finish, but without appropriate moisture control and the right adhesive, coverings can quickly debond leading to the floorcovering having to be removed and replaced.



STICK WITH F. BALL ADHESIVE

Secure your floorcovering with tried, tested and trusted Stycobond adhesives. We have developed a range of specialist adhesives for installing decorative floorcoverings.



CREATING A BASE SMOOTHING COMPOUND

An appropriate floor smoothing compound (normally at a thickness of 2–3 mm) will create a uniform, smooth surface over which the floorcovering can be installed. A smoothing compound will help to fill any indentations or imperfections and provides an ultra-smooth foundation for the subsequent floorcovering installation.



PRIME IMPORTANCE PRIMER

Priming promotes the optimum performance characteristics of the smoothing compound and, when used over absorbent subfloors, such as concrete, prevents moisture being drawn from the smoothing compound, which can cause it to dry too quickly and can result in a poor surface appearance.



GUARDING AGAINST DAMP WATERPROOF SURFACE MEMBRANE

Whether the result of rising damp or residual construction moisture, unmanaged subfloor moisture can attack adhesives and floorcoverings and lead to tenting or gapping. It is still, by far, the leading cause of floor failure.

GET MORE WITH F. BALL

Added value service as standard.



By using the F. Ball RAG® you can be confident that the adhesive selected will work perfectly – every time.



PRODUCT GUARANTEE

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Helping you with product selection, F. Ball's flooring systems comprise subfloor preparation products and adhesives that, when used in combination, guarantee optimum results.



FIRST CLASS TECHNICAL SUPPORT

F. Ball provides a one-to-one product recommendation and advice service to help flooring installers get the best results. The F. Ball technical service team responds to 11,000 enquiries each year and can be easily contacted by phone or email.

Our Technical Service Team are also available via video messaging platforms such as WhatsApp.

We offer support and advice from a wide range of online resources, including:

- Product Demonstration Videos
- Technical and Safety Data Sheets
- Product Coverage Calculator
- Website Support



RECOMMENDED ADHESIVES GUIDE®

The RAG® matches F. Ball adhesive products to more than 6,000 brand name floorcoverings from more than 200 leading international manufacturers. Each recommendation is approved and endorsed by the floorcovering manufacturer concerned. The RAG® is available as a printed guide and as an interactive tool, available at www.f-ball.com/RAG and as a download for your phone or tablet so contractors can access information while on site. The online RAG® and App are updated throughout the year to ensure the latest recommendations are always accessible.



FREE EXPERT TRAINING

We offer a comprehensive range of free training courses delivered through our Centre of Excellence, a state-of-the-art training facility in Staffordshire.

All courses are led by experts from the company's technical department and include subfloor preparation and floorcovering installation with practical demonstrations and exercises using a range of F. Ball products. Specific courses are run which are designed for the retail sector.

Available training course dates can be found on our website at www.f-ball.com

Book by phone on **01538 361633**

Email us at training@f-ball.co.uk

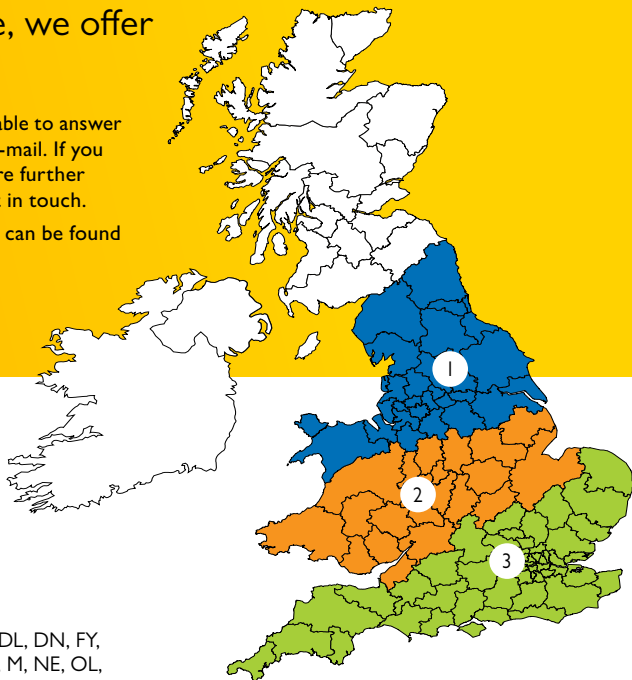
Our team of experts are available during office hours (8.30am – 5pm Mon–Fri) on **01538 361633**, to provide installation advice & product recommendations.

