

Sopro TFb

High-strength tile grout

554 grey 15 · 557 concrete grey 14



High-strength, rapid-set, trass-bearing, cementitious tile grout, meeting CG2 WA requirements to DIN EN 13888, for 3–30 mm joint widths. Low-chromate to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, Annex XVII.

- For 3–30 mm joint widths
- Exceedingly high mechanical strength and abrasion resistance
- Meets minimum requirements in terms of abrasion resistance ($\leq 250 \text{ mm}^3$) and compressive strength ($\geq 45 \text{ N/mm}^2$) for reaction resin mortars
- Ideal for catering kitchens, workshops, washing facilities and other industrial or commercial spaces
- Dense microstructure thanks to Mikrodur® technology
- High resistance to freeze-thaw cycles and high-pressure/steam jet cleaning
- Good adhesion to joint faces
- Compressive strength $\geq 60 \text{ N/mm}^2$ after dry storage and $\geq 75 \text{ N/mm}^2$ after freeze-thaw cycling
- Approved for shipbuilding as system component
- For walls and floors, indoors and outdoors
- With official test certificates

EMISSIONS

German AgBB test	Pass
GEV-EMICODE	EC1 ^{PLUS} R
Swiss eco-bau quality label	—
French VOC ordinance	A+ very-low-emission
VOC content	Max. 65 g/ltr



* Information sur le niveau d'émission de substances volatiles dans l'air intérieur, présentant un risque de toxicité par inhalation, sur une échelle de classe allant de A+ (très faibles émissions) à C (fortes émissions).

BUILDING CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

The term "sustainability" refers to the principle of not being entitled to consume more resources than can be renewed or regenerated and made available again in the future (Duden). In this context, the construction and real estate sectors play a key role. In Germany alone, for example, the construction and operation of buildings still account for one-third of energy use. "Sustainable construction" has become the defining concept of our age and sets the bar for all future construction projects. Building certification systems now provide a means of measuring and assessing the sustainability performance of buildings. The scope of the issues examined in this connection covers, at the very least, economic and ecological as well as sociocultural and functional criteria. At the same time, the suitability of construction products is never considered in isolation, but always in relation to the particular context and application in the building.

DGNB - German Quality Label for Sustainable Building

2015/2016 version

Criterion	ENV1.2 Local Environmental Impact	
Criteria matrix	Line 8	
Product type	Laying material – Adhesive below wall and floor coverings	
Requirements	Quality level 1 (low)	GISCODE D1/RU0,5/RU1/RE1/RS10
	Quality level 2	GISCODE D1/RU0,5/RU1/RE1/RS10 and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
	Quality level 3	GISCODE D1/RU0,5/RU1/RE1/RS10 and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
	Quality level 4 (high)	GISCODE D1/RU0,5/RU1/RE1/RS10 and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
Rating	Meets quality level 4 requirements through GISCODE ZP1 and EMICODE EC1^{PLUS} R.	
Exceptions	Exceptions to the requirements may be granted in cases where one of the specified product requirements cannot be met for technical or functional reasons (i.e. due to the absence of a functionally equivalent product or a design alternative meeting the requirements) or where the basic data cannot be prepared for a reasonable outlay. The deviation from the requirements shall be documented and justified, with details provided of the product, technical application and quantities used. Product exceptions for purely aesthetic reasons are excluded from this provision. Evidence may, for example, be provided by an up-to-date confirmation by at least three market-relevant manufacturers that no suitable product is available for the targeted quality level, or through proof that use of the suitable product was not technically feasible due to force majeure (weather conditions, natural factors such as hydrostatic pressure in subsoil). The evidence provided for a technical exception may only relate to a single quality level and allows no exemption from compliance with any requirements specified for the lower quality levels. Should it be impossible to comply with the requirement of a lower quality level, for technical reasons, this must be consistently indicated in all three submitted manufacturer confirmations relating to the technical exception.	

2012 version (2013 upgrade)

Criterion	ENV1.2 Local Environmental Impact	
Criteria matrix	Line 7	
Product type	Laying material – Adhesive below wall and floor coverings	
Requirements	Quality level 1 (low)	GISCODE D1/RU0,5/RU1/RE1/RS10
	Quality level 2	GISCODE D1/RU0,5/RU1/RE1/RS10 and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
	Quality level 3	GISCODE D1/RU0,5/RU1/RE1/RS10 and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
	Quality level 4 (high)	GISCODE D1/RU0,5/RU1/RE1/RS10 and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
Rating	Meets quality level 4 requirements through GISCODE ZP1 and EMICODE EC1^{PLUS} R.	
Exceptions	Exceptions to the requirements may be granted in cases where one of the specified product requirements cannot be met for technical or functional reasons (i.e. due to the absence of a functionally equivalent product or a design alternative meeting the requirements) or where the basic data cannot be prepared for a reasonable outlay. The deviation from the requirements shall be documented and justified, with details provided of the product, technical application and quantities used. Product exceptions for purely aesthetic reasons are excluded from this provision. Evidence may, for example, be provided by an up-to-date confirmation by at least two market-relevant manufacturers that no suitable product is available for the targeted quality level, or through proof that use of the suitable product was not technically feasible due to force majeure (weather conditions, natural factors such as hydrostatic pressure in subsoil). The evidence provided for a technical exception may only relate to a single quality level and allows no exemption from compliance with any requirements specified for the lower quality levels.	

