

## **13 EPOXY ADHESIVE (EP 55)**

### **13.1 DESCRIPTION**

EP 55 is a solvent-free, high-performance, two-part epoxy adhesive for indoor installations of Mondo rubber floor coverings. It has excellent resistance to moisture, heat (radiant heating) and water.

The following is provided as general information concerning the physical properties and use of EP 55 epoxy adhesive. Site conditions and other factors may change the recommendations of this form. Please refer to our installation manual for full documentation regarding proper installation of Mondo sport and commercial products, or call Mondo's Technical Department: from Canada, call 1-800-663-8138; from the USA, call 1-800-361-3747.

### **13.2 LIMITATIONS**

- 1) DO NOT use when the substrate temperature is below 50°F (10°C) or above 86°F (30°C).
- 2) Concrete floors must be completely cured (28 days minimum) and free from moisture vapor emissions and alkaline conditions. An anhydrous calcium chloride test should not exceed 5 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (1.36 kg/93 m<sup>2</sup>) in 24 hours, tested in accordance with ASTM F1869. Relative humidity tests should not exceed 80%, tested in accordance with ASTM F2170.
- 3) NEVER apply over gypsum base surfaces.
- 4) DO NOT apply over asphalt.
- 5) DO NOT apply over existing vinyl.
- 6) Mondo EP 55 is a hard-set adhesive that may not be appropriate for all applications such as under telescopic bleachers or in a free-weight area. Please consult a Mondo Technical Advisor for details on these situations.
- 7) DO NOT use EP 55 to fill cracks, control or expansion joints.

### **13.3 SURFACE PREPARATION**

All subfloors must be structurally sound, smooth, solid, level, well fastened, dry, clean and free of dust, oil, grease, paint, tar, wax or any deleterious substances which may prevent or reduce adhesion. The substrate should be inspected and must meet Mondo specifications as described in Section 1 [Subfloor Preparation](#).

### **13.4 MIXING**

Create a mixing station by selecting a location, away from the installation area, and protecting it with a 6' x 6' scrap piece of material, Kraft paper or other suitable product. This epoxy adhesive consists of two parts and the proportions for the mix are ready to use. Pour the small container of part B in the large pail of part A and stir thoroughly with a **variable speed** mixer (6 amps minimum) until a homogeneous and smooth consistency is obtained. **The complete contents of**

**both parts of the adhesive must be used at once.** Improper mixing may result in a poor bond. Using a variable speed mixer should not take longer than 2 minutes to mix the two parts to a creamy texture. Overmixing will cause the catalyst to set up too fast, thus reducing pot life and entrapping air which may reduce bond performance. **The adhesive has to be applied immediately after mixing, otherwise it will thicken and be much harder to trowel. The flooring must be installed while the adhesive is wet. The mix must be used within 30-45 minutes.**

### **13.5 TROWEL SIZE**

Trowel size must comply with our recommendations for the product to be installed. See Mondo Installation Manual for details on the recommended trowel or for more information please contact the Mondo Technical Department. Jobsite/substrate conditions will affect spread rate, it may be necessary to adjust trowel size or perform additional surface preparation.

### **13.6 APPLICATION**

- 8) Refer to the appropriate section of the Mondo Installation Manual for the complete installation procedure of the specified sport or commercial product.
- 9) A bond test should be performed before proceeding with an installation using EP 55 (refer to [Section 1.2.1.6](#)).
- 10) Use the recommended notched trowel with sufficient depth to ensure that at least 90% of the adhesive transfers to the material backing.
- 11) Special care must be taken that the adhesive is not applied too thinly. Because the instant grab of EP 55 is low, grey concrete utility bricks (2" x 4" x 8") should be used to cover every seams when installing Mondo sport products (in some cases, oblong sandbags can be used when installing Mondo commercial flooring) in order to maintain contact between the material and the adhesive until it has fully set. Mondo recommends leaving the weights on the seam for a period of 24 hours. **Please refer to the Mondo Installation Manual for the specific quantity of bricks used for each sport product.**
- 12) **Do not spread more adhesive than can be covered with material within 30 minutes.** (Note: floor and ambient temperatures directly affects setting time: The warmer it gets, the faster it sets).
- 13) **Install the flooring material onto the fresh adhesive.** Proper adhesive transfer to the material backing should be confirmed periodically by lifting the flooring material and inspecting the backing for a minimum 90% transfer.
- 14) Push out air using the recommended method, as described in the specified product's installation procedure.
- 15) Adhesive setting time will depend mainly on the temperature of the subfloor, the floor covering, and jobsite conditions. The initial setting time is five (5) hours at 72°F (22°C), and the final setting time is seven (7) hours at 72°F (22°C).
- 16) Do not walk over a newly laid installation before 24 hours and do not allow heavy or rolling traffic before 72 hours. If needed, protect the installation with 1/8" Masonite or 1/4" plywood.



17) Cleaning or removal of adhesive must be done with denatured alcohol while the adhesive is still wet.

**13.7 PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

Open time at 72°F (22°C)	
50% relative humidity.....	30-45 minutes
Initial setting time at 72°F (22°C).....	5 hours
Final setting time at 72°F (22°C).....	7 hours
Freeze/thaw stability at 0°F (-18°C).....	Stable 5 cycles
Flash point.....	Not established (solvent-free)
Tolerance of vapor emissions from concrete slab (ASTM F1869 Anhydrous Calcium Chloride Test).....	Maximum 5lbs./1,000ft <sup>2</sup> /24 hrs.
Tolerance of relative humidity in concrete slab (ASTM F2170 Relative Humidity Test (in-situ probes).....	Not to exceed 80% (or additional ASTM F1869 test may be required).
Cleaning.....	Denatured alcohol while adhesive is wet
Color.....	Off-White
Consistency.....	Creamy

**Pails: 1.98 US gal. (7.5 L)**

**Shelf life is approximately 24 months when stored in original containers at room temperature in a dry heated area.**

**13.8 PROTECTION**

- 1) **Provide for heated storage on site and deliver all materials at least 24 hours before work begins.**
- 2) **No foot traffic for a minimum of 24 hours after installation and no heavy or rolling loads (wheels, carts, etc.) for a minimum of 72 hours in order to allow proper adhesive set-up and curing. Failure to follow this recommendation can lead to dispersion of adhesive under the flooring prior to proper setting and can result in unwanted air pockets and bubbles.**

**NOTE: Refer to material safety data sheets (MSDS) for more information regarding use, application, limitations and safety.**

**THIS PRODUCT IS NOT CONTROLLED UNDER THE CANADIAN REGULATION WHMIS.**

**CONTENT: - NJ TNRN 930 – This product does not contain any chemicals reportable under American Federal OSHA 29CFR 1910.1200.**

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in USA call **CHEMTREC 800 424-9300**

**KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.**

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**WARNING: Should you have any concerns or be unsure about subfloor conditions or installation procedures, please call our Technical Department. We shall not be liable for incidental and consequential damages, as defined under the uniform commercial code, directly or indirectly sustained, nor for any loss caused by application of these goods not in accordance with current printed instruction or for other than the intended use. Before using, user shall determine the suitability of the product for its intended use and user alone assumes all risks and liability whatsoever in connection therewith. Our liability is expressly limited to replacement of defective goods. Any claims shall be deemed waived unless made in writing to use within thirty (30) days from date it was or reasonably should have been discovered.**

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