RETAIL SUPPORT

In order to provide our customers with a first class service, we offer expert retail support.

Our Retail Support Department is available to answer any queries over the telephone or by e-mail. If you have any questions, problems or require further information on any product, please get in touch.

Your local F. Ball Retail Representative can be found by using the postcode list below.



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SYSTEM LVT FLOORING INSTALLATION PRODUCTS

LOOKING AFTER FLOORS AND REPUTATIONS FROM THE GROUND UP.



F. Ball's System LVT range is a comprehensive subfloor preparation system that helps you achieve the best results when installing LVT floorcoverings.

The range includes the full system of products that flooring installers need to ensure a perfect installation every time. Use the right products from the System LVT range and follow our installation guidance for a lifetime guarantee. Not only is the installation protected but so is your reputation.

Find out more: f-ball.com/systemlvt



A GREAT FINISH STARTS WITH F. BALL

CLAIM CASHBACK ON ALL F. BALL PRODUCTS

Ball Rewards is a free scheme that offers its members cashback on all F. Ball products as well as the chance to win amazing monthly prizes.

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To Join!



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GET ALL THESE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Cashback Rewards on ALL F. Ball products
- Special promotions, competitions and offers
- Exclusive Competition
- Free training at the F. Ball Centre of Excellence
- Personal notification of new products
- Online F-Talk Magazine
- Annual copy of the F. Ball Recommended Adhesives Guide

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CASHBACK**
ON **ALL** F. BALL PRODUCTS

Open to all flooring retailers, sign up is free and can be done online at www.f-ball.com/rewards

Tested in the lab, trusted on the floor.



With over 6,000 adhesive recommendations from around 200 of the world's top floorcovering manufacturers, you can tackle any project confidently, knowing your adhesive choice is tested, approved and guaranteed.

TRUST THE YELLOW BUCKET.



RAG® 2025

Scan the QR code to
download your **FREE**
RAG® guide or visit
f-ball.com/RAG



FLOORING ADHESIVES

Secure your floorcovering with tried, tested and trusted Styccobond adhesives.

A comprehensive range of adhesives, many of which offer specialist characteristics such as high temperature tolerance, plasticiser resistance, pressure sensitive characteristics.

For floorcovering manufacturer's recommendations, please consult the latest F. Ball Recommended Adhesives Guide.



Key:



Drying Time* (minutes)



Pack Size



Open Time* (minutes)



Shelf Life



Suitable for use over underfloor heating



TROWEL ROLLER
Application

*Dependent on application and site conditions

For more information, including technical data sheets, scan the QR code below





STYCCOBOND F3

Textile Flooring Adhesive

A water based textile flooring adhesive that has excellent wet grab with an early build up of strength. Suitable for use over normal underfloor heating installations.

General Use: For securing fibre-bonded carpets, hessian, felt, secondary latex and rubber foam-backed carpets, contract underlay and cork tiles up to 3.2mm thick.



- ✓ High initial grab
- ✓ Can withstand wet cleaning
- ✓ Suitable for use over underfloor heating

Coverage: Up to 3m² per litre (2mm x 6mm trowel) / Up to 1.5m² per litre (3mm x 6mm trowel)



STYCCOBOND F44

Vinyl Adhesive

A solvent free acrylic adhesive which is designed to give a high bond strength, strong initial tack and a long open time.

General Use: Acrylic Adhesive for vinyl sheet and tiles, PVC backed carpets and acoustic underlay.



- ✓ High initial grab
- ✓ Can withstand wet cleaning
- ✓ Long open time
- ✓ Suitable for use over underfloor heating

Coverage: Up to 4.5m² per litre (1.5mm x 5mm trowel)



STYCCOBOND F46

Pressure Sensitive Vinyl Adhesive

Solvent free adhesive that has an infinite open time and dries to a permanently tacky film. Designed to give high initial tack with high bond strengths.

General Use: For securing vinyl sheet and tile floorcoverings.



- ✓ Permanently tacky when dry
- ✓ True pressure sensitive properties
- ✓ Suitable for use over underfloor heating
- ✓ Solvent-free

Coverage: Up to 5m² per litre (1.5mm x 5mm trowel) / Up to 4m² per litre (Fine Notch/A1 trowel)
Up to 3m² per litre (A2 trowel)



STYCCOBOND F48 PLUS

High Temperature Fibre-Reinforced Vinyl Adhesive

A fibre-reinforced adhesive with high resistance to both heat and PVC plasticisers. For use in areas of high solar gain, such as conservatories and where floor to ceiling windows are installed.

