



SL C980 XPS

VERY HEAVY DUTY SMOOTHING COMPOUND FOR USE ON INTERNAL & EXTERNAL FLOORS

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SMART ADVANTAGES

- High strength and abrasion resistant smoothing compound
- Suitable for industrial premises
- Finished internal wearing surface when used without floor coverings

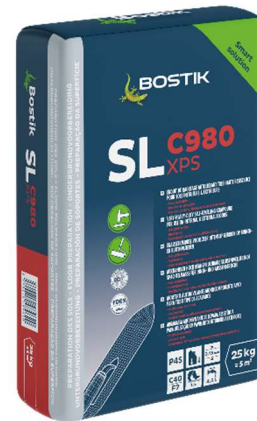
DESCRIPTION

Bostik SL C980 XPS heavy duty smoothing compound is suitable for smoothing and levelling uneven subfloors prior to the installation of floor coverings. It is suitable for internal and external use.

It can be laid over most common substrates including concrete subfloors, sand/cement screeds, stone, calcium sulphate-based screeds, mastic asphalt and firmly bonded unglazed ceramic, terrazzo & quarry tiles, both internally and externally. Once cured, Bostik SL C980 XPS can receive the application of paints, resins, coatings and surface sealers. It is not suitable for use over existing adhesive or water-soluble residues.

Bostik SL C980 XPS can be applied from 3mm up to a maximum thickness of 15mm in a single application and from 10mm to 50mm when blended with 8kg of clean, dry sharp sand with an aggregate size of 0.4mm to 0.9mm.

It is suitable for use with warm water underfloor heating systems, provided a surface temperature of +27°C is not exceeded. It is suitable for use in both new-build and refurbishment projects and can be used in areas that are subject to heavy levels of foot traffic, industrial premises and parking areas. For internal and external use.



TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Colour	Grey
Form	Powder
Composition	Cementitious water mix
Application temperature	+5°C to +27°C
Gauging liquid	Water
Application thickness	3mm to 15mm Bulked: 15mm to 50mm
Working times	Up to 15 minutes after mixing (depending on ambient temperature and humidity)
Drying times	Light foot traffic: approx. 1 to 2 hours Floor coverings: approx. 4 to 24 hours (3mm thickness at +23°C, depending on application thickness, ambient temperature and humidity)
Compressive strength	Typically, 40N/mm ² after 28 days
Flexural strength	Typically, 7N/mm ² after 28 days
VOC emissions	Very low emissions EC1 Plus

COVERAGE

- Approx. 5m² per bag at 3mm thickness
(depending on the smoothness and absorbency of the floor surface)

APPLICATION

IMPORTANT: Before using Bostik SL C980 XPS, refer to the relevant Health & Safety Data Sheet, available at www.bostik.com/uk.

All phases of the application should comply with the current editions of:

- BS 8102 Code of practice for protection of below ground structures against water ingress.
- BS 5325 Code of practice for installation of textile floor coverings.
- BS 8203 Code of practice for installation of resilient floor coverings.
- BS 8201 Code of practice for installation of flooring of wood and wood-based panels.

Ensure the correct PPE is worn during use.

PREPARATION

- Ensure the subfloor is clean, sound and dry (<75%RH), of adequate tensile & compressive strength, free from laitance, cracks, structural defects and contaminants that may prevent adhesion (e.g., dust, oil, grease, paint, plaster, polish, some curing compounds, surface hardeners, additives and adhesive residues must be completely removed), and conforms to BS 8204 code of practice.
- Any deep depressions in the floor should be filled with Bostik Rapid Repair Mortar and allowed to dry.
- The temperature of the floor and application environment must be stable and maintained between +5°C and +27°C throughout the application and drying of the smoothing compound.

UNDERFLOOR HEATING

- can be used on substrates containing warm water underfloor heating systems. The system must be switched off 48 hours prior to, during and for 48 hours post application. To prevent rapid dehydration, wait 48 hours after installation before gradually turning up underfloor heating.
- For electrical radiant underfloor heating systems, please contact Technical Services.

GYPSUM (ANHYDRITE SCREEDS)

- Non-cementitious screeds based on anhydrite or hemihydrate (generally referred to as calcium sulphate-based screeds) must be tested for moisture content in accordance with BS 8203 : 2017 Installation of Resilient Floor Coverings prior to applying Bostik products. Removal of surface laitance must be carried out before moisture testing and application of the smoothing compound.
- For screeds reading below 75%RH, a primer must be applied to prevent reaction between the screed and the cementitious smoothing compound. Bostik GRIP A256 UNIVERSAL (diluted 1 : 3 with water) is recommended.
- Non-cementitious screeds based on anhydrite or hemihydrate (generally referred to as calcium sulphate-based screeds) that contain underfloor heating systems, must be fully dry (reading 75%RH or lower) prior to the application of Bostik primers and smoothing compounds.
- An application thickness of 10mm should not be exceeded on calcium sulphate-based substrates.

