



**GATOR DUST BOND**  
**FOR STONE JOINTS 1/2" TO 6"**  
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# TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

**Update:** May 28, 2020  
Make sure you have an updated data sheet on hand.  
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**Description:** **GATOR DUST BOND** is a unique mixture of polymer binders and calibrated stone available in Sahara Beige and Stone Grey. Once **GATOR DUST BOND** sets, it becomes very firm and locks between the wetcast or natural stone joints while still retaining flexibility and providing a long lasting, durable jointing material. **GATOR DUST BOND** is recommended for a variety of uses including pool decks, patios, footpaths, and any other pedestrian applications.

- Features:**
- Product works at above 59°F (15°C)
  - Compatible with all types of wetcast and natural stones
  - **GATOR DUST** is ideal for joints that are a minimum of 1/2" to a maximum of 6" wide
  - Does not haze wetcast or natural stones
  - For pedestrian use only
  - Ideal with the application on Gator Base panels foundation
  - Waterproof bag: Intact pallets or bag can be laid flat and stored outdoors. (Lay bag flat on its back, so front of the bag is facing you.)

**Maintenance of paved surface:** When maintaining the stone surface, apply Gator Shampoo to clean the entire surface including the stone joints. Wash, rinse and remove any residue by using a hose and a watering gun set to shower with the normal maximum water pressure from any residential or commercial building (typically 80 psi).

**Coverage:** The quantity required depends on the shape and size of the wetcast or natural stones as well as the width of the joints. One bag of 50 lb of this product will cover between 20 to 30 square feet if the joints are about 1" to 2" wide and the wetcast or natural stones are about 2" to 2-1/2" in height.

Per 50 lb bag (Wetcast or natural stones 2" to 2-1/2" in height)	JOINTS WIDTH	
		1" to 2"
Sahara Beige, Stone Grey	20 - 30 sq. ft.	1,9 - 3 sq.m.

### FOR USE ON AND REQUIRED SUB-SURFACE PREPARATION

**GATOR DUST** is recommended for a variety of uses, including patios, walkways and pool decks. The wetcast or natural stones must be installed on a traditional base system: maximum of 1" of bedding sand, plus a minimum of 6" of crushed stone compacted at 98% Proctor density. (See diagram on page 2). Adding a second layer 1/2 in (13 mm) of loose sand on top of the Gator Base for pavers or natural stones is also an accepted method of installation.

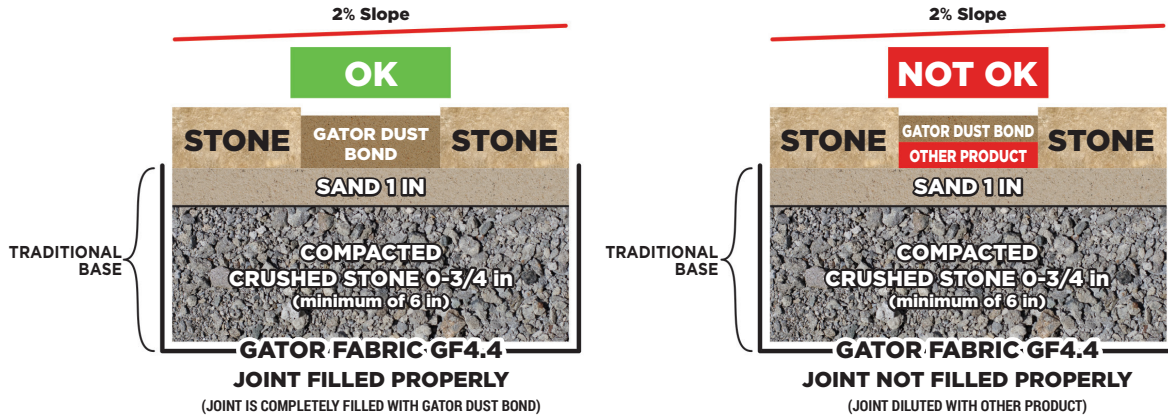


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**NATURAL STONE APPLICATIONS**



**DO NOT USE WHEN STONES ARE INSTALLED OVER A CONCRETE SLAB.  
DO NOT USE FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.**

**PREPARATION INFORMATION (IMPORTANT NOTES)**

- A Always refer to the latest **GATOR DUST** Technical Data Sheet (TDS) at [AllianceGator.com](http://AllianceGator.com) before installing **GATOR DUST**.
- B **GATOR DUST** must be installed above 59°F (15°C).
- C **GATOR DUST** can only be installed if rain is not forecasted in the next 24 hours.
- D Wetcast & natural stone sides and top surfaces must be completely dry. Do not apply if the wetcast or natural stone surface is damp or wet. The damp or wet surface will cause **GATOR DUST** to prematurely activate and will lead to the polymers sticking on the wetcast or natural stone surface.
- E Do not apply if the wetcast or natural stone joints are damp or wet. This will prevent the **GATOR DUST** from properly sliding into the joints and obtaining very densely packed joints, which is critical to the products performance.
- F Minimize or avoid walking on the wetcast or natural stones for 24 hours after the installation of **GATOR DUST**.
- G If **GATOR DUST** is left lying on the wetcast or natural stone surface for a long duration, moisture can form and will activate the **GATOR DUST** on the wetcast or natural stone surface, staining may occur.