General Use: Plasticised PVC and rubber floorcoverings in both sheet and tile form.



- ✓ High temperature tolerance
- ✓ Suitable for use over underfloor heating
- ✓ Can withstand wet cleaning
- ✓ Plasticiser resistant

Coverage: Up to 5.5m² per litre (A2 or 1.5mm x 5mm trowel)



QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE WORTH BANGING ON ABOUT.



You know F. Ball, and you know our reputation: we make tried and tested flooring adhesives that guarantee exceptional results every time. It's a reputation worth banging on about. So every now and then, we like to make a bit of noise about it. Scan the QR code to download your free F. Ball Recommended Adhesive Guide or visit f-ball.com/RAG



STYCCOBOND F49 HYBRID PS Hybrid Pressure Sensitive Vinyl Adhesive

A two-part temperature tolerant, water-based pressure sensitive adhesive for bonding vinyl floorcoverings where temperatures can fluctuate between -20°C and +60°C.

General Use: Designed for use in areas where PVC floorcoverings have to be tolerant of extreme temperature variations.



- ✓ Tolerant to extreme temperatures
- ✓ Fast build up of bond strength
- ✓ Water resistant – suitable for wet rooms
- ✓ 7 hours working time*

Coverage: 5.5m² – 6m² per kg (Fine Notch/AI trowel)

For the installation of Skirting, Coving and Capping

Can be used as a single coat pressure sensitive impact adhesive for securing PVC edging and flexible PVC skirting, coving and capping as well as PVC and PVC backed textile floor and wall coverings.

- ✓ Single surface bonding
- ✓ High strength, high grab
- ✓ Suitable for vertical applications
- ✓ Rapid curing

Coverage: Up to 120 linear metres per 2kg (with a STYCCOBOND Spreader – supplied with kit)

*3 hours pot life plus 4 hours open time

STYCCOBOND F58 PLUS Fibre-Reinforced Vinyl and Rubber Floorcovering Adhesive

Fast-drying, fibre-reinforced, solvent free wet lay, semi-wet or pressure sensitive adhesive.

General Use: PVC vinyl sheet and tile floorcoverings. Rubber sheet and tile floorcoverings.



- ✓ Fast drying
- ✓ Excellent grab
- ✓ Suitable for use over underfloor heating

Coverage: Up to 6m² per litre



STYCCOBOND F73 PLUS

Heavy Duty One Part Flooring Adhesive

A single pack, fibre-reinforced moisture curing heavy duty flooring adhesive suitable for installing a wide range of floorcoverings and for artificial grass. It is water resistant and suitable for outdoor use.

General Use: Can be used for securing needlepunched / fibre bonded carpets, artificial grass, PVC, latex, polyurethane and rubber backed carpets, vinyl and rubber floorings, in both sheet and tile format.



- ✓ Secure floorcoverings from 90 minutes
- ✓ Weld from 2 hours
- ✓ Resistant to oil, grease and water
- ✓ Suitable for outdoor use

Coverage: 25m² per pack (A2 trowel) / 20m² per pack (2mm x 6mm trowel)
14m² per pack (3mm x 6mm trowel)



STYCCOBOND B95

High Performance, Elastic Wood Flooring Adhesive

A flexible adhesive specially designed to accommodate natural movement in wood flooring over its lifetime.

General Use: Securing engineered boards (semi-solids) and a wide range of plank and wood strip flooring up to a maximum length of 1.5 metres.



- ✓ Flexible with high bond strength
- ✓ Quick setting
- ✓ Suitable with underfloor heating
- ✓ Isocyanate and solvent-free

Coverage: Up to 800g per m² (B3 or 3mm x 6mm trowel) / Up to 1000g per m² (B11 trowel)



STYCCO FLEX

Rapid Curing Flexible Adhesive

A rapid curing flexible adhesive with excellent gap filling properties that is suitable for bonding a wide range of construction and building materials to most surfaces in both internal and external environments.

General Use: Suitable for fixing carpet gripper, PVC cladding, skirting boards, architrave, trims and securing header rows when installing wood flooring. Stycco Flex can be used to install highly plasticised PVC flooring accessories and trims, including skirting, coving, capping and edging strips.



