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# ARDEX K 900 BF

## Pumpable Bulk Fill Levelling Compound

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Economical - Ideal for levelling from 3mm to 90mm thick

Easy to Install - Engineered for controlled flow

Strong - Suitable for heavy duty traffic

Low Odour

Compatible with other ARDEX levelling products

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### DESCRIPTION

ARDEX K 900 BF is a cement based underlayment for levelling subfloors prior to the application of a floor finish. Designed with a coarse sand aggregate and minimal flow for the easy and efficient installations of thick layers. It can also be used as a fast set mortar when the water mixing ratio is reduced.

### SUBSTRATES

ARDEX K 900 BF is designed for levelling and adjusting tolerances on internal concrete slabs. For other substrates such as timber, ceramic, terrazzo, steel decking or external applications contact ARDEX Technical Services for detailed information on these procedures with other products.

### SURFACE PREPARATION

Concrete floors must be solid, clean and free of wax, grease, asphalt, latex compounds, curing and sealing compounds and any other surface contaminants. Mechanically clean the floor using recommended preparation methods such as shot-blasting, scarifying, diamond grinding, shaving or other suitable methods to provide a roughened, clean, sound, solid and open porous surface. Acid etching is not an acceptable method of cleaning the subfloor. Do not use solvents or sweeping compounds. Subfloors must be dry (AS 1884) and properly primed for successful installation. Subfloor temperatures must be a minimum of 10°C.

### PRIMING

Use ARDEX P51 over standard concrete floors prior to the installation of ARDEX levelling compounds. Mix 1 part ARDEX P51 with 2 parts water and apply evenly using a push broom. Do not use paint rollers, mops or spray equipment. Do not leave any bare spots. Brush off all puddles of excess primer. Allow to dry to a thin, clear film (min 3 hours, max 24 hours). Very absorbent concrete may require two applications of primer to avoid pinholes and bubbling in the levelling compound. In such cases, make the initial coat 1 part ARDEX P51 diluted with 3 parts water. Allow to dry and install a second coat of 1 part ARDEX P51 diluted with 1 part water. Allow to dry to a thin, clear film (min 3 hours, max 24 hours). Note: Low subfloor temperatures and/or high ambient humidity require longer drying time for ARDEX primers. Do not install levelling compounds until primers have dried thoroughly.

### MIXING RATIO

Use 3 litres of water to 20 kg of ARDEX K 900 BF powder when used as a leveller, or when used as a fast set mortar bed use 2 litres of water with 20kg of powder.

### MIXING

ARDEX floor levelling products react and harden quickly when mixed with water. Thorough mixing in the shortest possible time is essential to ensure a lump free mortar. Always mix the powder into the water. The most efficient method of mixing is by using an ARDEX mixing paddle and a heavy duty electric drill (650 rpm). Normal mixing time of a 20 kg bag is 1 to 2 minutes. Concrete mixers and hand mixing are not suitable methods of mixing. To the required volume of water, add the ARDEX K 900 BF whilst mixing thoroughly. Do not overwater.

### MANUAL INSTALLATION

Pour the mixed ARDEX K 900 BF onto the prepared subfloor and spread into place using the ARDEX stand-up spreader or ARDEX hand trowel. Use the ARDEX gauging tool with height adjustment to obtain an even thickness. Use the ARDEX smoother for smoothing and touch up.

ARDEX K 900 BF has a working time of approximately 10 minutes.

### PUMPING INSTALLATION

For ease and efficiency of application ARDEX K 900 BF can be pumped using a suitable Automatic Mixing Pump. Follow the instructions as set by the pump manufacturer.

### THICKNESS

ARDEX K 900 BF can be applied from 3mm to 90 mm thickness in one application.

### COVERAGE

A 20kg bag when used with 3 litres of water will cover 1m<sup>2</sup> at 10mm thick.

### DRYING-HARDENING

ARDEX K 900 BF sets by hydration. A 90mm layer will harden after approximately 4 hours at 23°C, and can be walked on after this time. Overlay with ARDEX smoothing compounds from 16 hours. Hardening and drying time will be extended in cooler climates, and shortened in warmer climates. Thicker layers will also extend drying times.

### STORAGE

ARDEX K 900 BF has a shelf life 12 months if stored in dry conditions in unopened packaging.

**Pay attention to the following:**

For vinyl installation a smoothing coat may be necessary.

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**TECHNICAL DATA (@3L water addition)**

Coverage:	2kg powder/mm/m <sup>2</sup>
Mixing Ratio:	20 kg powder + 2-3L water:
Working time:	10 minutes
Walkability:	Approx. 4 hours
Bulk density of powder:	1.7 kg/L
Weight of fresh mortar:	2.3 kg/L

**Compressive strength (@3L water addition)**

After 1 day	25MPa
After 7 days	40MPa
After 28 days	45MPa

**Tensile bending strength (@3L water addition)**

After 1 day	5MPa
After 7 days	8MPa
After 28 days	10MPa

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