



# STYCCOBOND F3LE

## Flooring Adhesive

## PRODUCT DATA

### INTRODUCTION

**STYCCOBOND F3LE** is a water based rubber/resin flooring adhesive that has excellent wet grab with an early build up of strength. It is protected against bio-degradation and is suitable for use over normal underfloor heating installations.

STYCCOBOND F3LE can be used for securing fibre bonded carpets, hessian, felt, secondary latex and rubber foam backed carpets and cork tiles up to 3.2mm thick.

See the F. Ball Recommended Adhesives Guide for details of specific floorcoverings.



STYCCOBOND F3LE has been tested to the standards of the International Maritime Organisation and approved for use in marine floor installations.

STYCCOBOND F3LE can be applied to STOPGAP smoothing underlayments, structurally sound, smooth, dry subfloors of concrete and sand/cement screed, plywood, flooring grade chipboard and hardboard.

STOPGAP waterproof surface membranes, sound flooring grade asphalt and some non-absorbent surfaces must be skimmed with a minimum of 3mm of the appropriate STOPGAP smoothing underlayment.

STYCCOBOND F3LE can be applied directly to some non-absorbent subfloors such as Power Floated Concrete, Terrazzo and Granolithic, however, impervious backed floorcoverings should not be adhered directly to these subfloors and a suitable STOPGAP smoothing underlayment should be applied.

For details on other subfloors, contact our Technical Service Department.



### FEATURES

- High strength
- Good wet grab
- Suitable for the installation of most carpets
- Suitable with underfloor heating
- Approved for marine use

### STANDARDS

All aspects of the installation of floorcoverings should be in accordance with the requirements of the relevant British Standard Code of Practice i.e. BS 5325 (Installation of textile floorcoverings) and supplementary specifications.

### PACKAGES

10 litre bucket

### HOW MUCH MATERIAL?

PACK SIZE	TROWEL SIZE	COVERAGE PER UNIT
10 litres	2mm x 6mm	40 m <sup>2</sup>

Note: Coverage rates will depend on the condition and absorbency of the subfloor.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Colour	Cream / Yellow
Consistency	Viscous Liquid
Coverage Rate (Approx.)	4m <sup>2</sup> per litre using a 2mm x 6mm trowel
Open Time	Up to 15 minutes depending on temperature, humidity and absorbency of the subfloor

## SURFACE PREPARATION

Proper subfloor preparation is essential for the correct installation of any floorcovering. Subfloors must be structurally sound, smooth, dry (<75% RH) and free from laitance and any contaminants which will affect 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 10°C throughout the application and drying of the adhesive. Underfloor heating must be off for at least 48 hours before, during and after application.

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

## DAMP SUBFLOORS

The Relative Humidity (RH) of the subfloor can be measured using the F. Ball Digital Hygrometer. Where the RH value is greater than 75% the appropriate STOPGAP Waterproof Surface Membrane should be applied.

## SMOOTHING

To ensure a level surface on which to adhere to, uneven and irregular surfaces should be suitably prepared using the appropriate STOPGAP smoothing underlayments.

## PRIMING

Highly absorbent subfloors such as sand/cement screeds and plywood etc. may cause rapid drying of the adhesive, thus reducing the open time. Use STOPGAP P131 diluted 4 parts of water and stir until thoroughly dispersed. This should be allowed to dry thoroughly before proceeding with the installation.

Dry and suitably prepared calcium sulphate screeds e.g. anhydrite must be primed with neat STOPGAP P121.

## ADHESIVE APPLICATION

Holding the trowel at an angle of 60°, spread the adhesive evenly over an area of subfloor that can be covered whilst the adhesive remains receptive and gives good transfer.

**Absorbent surfaces** - lay the floorcovering immediately, except with cork tiles.

Installing cork tiles and onto surfaces with little or no absorbency - allow the adhesive to dry partially to a paste-like consistency before laying the floorcovering.

**Deeply profiled or rough backed floorcoverings** - it may be necessary to apply extra adhesive to ensure good contact. In such cases use a 3mm x 6mm 'V' notched trowel, this will reduce the coverage quoted. Some unitary backed carpets also require the large notched trowel.

Following the floorcovering manufacturer's laying instructions lay the floorcovering into the adhesive and press from the centre outwards to exclude air and ensure overall contact with the adhesive. Roll with the 68kg flooring roller, from end-to-end and side-to-side (on foam backed floorcoverings use the STYCCOBOND GLYDA) to ensure overall contact. 30 minutes later and when the floor has been completely covered roll or use the STYCCOBOND GLYDA as necessary to ensure overall contact is maintained.

## PRECAUTIONS

Do not apply loads or move furniture on the floorcovering until the adhesive has fully set. Do not allow the floorcovering to be wet cleaned until three weeks after laying.

## TOOLS

STYCCOBOND 2mm x 6mm or 3mm x 6mm 'V' notched trowel, F. Ball 68kg flooring roller, F. Ball STYCCOBOND GLYDA for foam backed carpets and Trimming knife.

Tools should be cleaned with warm soapy water while the adhesive is still wet.

## STORAGE

Store between 5°C and 30°C. Protect from frost.

## SHELF LIFE

12 months in unopened containers stored under good conditions.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVICE

This product is not classified. A Safety Data Sheet is available for the professional user on request.

These 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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