- ✓ Secure nosings from 1 hour
- ✓ Secure carpet gripper from 30 minutes
- ✓ Suitable for interior and exterior application

Coverage: 38 linear metres at 3mm bead



Our wet-set, pressure sensitive and temperature tolerant adhesives **are perfect for LVT installations**

THE SYSTEM LVT RANGE



LVT floorcoverings have become an increasingly popular choice for a wide range of applications. In response, F. Ball has developed the System LVT range: a comprehensive subfloor preparation system that helps you to achieve optimum results when installing LVTs. The F. Ball System LVT range includes all the products flooring installers will need to ensure a perfect installation every time.

Crucially, because the entire system is provided by us, contractors avoid compatibility issues and benefit from the F. Ball product guarantee. We offer a wide range of products to suit every installation environment, and with the F. Ball RAG® at their fingertips contractors can be sure they are using the correct products for the LVT floorcovering being installed.

For more information, including technical data sheets, scan the QR code below



STYCCOBOND LVT ADHESIVES SELECTOR CHART

The chart below can be used to determine the best adhesive for the job. We would always recommend consulting the F. Ball RAG® or contact the F. Ball technical department for more information.

	STYCCOBOND F44	STYCCOBOND F46	STYCCOBOND F48 PLUS	STYCCOBOND F49 HYBRID PS	STYCCOBOND F58 PLUS
Primary role	Wet-set, high bond.	True pressure sensitive for high design LVT.	Wet-set, high temperature grade.	Pressure sensitive for areas of extreme temperature variations.	Fast-drying, transitional pressure sensitive.
Features	High bond strength. Strong initial tack.	True PS. Infinite open time. Excellent plasticiser resistance.	Wet-set. Fibre reinforced Excellent dimensional stability.	High temperature tolerance (-20°C to +60°C). Suitable for wet rooms. Also suitable for securing PVC skirting, coving and capping.	Easy to use – wet-set, semi-wet or pressure sensitive. Fibre-reinforced. Fast-drying.
Open time (minutes)	60	Infinite	30	420*	180
Lay LVTs from (minutes)	10 to 15	40	5	10	5 to 10
Wet-set	●		●		●
Transitional				●	●
Pressure sensitive		●		●	●
High temperature			●	●	
Fibre-reinforced			●		●
Moisture tolerant				●	
Suitable with UFH	●	●	●	●	●
Suitable for marine use	●	●		●	●
Coverage	Up to 4m² per litre	Up to 5m² per litre	Up to 4m² per litre	Up to 6m² per kilo	Up to 6m² per litre

*pot life + open time



All F. Ball smoothing compound conform to EMICODE ECI (very low emission) and UK CA/CE standards. Please refer to the product data sheet for details of standards.

SMOOTHING & REPAIR COMPOUNDS

Create a smooth and level base for your floorcovering.

High-performance smoothing compounds for a range of general-purpose and specialist applications, such as fast-track installations and preparing heavy-duty areas and subfloors of metal and wood. Repair and finishing compounds help ensure a perfectly smooth subfloor finish, including facilitating repairs to damaged screeds and filling indentations formed by screws used to secure plywood and hardboard sheets as well as gaps at joints.

Key:



Walk On Time



Pack Size



Mix With Water



Shelf Life



European Conformity



UK Conformity

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STOPGAP FAST-TRACK 30

Rapid Setting, Rapid Drying Smoothing Compound

Incorporates the latest advances in cement technology providing a truly fast track solution. Walk-on from 30 minutes.

General Use: Light to heavy-duty applications for preparing sound absorbent and non-absorbent subfloors prior to the installation of new floorcoverings.



- ✓ Application thickness from 2 – 10mm
- ✓ Excellent self-levelling properties
- ✓ Install floorcoverings from as little as 45 minutes
- ✓ Advanced binder technology

Coverage: 5.6m² at 2mm thickness



STOPGAP 300

Heavy-Duty Smoothing Compound

A rapid hardening, water mix smoothing compound.

General Use: It is designed for use on both absorbent and non-absorbent interior subfloors, in areas that are subjected to heavy-duty trafficking.



- ✓ Application thickness from 2 – 20mm*
- ✓ Excellent self-levelling properties
- ✓ Suitable for hand or pump application
- ✓ Protein free

Coverage: 5m² at 3mm thickness

*Up to a maximum of 15mm unfilled



STOPGAP 400 REPAIR

Rapid Hardening Repair Compound

A protein free, water mix compound designed for repairing and making good internal floors, steps and stairs.

