

# HOW TO PRIME AN EXISTING PAINT AND/OR GYPSUM SKIMCOAT SURFACE FOR TILE ADHESIVE APPLICATION

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The key to every successful tiling installation is correctly preparing the surface the tile has to adhere to. In most instances the surface will require priming. The function of a primer coat is to increase the bond of the adhesive to the surface as this will help to prevent the possibility of the tiles lifting later on. It will also enhance the water resistance and flexibility of the tiling installation.

## STEP 1

The paint/gypsum skimcoat must be in good condition and firmly bonded to the surface, ie not loose, flaking or peeling. Clean thoroughly to remove all traces of grease, grime, soap residues and other contaminants.  
**Domestic / Interior :** Mechanically abrade (chipping, grinding, scabbling, etc) to remove at least 80% of the paint/gypsum skimcoat.  
**Commercial / Exterior :** Mechanically abrade to remove all traces of paint/gypsum skimcoat. Ensure the surface is sound and suitable for tiling.



## STEP 2 Clean the surface

Ensure the surface is clean and dry and free from surface contamination.



## STEP 3 Mix



## Mix Ratio

Mix 1 part TAL Keycoat to 2 parts TAL Keymix by volume



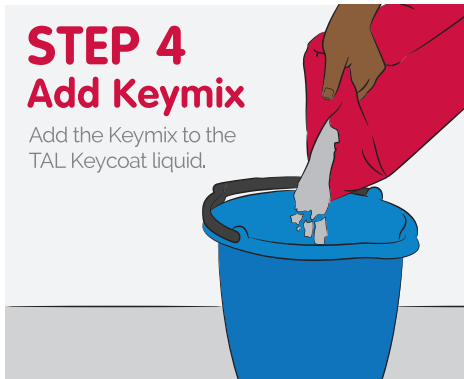
TAL Keymix



TAL Keycoat

## STEP 4 Add Keymix

Add the Keymix to the TAL Keycoat liquid.



## STEP 5 Mix Mechanical

Using a mechanical mixer, mix well. The slurry must have a smooth, paint-like consistency.



## STEP 6 Apply to Surface

Using a builders block brush apply the slurry-mix to the surface, ensuring good coverage, ie. the slurry coat must fully cover the substrate



## STEP 7 Dry

Allow the primed area to dry for 4-6 hours before commencing with tiling.



## STEP 8 Test the Surface

Test that the surface is dry by pressing onto the surface. If there is no residue on your fingers, you are good to go.



## STEP 9 Commence Tiling



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