2009 version	
Profile	06 Local Environmental Impact
Product type	Flooring adhesive – Product for surface coverings
Requirements	Quality level 1 (low) VOC content ≤ 25 %
	Quality level 2 VOC content ≤ 15 % and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
	Quality level 3 VOC content ≤ 10 % and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
	Quality level 4 (high) VOC content ≤ 3 % and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
Rating	Meets quality level 4 requirements through VOC content ≤ 3 % and EMICODE EC1^{PLUS} R.
Exceptions	Exceptions to the requirements may be granted in cases where one of the specified product requirements cannot be met for technical or functional reasons (i.e. due to the absence of a functionally equivalent product or a design alternative meeting the requirements) or where the basic data cannot be prepared for a reasonable outlay. The deviation from the requirements shall be documented and justified, with details provided of the product, technical application and quantities used. Product exceptions for purely aesthetic reasons are excluded from this provision.

BNB · German Assessment System for Sustainable Building

2015 version	
Criterion	1.1.6 Local Environmental Impact
Summary table	Line 10a
Product type	Laying material for ceramic wall/floor tiles
Requirements	Quality level 1 (low) Documentation
	Quality level 2 Mineral tile adhesive or GISCODE D1/RU0,5/RU1/RE1/RS10
	Quality level 3 Mineral tile adhesive or GISCODE D1/RU0,5/RU1/RE1/RS10 and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R
	Quality level 4 Mineral tile adhesive or GISCODE D1/RU0,5/RU1/RE1/RS10 and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
	Quality level 5 (high) Mineral tile adhesive or GISCODE D1/RU0,5/RU1/RE1/RS10 and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
Rating	Meets quality level 5 requirements through GISCODE ZP1 and EMICODE EC1^{PLUS} R.
Exceptions	Exceptions to the requirements may be granted in cases where one of the specified product requirements cannot be met for technical or functional reasons (i.e. due to the absence of a functionally equivalent product or a design alternative meeting the requirements). The deviation from the requirements shall be documented and justified, with details provided of the product, technical application and quantities used. Product exceptions for purely aesthetic reasons are excluded from this provision.

2011 version	
Criterion	1.1.6 Local Environmental Impact
Product type	Flooring adhesive – Product for surface coverings
Requirements	Quality level 1 (low) Documentation
	Quality level 2 VOC content ≤ 25 %
	Quality level 3 VOC content ≤ 15 % and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
	Quality level 4 VOC content ≤ 10 % and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
	Quality level 5 (high) VOC content ≤ 3 % and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
Rating	Meets quality level 5 requirements through VOC content ≤ 3 % and EMICODE EC1^{PLUS} R.
Exceptions	Exceptions to the requirements may be granted in cases where one of the specified product requirements cannot be met for technical or functional reasons (i.e. due to the absence of a functionally equivalent product or a design alternative meeting the requirements) or where the basic data cannot be prepared for a reasonable outlay. The deviation from the requirements shall be documented and justified, with details provided of the product, technical application and quantities used. Product exceptions for purely aesthetic reasons are excluded from this provision.

NaWoh · Quality Label for Sustainable Housing

2013 version (V 3.0)

Criterion	3.2.4 Avoidance of contaminants
Indicator	Avoidance of contaminants
Product type	Flooring adhesive
Requirements	EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
Rating	Meets requirements through EMICODE EC1 ^{PLUS} R.

BNK · German Assessment System for Sustainable Small-Scale Residential Developments

2015 version

Criterion	1.1.1 Occupant health: Indoor air hygiene
Requirements	Documentation and specification of VOC emissions
Rating	Meets requirements through EMICODE EC1 ^{PLUS} R.

NBBW · Sustainable Construction in German Federal State of Baden-Württemberg

2011 version

Sustainability criterion	4 Physiologically harmless and environmentally compatible construction materials
Category	D
Product type	Adhesive for floor coverings
Requirements	Construction products of secondary significance to building control EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113 Construction products of significance to building control Ü/CE mark and EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
Rating	Meets requirements placed on construction products of secondary significance to building control through EMICODE EC1 ^{PLUS} R.
Exceptions	Deviations from the individual requirements for the sustainability criteria are allowable in duly justified exceptional cases, provided such requirements are not prescribed by law. The deviations shall be presented and justified, in no specific form, in writing.