General Use: It is slump resistant and rapid hardening making it ideal for creating ramps and coving. It can be trowelled to a feathered-edge and used in conjunction with Stopgap Graded Aggregate for greater thickness.



- ✓ Application thickness from 2 – 20mm (unfilled)
- ✓ Ramps and covings can be repaired
- ✓ Application thickness from 20 – 50mm (filled)
- ✓ Can be trowelled to a feathered edge

Coverage: 2.1m² at 3mm thickness per 10kg unit



STOPGAP MICRO RAPID

Floor Finishing Compound

Rapid setting, rapid drying, flexible, floor finishing compound that incorporates the latest advances in cement technology providing a truly fast-track solution and an ultra-smooth surface finish.

General Use: Suitable for light to medium traffic areas. Water mix, it requires no priming and can be trowel applied to form a feathered edge finish.



- ✓ Rapid setting, rapid drying
- ✓ Protein free
- ✓ Suitable over plywood joints
- ✓ Low odour

Coverage: 37.5m² Scratch Coat per 8kg unit



STOPGAP 700

Super Flexible, Fibre-Modified Smoothing Compound

A fast drying, fibre-modified smoothing compound enabling fast-track installation of new floorcoverings over flexible substrates.

General Use: Designed specifically for use over plywood, steel and raised access panels.



- ✓ Fibre reinforced for improved flexibility
- ✓ Fast drying technology
- ✓ Application thickness from 2 – 10mm

Coverage: 4.8m² at 3mm thickness



STOPGAP 1100

Calcium Sulphate Smoothing Compound

Stopgap 1100 Gypsum provides a smooth and level surface prior to the installation of new floorcoverings.

General Use: Designed specifically for use over calcium sulphate based screeds, such as anhydrite.



- ✓ Application thickness from 2 – 10mm
- ✓ Low pH
- ✓ Can be filled up to 50mm
- ✓ Low odour

Coverage: 5m² at 2 – 3mm thickness



READY, STEADY... FLOW!



Hit the ground running with STOPGAP 1400. Our **NEW** High Flow smoothing compound gets projects underway as quickly and smoothly as possible. Designed to maximise ease of use and provide an outstanding finish. Its fast-setting formula is walk-on hard from just 90 minutes and new floorcoverings can be installed from 12 hours. Find out more at f-ball.com/stopgap1400

STOPGAP 1200

High Performance Smoothing Compound

A low odour, fast setting, fast drying, two component smoothing compound suitable for preparing sound internal subfloors prior to the installation of new floorcoverings.

General Use: It is particularly suitable for use over old adhesive residues (including bitumen and carpet tile tackifiers) without the need for priming.



✓ Application thickness from 2 – 10mm

✓ Suitable direct to adhesive residues

✓ Can be filled up to 30mm

✓ Lay floorcoverings from 4 hours

Coverage: 5m² at 2 – 3mm thickness



STOPGAP 1200

Liquid

General Use: For use with Stopgap 1200 powder only.



Mixing Ratio: 5 litres to 20kg of powder

NEW



STOPGAP 1400

High Flow Smoothing Compound

A high flowing, two-component smoothing compound suitable for preparing sound internal subfloors prior to the installation of new floorcoverings.

General Use: For use over a wide range of subfloor types including sand/cement screed, concrete, calcium sulphate (e.g. anhydrite), minimal adhesive residues, sound asphalt, granolithic, terrazzo, epoxy and polyurethane resins, ceramic and quarry tiles and STOPGAP waterproof surface membranes.



✓ Application thickness from 2 – 10mm

✓ Excellent self-smoothing properties

✓ Ideal for new build

✓ Lay floorcoverings from 12 hours

Coverage: 5.9m² at 2mm thickness



STOPGAP 1400

Liquid

General Use: For use with Stopgap 1400 powder only.



Mixing Ratio: 4.5 litres to 20kg of powder



STOPGAP 1500

High Performance Water-mix Compound

A fast-setting, fast-drying water-mix smoothing compound. It offers excellent self-smoothing properties and its moisture tolerant formulation means it can be used under Stopgap waterproof surface membranes.

General Use: It is particularly useful over old adhesive residues (including bitumen and carpet tile tackifiers) without the need for priming.



- ✓ Application thickness from 2 – 10mm
- ✓ Suitable direct to adhesive residues
- ✓ Can be filled up to 30mm
- ✓ Bond floorcoverings from 4 hours

Coverage: 5m² at 2 – 3mm thickness



STOPGAP 1600

Fibre-Reinforced Smoothing Compound

A fibre-reinforced smoothing compound designed for new or existing internal floor refurbishments in both domestic and commercial environments, prior to the installation of new floorcoverings.

