



# Siena Crete Admix AX400

TILE & STONE INSTALLATION PRODUCTS

## DESCRIPTION

Siena Crete Admix AX400 is a latex additive designed to be used with Siena Crete Powder or site mixed with sand and cement to create an economical polymer-modified mortar for use in high moisture environments, heavy traffic areas, and demanding applications of tile and thin brick. Siena Crete Admix AX400 is manufactured with a mixture of high quality polymer and other proprietary additives to produce a premium liquid admixture which offers higher bond strength, greater flexibility, resistance to frost, longer open time and better coverage than standard mortars. Siena Crete Powder is available in either white or grey color and complies with the requirements of ANSI A118.4

## BASIC USES

Siena Crete Admix AX400 is used for interior and exterior applications of most tiles and stones. Siena Crete Admix AX400 can be used with the Siena Crete Powder mix or site mixed with sand and cement. In thin brick applications the increased flexibility allows for typical substrate adjustments from climate and temperature changes without shearing. Siena Crete Admix AX400 can be used on floors, walls and in mortar beds as thin as 3/32" in residential and commercial projects.

## STORAGE

1. Store containers in a cool, dry location.
2. Store at a temperature between 40°F (4°C) and 90°F (32°C).
3. Do not store in direct contact with the ground and/or concrete.
4. Store out of direct sunlight.
5. Protect containers from weather and other damage.

## RECOMMENDED SUBSTRATES

Suitable substrates, when properly prepared, include: Masonry block, fully cured concrete (28+ days), gypsum board (only on dry interior walls), cement backer units (per manufacturers' specifications), fully cured portland cement mortar beds (28+ days), brick, properly prepared existing tile.

## SURFACE PREPARATION

All surfaces to receive application must be solid, stable, structurally sound, dry, clean and free of debris, dirt and dust, efflorescence, grease, oils, curing agents and cleaning solutions that would hinder proper bond. Ensure that all surfaces are free of any coatings, sealers, adhesive residues or gypsum-based underlayments. Smooth or painted cementitious surfaces can be prepared by mechanical means such as sandblasting or scraping. Dampen surface prior to application, but do not allow water to puddle. For more complete installation procedures see the TCNA (Tile Council of North America) Handbook & ANSI A108.5.

## CEMENTITIOUS SUBSTRATES

Cementitious substrates can be cleaned by mechanical means such as sanding, scraping or chipping. Smooth or painted cementitious surfaces can be prepared by mechanical means such as sandblasting, scraping or chipping. Dampen the surface prior to the application but do not allow water to puddle. Substrate deflection should not exceed 1/360. See "Surface Preparation" section above.

## NON-CEMENTITIOUS SUBSTRATES

Use a cleavage membrane on surfaces with bonding problems, like plywood or painted surfaces. For walls, apply a 3/8" to 3/4" thick layer of reinforced mortar bed; for floors, apply a minimum of 1 1/4" reinforced mortar bed. Let it set for at least 20 hours and then apply the mortar.

## TILE SUBSTRATES

Existing tiles must be sound, well bonded, clean and free of any deleterious substance that may prevent adhesion. Smooth surfaces may require roughening to promote the bonding.

## CONTROL JOINTS

Never apply mortar over any expansion or control joint. For more information see TCNA (Tile Council of North America) Handbook and EJ-171.

## MIXING

Mix by hand or use a low-speed mixer of less than 150 rpm to avoid entrapping too much air. Add gradually one 50lb sack of Siena Crete Powder to 1 1/2 gallons (5.7 L) of Siena Crete Admix AX400 while mixing. For on-site mixtures of sand and cement, mix 5 gallons of Siena Crete Admix AX400 with one 94 lb sack of portland cement and one 100 lb sack of #60 silica sand. Mix the material thoroughly to a smooth consistency and let it slake (stop mixing) for 10 to 15 minutes and then break the set (remix). Do not add any more admixture or powder after the slaking period. Lightly mixing or stirring occasionally will help maintain the mixture's smooth consistency.

## APPLICATION

The size of the working area should be such to be covered with tiles within 15 to 20 minutes. Using the flat side of the notch trowel apply a tight thin layer of mortar over the substrate. Then add more mortar and comb the material in one direction using the appropriate notch size to achieve 100% contact to the back of the tiles. Set the tiles over the mortar with a firm pressure to flatten the ridges and assure a good contact. Periodically check already placed tiles to verify that there is sufficient mortar transfer with the back of the tile. Back-butter the tiles if required. Align tiles immediately after their placement and clean any excess material with a damp towel. Tiles that have been setting for more than 20 minutes cannot be readjusted.