HafenCity Ecolabel · Sustainable Construction in HafenCity Hamburg

2010 version

Category	3 Use of eco-efficient construction materials
Product type	Flooring adhesive
Requirements	Special attainments – silver EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113 Extraordinary attainments – gold EMICODE EC1/EC1R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R or RAL-UZ 113
Rating	Meets requirements for extraordinary attainments – gold through EMICODE EC1 ^{PLUS} R.
Exceptions	Exceptions to the requirements may be granted in cases where one of the product requirements cannot be met. The deviation from the requirements shall be documented and justified, with details provided of the product, technical application and quantities used. Exceptions are only possible where evidence is provided that no design alternative can meet the requirements or that no functionally equivalent products are obtainable on the market for a reasonable outlay. Exceptions justified by purely aesthetic reasons are excluded from this provision.

SNBS · Standard for Sustainable Construction in Switzerland

2016 version (V 2.0)

Criterion	303.3 Environment-, disposal- and health-relevant ingredients
Measurement parameter	4 Solvent emissions from construction and ancillary materials
Requirements	No application of solvent-thinned products in heated interiors. Following products meet criteria: Laying materials with EMICODE EC1/EC1 R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R label; construction materials with Eco product rating eco-1, eco-2 or basis.
Rating	Meets requirements through EMICODE EC1 ^{PLUS} R.

SWISS MINERGIE-ECO LABEL

2016 version (V 1.3)

Criterion	NA exclusion criterion
Criteria matrix	NA1.050 Solvent emissions from construction and ancillary materials
Requirements	Excluded: Application of solvent-thinned products in heated interiors. Following products meet criteria: Laying materials with EMICODE EC1/EC1 R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R label; construction materials with Eco product rating eco-1, eco-2 or basis.
Rating	Meets requirements through EMICODE EC1^{PLUS} R.

Criterion	NI Indoor environmental conditions
Criteria matrix	NI5.050 Construction product label
Requirements	EMICODE EC1/EC1 R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R
Rating	Meets requirements through EMICODE EC1^{PLUS} R.

2015 ECO-BKP guidance papers	281 Floor finishes
Product type	Grout for tile coverings
Requirements	Cementitious tile grout, with or without synthetic resin additives
Rating	Meets requirements through cementitious formulation

2015 ECO-BKP guidance papers	282 Wall finishes/coverings
Product type	Grout for tiling
Requirements	Cementitious products, with or without synthetic resin
Rating	Meets requirements through cementitious formulation

2014 version (with 2015 additions)

Criterion	NA exclusion criterion
Criteria matrix	NA 08 Solvent emissions from construction and ancillary materials
Requirements	No application of solvent-thinned products in heated interiors. Laying materials with the EMICODE EC1/EC1 R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R label meet the criterion.
Rating	Meets requirements through EMICODE EC1^{PLUS} R.

Criterion	NM Materials and construction processes
Criteria matrix	NM 06 Construction product label for floor covering adhesives
Requirements	EMICODE EC1/EC1 R/EC1 ^{PLUS} /EC1 ^{PLUS} R
Rating	Meets requirements through EMICODE EC1^{PLUS} R.

2015 ECO-BKP guidance papers	281 Floor finishes
Product type	Grout for tile coverings
Requirements	Cementitious tile grout, with or without synthetic resin additives
Rating	Meets requirements through cementitious formulation

2015 ECO-BKP guidance papers	282 Wall finishes/coverings
Product type	Grout for tiling
Requirements	Cementitious products, with or without synthetic resin
Rating	Meets requirements through cementitious formulation

LEED · Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

2014 version (v4)

Credit	MR: Building product disclosure and optimization – environmental product declarations	
Requirements	1–2 points	Existence of EPD (environmental product declaration) to ISO 14025/14040/14044 and EN 15804 or ISO 21930 – at least "cradle-to-gate" life cycle assessment
Rating	Does not meet requirements.	
Credit	EQ: Low-emitting materials	
Product type	Wet-applied adhesive	
Requirements	1–3 points	Pass in AgBB (German Committee for Health-Related Evaluation of Building Products) test and compliance with Paints Directive (2004/42/EC).
Rating	Meets requirements as AgBB test passed and product does not fall under Paints Directive.	