General Use: Suitable for use over both electrical wired and water-fed underfloor heating and cooling systems.



- ✓ Application thickness from 3 – 40mm
- ✓ Use over electric and water-fed underfloor heating systems
- ✓ Lay floorcoverings from 12 hours

Coverage: 3.7m² at 3mm thickness

HIGH PERFORMANCE SMOOTHING COMPOUNDS									REPAIR AND FINISHING COMPOUNDS	
STOPGAP FAST-TRACK 30	STOPGAP 300	STOPGAP 600 ⁽¹⁾	STOPGAP 700	STOPGAP 1100	STOPGAP 1200	STOPGAP 1400	STOPGAP 1500	STOPGAP 1600	STOPGAP 400 REPAIR	STOPGAP MICRO RAPID
+ WATER	+ WATER	+ WATER	+ WATER	+ WATER	+ STOPGAP 1200 LIQUID	+ STOPGAP 1400 LIQUID	+ WATER	+ WATER	+ WATER	+ WATER
Rapid Setting Rapid Drying	Fast Drying Self-smoothing	Thick Section Fast Drying	Flexible Fibre-modified	Compatible with calcium sulphate floors	Rapid Drying Self-smoothing	High Flow Self-smoothing	Rapid Drying Self-smoothing	Fibre-reinforced Fast Drying	Slump Free Rapid Drying	Feather Edge Rapid Drying
10 – 15	20 – 30	20 – 30	20 – 30	20 – 30	15 – 20	20 – 30	15 – 20	15 – 20	10 – 15	10
30min	90min	3hrs	60min	2hrs	60min	90min	60min	3hrs	20 – 30min	20min Scratch Coat
45min	6	6 – 24 ⁽¹⁾	3	24 – 48	4	12	4	12 – 72	1½ @ 2mm	20min Scratch Coat
60min	12		4							
2 – 3	2 – 3	5	2 – 3	2 – 3	2 – 3	2 – 3	2 – 3	3	2 – 3	Scratch Coat
10	15	75	10	10	10	10	10	40	20	I
No	Up to 20mm	No	No	Up to 50mm	Up to 30mm	No	Up to 30mm	No	Up to 50mm	No
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.6 @ 2mm	5.0 @ 3mm	2.8 @ 5mm	4.8 @ 3mm	5.0 @ 3mm	5.0 @ 2 – 3mm	5.9 @ 2mm	5.0 @ 2 – 3mm	3.7 @ 3mm	n/a	n/a
No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
35	35	30	30	30	16	20	16	25	30	16
10	8	7	10	7	6	6	6	6	4	6
CT-C35-F10	CT-C35-F7	CT-C30-F7	CT-C30-F10	CA-C30-F7	CT-C16-F6	CT-C20-F6	CT-C16-F6	CT-C25-F6	CT-C30-F4	CT-C16-F6
SUBFLOOR SUITABILITY + PRIMER RECOMMENDATION										
Dilute P131	Dilute P131	Dilute P131	Dilute P131 or Stopgap Fill and Prime	Dilute P121	Apply Direct or Dilute P131 ⁽²⁾	Dilute P131	Apply Direct or Dilute P131 ⁽²⁾	Dilute P131	Apply Direct to Damp Surface or Dilute P131	Apply Direct
Neat P141	Neat P141	Neat P141	n/a	Neat P141	Apply Direct	Neat P141	Apply Direct	Neat P141	Neat P131 or Neat P141	n/a
Neat P141	Neat P141	Dilute P131	n/a	Neat P141	Apply Direct or Dilute P131 ⁽²⁾	Neat P141	Apply Direct or Dilute P131 ⁽²⁾	Neat P141	Apply Direct	n/a
P121 ⁽⁴⁾	P121 ⁽⁴⁾	n/a	n/a	P121 ⁽⁴⁾	P121 ⁽⁴⁾	P121 ⁽⁴⁾	P121 ⁽⁴⁾	n/a	n/a	P121 ⁽⁴⁾
Neat P131	Neat P131	Neat P131	n/a	Neat P131	Apply Direct	Apply Direct	Apply Direct	Neat P131	Neat P131	n/a
Neat P141	Neat P141	Neat P141	Neat P141	Neat P141	Apply Direct ⁽⁴⁾	Neat P141	Apply Direct ⁽⁴⁾	Neat P141	Neat P141	n/a
n/a	Neat P141	n/a	n/a	Neat P141	Apply Direct	Neat P141	Apply Direct	n/a	n/a	n/a
Neat P141	Neat P141	Neat P141	Neat P141	n/a	Apply Direct	n/a	Apply Direct	Neat P141	n/a	n/a
n/a	n/a	n/a	Dilute P131	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Apply Direct