## MATERIAL CALCULATOR

Visit the Siena web site at [www.SienaProducts.com](http://www.SienaProducts.com) and click on the "Material Calculator" tab for recommended products and to calculate the amount of materials needed for each project. Always follow all manufacturers' recommendations and warranty information prior to any tile or stone installation.

## CURING

Cure the freshly applied material for at least 24 hrs. Curing time may vary due to porosity of substrate, ambient temperatures and humidity.

## GROUTING

Grouting should be done 24-48 hours after tile installation.

## PACKAGING

- 5 gal (18.9 L) bucket
- 55 gal (208.2 L) drum
- Siena Crete Powder – 50 lb (22.7 kg) bag

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## TECHNICAL DATA

Open Time @ 73°F (23°C)	40 minutes
Adjustability @ 73°F (23°C)	40 minutes
Bucket Life @ 73°F (23°C)	5 hours
Compressive Strength ASTM C-109	>5000 psi

## Shear Bond ANSI A118.4

### Non-Vitreous Tile

(Dry Cure) 7 Days	>500 psi
28 Days	>750 psi
(Water Immersion) 7 Days	>450 psi
(Freeze-Thaw) 28 Days	>450 psi

### Quarry Tile

(Dry Cure) 7 Days	>450 psi
28 Days	>550 psi
(Freeze-Thaw) 28 Days	>350 psi

### Impervious Ceramic Mosaics

(Dry Cure) 7 Days	>450 psi
28 Days	>600 psi
(Water Immersion) 7 Days	>400 psi
(Freeze-Thaw) 28 Days	>300 psi

Water Absorbption ANSI A118.6	< 4%
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## Square Notch Trowl Coverage

1/4" x 1/4" x 1/4" (6 x 6 x 6 mm)	90 ft <sup>2</sup> (8.4m <sup>2</sup> )
1/4" x 3/8" x 1/4" (6 x 9.5 x 6 mm)	70 ft <sup>2</sup> (6.5m <sup>2</sup> )
1/2" x 1/2" x 1/2" (13 x 13 x 13 mm)	50 ft <sup>2</sup> (5.6m <sup>2</sup> )

## LIMITATIONS

DO NOT apply SIENA CRETE ADMIX AX400 directly over luan plywood, improperly cured or wet plywood, particle board, stripwood, gypsum mortar beds, asphalt sheeting, vinyl covered wall board, Masonite, cement asbestos board, metal, glass, plastic or any dimensionally unstable substrate.

DO NOT apply at temperatures below 40°F (4°C) or above 90°F (32°C). Avoid freezing until the material is dry.

DO NOT use with green or red marbles, they may react with the mortar and warp and detach. When used to install tile in an area that will be continually wet (e.g. swimming pools, gang showers, etc.) it is recommended that the complete installation shall be cured a minimum of 14 days and allowed to thoroughly dry before exposure to water.

DO NOT apply mortar over any expansion or control joint. For more information see TCNA (Tile Council of North America) Handbook and EJ-171.

## CLEANING

Cleaning may be accomplished with water immediately after use.

## SAFETY

Avoid contact with eyes or prolonged contact with skin. Wash thoroughly after handling. In case of eye contact, flush immediately with running water for at least 15 minutes. Consult a physician immediately. Do not take internally. Be sure to provide adequate ventilation in enclosed areas. Use of an approved respirator is recommended.

## WARNING

Omega Products International, Inc., as a blender of processed material in the State of California, is required by Proposition 65 to warn that one or more of the components contained in this product, could contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. The State of California (Proposition 65) requires this warning in the absence of definitive testing to prove that the defined risks do not exist. We believe this product complies with all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing manufacturing, distribution and intended use. User is solely responsible for the legal disposal of this container and/or its contents.

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## WARRANTY

The following is made in lieu of all expressed and implied rights, warranties and conditions, statutory or otherwise. The Manufacturer's only obligation shall be to replace such quantity of products proven to be defective within one year following the date of manufacture, provided that the alleged defective product is returned prepaid to the Manufacturer's plant and is accompanied with proof of purchase and batch number.

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