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- H Do not use **GATOR DUST** when wetcast or natural stones are installed over a concrete base. **GATOR DUST** is designed to function on a traditional base system. A concrete base inhibits drainage, thus the trapped water will negatively impact the product's performance.
- I Waterproof bag: Intact pallets or bag can be laid flat and stored outdoors. (Lay bag flat on its back, so front of the bag is facing you.)

#### THIS CROSS-SECTION REPRESENTS THE HEIGHT OF POLYMERIC STONE DUST FOUND IN THE JOINTS



#### GATOR DUST INSTALLATION STEPS FOR A NEW WETCAST OR NATURAL STONE SURFACES

- 1 Install the wetcast or natural stones on a maximum 1" bed of sand. Make sure that there is at least 6" of compacted crushed stone under the bedding sand. See diagrams on previous page.
- 2 Make sure the wetcast or natural stone top and side surfaces are dry .  
**FOR NATURAL STONES:** Using a hard-bristle broom, sweep **GATOR DUST** in between the full depth of the natural stone joints.  
**FOR WETCAST STONES:** Using a scoop, carefully pour **GATOR DUST** in between the full depth of the joints and avoid getting any **GATOR DUST** on the wetcast stone surface.
- 3 Hit the wetcast or natural stones with a rubber mallet; this will make the **GATOR DUST** settle firmly into the joints by removing any air pockets. Repeat step 2 and this step 3 at least two more times.
- 4 Using a soft, fine-bristle broom, sweep all excess **GATOR DUST** off wetcast or natural stone surfaces. Ensure that **GATOR DUST** lies at least 3 mm (1/8") below the top of the wetcast or natural stones or erosion may occur.
- 5 Using a leaf blower, blow all **GATOR DUST** residues off wetcast or natural stone surfaces.

#### WATER ACTIVATION (IMPORTANT NOTES)

- A Work in manageable sections, ideally about 50 sq. ft. at a time, depending on temperature.
- B Do not allow **GATOR DUST** to wash out of joint.
- C Never allow paved surface to dry out during the water activation phase.
- D Watering must be started at the lowest point of the paved surface.
- E Use a watering gun connected to a hose. Setting should be set to shower.



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**GATOR DUST WATER ACTIVATION STEPS**

- 6 Shower a specific 4.6 sq. m. (50 sq. ft.) area for 90 seconds
- 7 Continue to do the rest of the area at 4.6 sq. m. (50 sq. ft.) area for 90 seconds
- 8 When the entire surface is done, rinse off any **GATOR DUST** residue off the surface.
- 9 Use a leaf blower to remove any excess water remaining on the wetcast or natural stone pores and crevices. This blowing action is necessary to help remove any remaining **GATOR DUST** residue left on wetcast or natural stone surfaces from the previous steps.

**IMPORTANT:**

The water used in step 6 will activate a bonding action as well as condensing **GATOR DUST** in the joints. Too much water will undo the dense compaction obtained during step 3 and reduce the final performance of **GATOR DUST**.

**PLEASE NOTE**

**GATOR DUST** becomes very firm but will detach from wetcast or natural stones if the crushed stone base has excessive movement. It will also detach from the wetcast or natural stones if the wetcast or natural stones are oscillating back and forth due to improper installation. By following **GATOR DUST** installation instructions carefully, you will obtain a very hard jointing material. It should be noted that **GATOR DUST** will continue to harden over time. Avoid excessive watering or flooding of wetcast or natural stone areas. When installing wetcast or natural stones around an underground pool, a slope of 1/8 inch (3 mm) per linear foot away from the pool is mandatory. All wetcast or natural stone surfaces must have a drainage slope for the **GATOR DUST** to work at its optimum. For the pool coping blocks, it is mandatory to use mortar in the joints. For the rest of the wetcast or natural stones installation around the pool, you can use **GATOR DUST**. Do not sweep **GATOR DUST** over asphalt.

Packaging:	Product	Size	Units per Pallet
	<b>GATOR DUST BOND</b> - Sahara Beige	22.7 kg (50 lb)	56
	<b>GATOR DUST BOND</b> - Stone Grey	22.7 kg (50 lb)	56

**15 YEAR  
LIMITED WARRANTY**

**WATER  
PROOF  
BAG**

**15-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY (RESIDENTIAL)**

Please note that this limited warranty applies only when the product is used for residential purposes exclusively (home owners or contractors using the product for single or multi-unit dwellings that are exclusively for residential use). The manufacturer cannot guarantee results as it has no control over surface and sub-surface preparation and product application. (Proper installation of pavers or slabs to ensure long-term stability of work, including granular foundation of certified crushed stone of 0-3/4 inch (minimum of 6 inches), bedding sand layer (maximum of 1 inch) and appropriate installation of reinforce edging in accordance with above specified method for applying product). Also warranted when used with Gator Base. However, for a period of 15 years from purchase, the manufacturer agrees that if the product is proven to be defective, and on the condition that it was installed pursuant to the method of application of surface and sub-surface preparation described above, then the manufacturer agrees to refund the purchase price. Proof of purchase is required for any claim.



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**EXCLUSION OF RESPONSIBILITY**

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**1 YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY (COMMERCIAL)**

Please note that when the product is used for other purposes (Mixed-use, commercial, institutional or other), the above terms apply except that the applicable period is reduced to 1 year from purchase.

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