2009 version (2013 update)

Credit	MR 4: Recycled content	
Requirements	1 point	10 % recycled content (by weight)
	2 points	20 % recycled content (by weight)
Rating	–	
Credit	MR 5: Regional materials	
Requirements	1 point	10 % regional materials (Manufacturing location is at max. distance of 800 km from construction site)
	2 points	20 % regional materials (Manufacturing location is at max. distance of 800 km from construction site)
Rating	Manufacturing location is Wiesbaden, Germany.	
Credit	IEQ 4.1: Low-emitting materials – adhesives and sealants	
Product type	Ceramic tile adhesive	
Requirements	VOC content (without water)	Max. 65 g/ltr
Rating	Meets requirements through max. 65 g/ltr VOC content.	

BREEAM · Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Methodology

2013 version (2014)

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Further information

INGREDIENTS

CAS numbers	65997-15-1 14808-60-7 1305-62-0	Portland cement Quartz Calcium hydroxide
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PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

Labelling	Labelling in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP) GHS05, GHS07 Signal word: Danger Contains Portland cement. Exhibits strong alkaline reaction upon contact with moisture/water; protection required for skin and eyes. All standard precautions for the handling of construction materials/chemicals shall be taken. Hazard statements: H315 Causes skin irritation. H318 Causes serious eye damage. H335 May cause respiratory irritation. Precautionary statements: P102 Keep out of reach of children. P261 Avoid breathing dust. P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap. P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor. P332+P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
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GISCODE	ZP1 · Low-chromate to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, Annex XVII
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German Water Hazard Class (WGK)	WGK 1 · Slightly hazardous to water
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PUBLIC-SECTOR REGULATIONS

Test certificates	Technische Universität München (TUM): – "Sopro TFb 554 high-strength tile grout, 3–30 mm, grey" meets requirements for abrasion resistance under DIN EN 12808-2 and flexural tensile and compressive strength under DIN EN 12808-3 to achieve a class CG2 A rating under DIN EN 13888:2009-08. It additionally meets requirements placed on class RG reaction resin mortars for abrasion resistance ($\leq 250 \text{ mm}^3$) and compressive strength ($\geq 45 \text{ N/mm}^2$) under DIN EN 13888:2009-08. Test results for compressive strength: $\geq 60 \text{ N/mm}^2$ after dry storage and $\leq 75 \text{ N/mm}^2$ after freeze-thaw cycling BG Verkehr (institution for statutory accident insurance and prevention for transport and traffic): – Approval for shipbuilding in Sopro System 2.4 (wall), MED approval no. 118.316, USCG approval no. 164.112/EC0736/118.316. Wet-applied quantity Sopro TFb: max. 708 g/m ² . Other components in Sopro System 2.4: Sopro EPG 522 epoxy primer, Sopro QS 507 fine silica sand, Sopro PU-FD 570 surface sealant for walls, Sopro QS 511 coarse silica sand, Sopro's No.1 flexible tile adhesive (order no. 400), fully vitrified stoneware tile (min. 145 mm, thickness 5 mm). System thickness $\leq 11 \text{ mm}$, joints $\leq 5 \text{ mm}$. – Approval for shipbuilding in Sopro System 3.6 (floor), MED approval no. 124.115, USCG approval no. 164.117/EC0736/124.115. Wet-applied quantity Sopro TFb: max. 827 g/m ² . Other components in Sopro System 3.6: Sopro EPG 522 epoxy primer, Sopro QS 507 fine silica sand, Sopro PU-FD 571 surface sealant for floors, Sopro QS 511 coarse silica sand, Sopro's No.1 flexible tile adhesive (order no. 400), fully vitrified stoneware tile (min. 145 mm, thickness 5 mm). System thickness $\leq 11 \text{ mm}$, joints $\leq 5 \text{ mm}$. Please observe technical product information for relevant system components.
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CE mark	–
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CORPORATE SUSTAINABLE RESPONSIBILITY

Guiding principle	Sustainability is a cornerstone in Sopro Bauchemie's corporate philosophy. This is always understood by the company as the simultaneous pursuit, with equal priority, of environmental, social and economic goals.
Engagement in sustainability (memberships)	EUF · Federation of European Tile Fixers' Associations GEV · German Association for the Control of Emissions in Products for Flooring Installation, Adhesives and Building Materials DGNB · German Sustainable Building Council MINERGIE · Swiss Association for Sustainable Construction Umweltallianz Hessen · Hessian Environmental Alliance, seminal project initiated by the Hessian Federal State government Ökoprofit-Klub · Environmental counselling scheme for companies in the Hessian Federal State capital of Wiesbaden Deutsche Bauchemie e.V. · German Construction Chemicals Manufacturers' Association
Quality management	Certified to DIN EN ISO 9001
Energy management	Certified to DIN EN ISO 50001

DOCUMENTATION

Technical data sheet
Safety data sheet
Sustainability data sheet
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