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⁽¹⁾ In certain situations priming may not be necessary, for example, when installing textile floorcoverings. However, we would recommend priming with STOPGAP P131 diluted to 4:1 with water to prevent uncontrolled drying of the compound, pin-holing and to aid the flow and workability.

⁽²⁾ Within 24 hours and when not used in conjunction with Underfloor Heating.

⁽³⁾ STOPGAP F78 Waterproof Surface Membrane does not require priming (within 12 hours of application) refer to Product Data Sheet or Technical Service.

⁽⁴⁾ Please refer to the Stopgap P121 Product Data Sheet for the correct Mixing and Application method.

n/a = not applicable or not recommended.



WATERPROOF SURFACE MEMBRANES

Trapped moisture underneath floorcoverings can cause blisters or even failure of the adhesive and floorcoverings

F. Ball's high performance waterproof surface membranes provide a critical layer of protection, acting as a barrier between the subfloor and your choice of flooring product.

Key:



Drying Time* (minutes)



Pack Size



Open Time* (minutes)



Shelf Life



European Conformity



UK Conformity



Suitable for use over underfloor heating



TROWEL



ROLLER



BRUSH

Application

*Dependent on application and site conditions

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THE ULTIMATE SOLUTIONS FOR SUBFLOOR MOISTURE

A COMPLETE SYSTEM FOR THE MEASUREMENT AND CONTROL OF SUBFLOOR MOISTURE.



A GREAT FINISH STARTS WITH F BALL

Stopgap F77

Isolates residual construction moisture and rising damp up to 98% RH in a single coat. Apply direct over underfloor heating screeds where RH readings are up to 90%.

Stopgap F78

Impedes the passage of construction moisture up to 95% RH in a one component, ready to use system.

Stopgap Isolator Membrane

Loose lay, impervious sheet designed to provide a fast and easy solution for damp subfloors.

F. Ball Digital Hygrometer

For accurate measurement of relative humidity levels in accordance with British Standards.

STOPGAP F77

High Performance Waterproof Surface Membrane

One Coat Application System

A solvent-free two part epoxy resin system which cures to provide a waterproof surface membrane.

General Use: It can be used to isolate residual construction moisture where relative humidity values are up to 98% or when there is no effective integral DPM and applied directly over underfloor heating screed with RH readings up to 90%.



- ✓ Use up to 98% RH with a single coat
- ✓ Colour pigmented to aid coverage uniformity
- ✓ Suitable for use over underfloor heating using a coverage of 1.8m²/kg where readings are up to 90% RH

Coverage: 1.8m²/kg (applications up to 98% RH) / 1.8m²/kg (applications with underfloor heating up to 90% RH)
2.5m²/kg (applications up to 85% RH)

STOPGAP F78

High Performance Waterproof Surface Membrane

Two Coat Application System

A solvent-free, one component, ready to use system which dries rapidly to provide a waterproof surface membrane.

General Use: STOPGAP F78 must be applied in two coats and can be used to isolate residual construction moisture where relative humidity values are up to 95%.



- ✓ Use up to 95% RH – two coat application
- ✓ No mixing required
- ✓ Colour pigmented to aid coverage uniformity
- ✓ Can be resealed and stored for future use

Coverage: 3.3m²/kg as a two coat application (applications up to 95% RH)



PRIMERS

Make sure you're primed and ready.

Priming can help to prevent 'pinholing'. These are small holes in the smoothing compound that have the appearance of pinholes or blisters, caused by the slow escape of air from absorbent surfaces as the smoothing compound dries.

If an adhesive or smoothing compound dries too quickly they may not achieve the desired bond strength required. Priming also aids workability of the compound to maximise product flow/working time.



Key:



Drying Time* (minutes)



Pack Size



Open Time* (minutes)



Shelf Life



Suitable for use over underfloor heating



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Application

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STOPGAP PI21

Acrylic Primer

An acrylic primer designed to promote the adhesion of Stopgap smoothing compounds over synthetic anhydrite screeds.

