



## INSTALLATION BULLETIN #2

### CERAMIC TILE INSTALLATION ON EXISTING VCT/VA TILE SURFACES

Flextile latex modified mortars such as **#53 Floor Mix** or **#51 Floor & Wall Mix** mixed full strength with **#43 Acrylic Mortar Additive** or **#44 High Solids Latex Mortar Additive**, **#52 Versatile**, **#56SR**, **#61**, **#58 Versatile Fast Set** or **#62 Fast Set** will provide a good bond for ceramic tile to existing VCT or VA tile flooring or other NON-CUSHION vinyl flooring, Arborite or existing asphaltic flooring adhesives (CUTBACK).

Flextile Ltd recommends that every reasonable effort be made to remove existing flooring or flooring adhesives prior to installing ceramic tile, marble, slate, etc. in order to achieve the best possible results. Should this option not be available, then existing flooring surface must be clean, sound and well bonded to substrate, and free of any sealers, waxes, or other foreign materials prior to installation of ceramic tile. On wood subfloors, mechanical fastening (wood screws) of sheet vinyl flooring is also recommended. The substrate must also be judged by the installer to be of acceptable industry standards for accepting ceramic tile, including meeting deflection criteria and any necessary requirements for expansion or control joints.

Safety note: Mechanical abrasion is not recommended for cleaning Vinyl Asbestos flooring when preparing for ceramic tile installation. Airborne asbestos fibers present an extreme health hazard. Other methods such as chemical cleaners are recommended in this instance.

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