PRIMING

- When applying Bostik SL C980 XPS, the subfloor must be primed prior to the application of the smoothing compound. See table below, refer to separate technical data sheets for primer application and drying times.
- Priming will minimise preferential absorption and will reduce the risk of pin holing and extend the working time to result in the ideal surface finish.

Porous substrates	Bostik GRIP A526 UNIVERSAL (diluted 1 : 2 with water)
Dense/non-porous substrates, including epoxy membranes	Undiluted Bostik GRIP A526 UNIVERSAL or Bostik GRIP A936 XPRESS (for applications above 10mm)
Calcium sulphate-based screeds	Bostik GRIP A526 UNIVERSAL (diluted 1 : 3 with water). Once dry, apply a second coat of primer (diluted 1 : 1 with water) (for applications up to 10mm max)
Applications in excess of 10mm of smoothing compound	Bostik GRIP A936 XPRESS
Mastic asphalt	Undiluted Bostik GRIP A526 UNIVERSAL (for applications up to 5mm max)

MIXING & APPLICATION THICKNESS

- Pour 4.5 litres of clean, cold water into a clean mixing bucket.
- Gradually add the 20kg bag of Bostik SL C980 XPS powder to the water, whilst continually mixing with an electric drill and mixing paddle until a smooth, lump-free mixture is obtained. This will normally be achieved after 2 minutes. Do not under mix. Optimal results can be achieved by allowing the mixed material to stand/mature for 1 minute and then mixing again for 1 minute.
- Note: the addition of too much water may result in separation of the smoothing compound.
- Bostik SL C980 XPS can be applied from 3mm to 15mm in a single application - 10mm maximum total thickness on sound & primed calcium sulphate-based screeds and 5mm maximum total thickness on sound & primed mastic asphalt. Contact Technical Services for further details.
- Where thicker applications are required (a thickness of 15mm up to 50mm), the product should be bulked out with 0.4mm to 0.9mm clean, dry sharp sand. To the mixed unit add 8kg of clean, dry sharp sand, whilst continuing to mix. The coverage with this method is approx. 2kg/m² per mm depth.
- When being used as a blended mix, it is possible to form slopes or ramps. The surface is then finished using a standard coating of Bostik SL C980 XPS, applied at a thickness not less than 3mm.
- The unbulked mixture will remain workable for approximately 15 minutes under normal conditions. If the mix begins to stiffen before it has been spread, it must be discarded. Do not add further water.

APPLICATION

- Pour the mixed material onto the prepared subfloor in a continuous operation.
- Using a steel trowel or pin rake, apply Bostik SL C980 XPS evenly to the required thickness.
- Use a spiked roller to deaerate the smoothing compound and smooth out any trowel lines whilst the smoothing compound is still fluid.
- Protect surface from traffic prior to laying a floor covering. Ensure the smoothing compound is fully dry before applying a floor covering.

Pump application:

- Where large floor areas require levelling, it is possible to apply Bostik SL C980 XPS by pump application. It should be applied to the desired thickness in one single continuous coat.

DRYING TIMES

- Drying times may vary depending upon site conditions, substrate type and installation environment.
- The drying time depends on how absorbent the subfloor is, the air humidity and both the ambient & floor temperatures.
- Thicker applications will prolong overall drying times.
- Based on good ambient conditions of +23°C and 3mm thickness, the smoothing compound can be laid directly over after the following times:

Light foot traffic	1 to 2 hours approx.
Floor coverings	4 to 24 hours approx.
Other floor coverings	Contact Technical Services

- The working and drying times of the smoothing compound will be reduced in higher temperatures and increased in lower temperatures.

FINISHING

- If Bostik SL C980 XPS is to be left exposed as a wearing surface, apply a suitable transparent sealer to avoid any possibility of staining.

CLEANING

- Clean tools and equipment with warm, soapy water immediately after use. Remove surplus smoothing compound from surfaces whilst it is still wet. Dried and hardened smoothing compound can only be removed mechanically.

STORAGE

- Store and transport securely. Store for up to 6 months from date of manufacture in original, unopened packaging, clear of the ground, in cool, dry conditions within the temperature range +5°C to +25°C and out of direct sunlight. Protect from excessive drafts, frost, damp, condensation and dew.

PRECAUTIONS IN USE

Do not use as a substitute for a DPM. An effective membrane is required to prevent water entering the system. Protect surface from foot traffic prior to installing a floor covering. Ensure the smoothing compound is fully dry before installing a

floor covering. During drying, protect the freshly applied product from strong sunlight and through draughts. Protect from rain and frost. Do not force dry the smoothing compound. Application in high temperatures may result in rapid setting and poor flow. The rapid loss of water may increase the risk of cracking.

The mix ratios and temperatures need to be followed accurately. Changing the mix ratios will disrupt the system and risk product failure.

For any application not covered, please contact Technical Services on +44 (0)1785 272625 or visit www.bostik.com/uk for advice.

Recommendations and suggestions are for guidance only, since conditions of use are completely beyond our control.

For health and safety instruction, first aid measures and spillage and disposal instructions, see separate Health and Safety Data sheet for Bostik SL C980 XPS, available at www.bostik.com/uk.

PACKAGING

Product codes	30615447	25kg bag
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