General Use: Calcium sulphate screeds (e.g anhydrite).



- ✓ Pigmented to provide coverage control
- ✓ Prevents the rapid drying of adhesives and smoothing compounds

Coverage: 10m² per litre (first coat diluted 1 part primer with 1 part water / second coat neat)



STOPGAP PI31

General Purpose Primer

Neoprene emulsion primer designed to prevent rapid drying of adhesives and smoothing compounds.

General Use: To promote adhesion of Stopgap smoothing compounds to both absorbent and non-absorbent surfaces.



- ✓ Pigmented to provide coverage control
- ✓ Prevents the rapid drying of adhesives and smoothing compounds

Coverage: 20m² – 35m² per litre (when diluted with water*) / 10m² per litre (neat)

*Refer to technical data sheet



STOPGAP PI41

Primer For Non-Absorbent Surfaces

An acrylic primer designed to provide a textured surface, to provide increased adhesion to floor smoothing compounds.

General Use: To promote adhesion of Stopgap smoothing compounds to non-absorbent surfaces.



- ✓ Textured surface for increase adhesion
- ✓ Increased Coverage
- ✓ Fast Drying
- ✓ Pigmented to provide coverage control

Coverage: Up to 13m² per litre (neat)



STOPGAP FILL AND PRIME

Flexible Cement Based Primer Two Component

Designed to have a thixotropic consistency which enables joints up to 4mm to be filled in raised access panels. Applied up to a thickness of 1mm, it sets rapidly and is ready to receive foot traffic in as little as 60 minutes. Once cured, the flexible nature of the product will accommodate movement within the substrate.

General Use: Suitable for use over raised access panels and substrates with well bonded, waterproof residues of adhesives prior to the direct application of Stopgap 1200 or Stopgap 1500. It can be applied to flooring grade wooden substrates such as plywood, orientated strand board (OSB 3), particle board (chipboard) conforming to BSEN 312 Annex A P4-P7 and medium density fibreboard, prior to the application of Stopgap 700. It may also be used to smooth out uneven tongue and groove floorboards prior to over boarding with plywood.



- ✓ Fast drying
- ✓ Thixotropic – fill joints up to 4mm wide
- ✓ Excellent flexibility

Coverage: Up to 8.5m² at 0.5mm thickness



CASE STUDIES

F. Ball products are used extensively in the installation of floorcoverings across a wide range of market sectors.



FLOORING BY HENTON

F. Ball products spark conversations at 'Flooring by Henton' refurbishment.

Carpet and flooring specialist, 'Flooring by Henton' opted for Stopgap I200 smoothing compound and Styccobond F48 PLUS high temperature grade vinyl adhesive to achieve a high quality LVT floor finish in the company's own showroom: offering visitors instant visual endorsement of the company's workmanship and attention to detail.

The first point of action for flooring contractors was to remove old carpet, LVT and wood floorcoverings from the 90m² floor of the showroom. Contractors then applied Stopgap I200 smoothing compound over the entire subfloor to create a perfectly smooth base for the receipt of floorcoverings.

The main area of the showroom has a large glass front, with the potential to cause solar gain and extreme temperatures. Therefore, Styccobond F48 PLUS high temperature grade vinyl adhesive was selected to install wood-effect vinyl planks to ensure the floorcoverings would hold firmly in place when exposed to extreme temperatures.

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This project required the highest quality finish to complement the wonderful interior of the family property. Stopgap I100 offers a simple solution when working with an anhydrite surface, and was so easy to use. ”



ILSTON GRANGE

Stopgap I100 offers the solution for grand refurbishment.

Stopgap I100 smoothing compound has been used to achieve a luxurious floor finish for a beautiful family home, set in rural Leicestershire. The high performance product is specially formulated for use over calcium sulphate screeds, and was specified for the ground floor refurbishment of the kitchen, breakfast room and utility room areas in the property.

To begin the installation, contractors cleaned and suitably prepared the 130m² anhydrite surface, before applying two coats of Stopgap PI21 primer. The use of the acrylic primer is recommended when using Stopgap I100, as it helps to promote the adhesion of the smoothing compound to the calcium sulphate surface, and prevents the product drying too rapidly, which can cause cracks and imperfections in the finished surface.

Stopgap I100 was then applied over the primed surface at a thickness of 3mm. The formulation of the product is calcium sulphate based to ensure compatibility with this type of subfloor screed, and provided a smooth and level surface prior to the installation of the final Amtico floorcovering.

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