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Flexible sealant for use in tile movement and connecting joints

Colour matched to popular grout and sanitary ware

Elastic – withstands 25% total movement of original joint width

Easy to apply and smooth off

UV resistant – use indoors or outdoors

Suitable for wet areas such as showers

Contains fungicides to combat mould growth

Low VOC content – meets Green Building Council of Australia  
Green Star IEQ-13 requirements

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### DESCRIPTION

ARDEX SE is an acetic cure silicone sealant which is ideal for use in tiling applications due to the superior bond achieved when being used with glazed surfaces such as ceramic tile. Due to its high elasticity, ARDEX SE is able to accommodate movement up to 25% of the original joint width. It is exceptionally easy to apply and smooth, curing to form a permanently elastic and dustproof joint seal.

ARDEX SE meets the Green Building Council of Australia Green Star IEQ-13 requirements.

### USE

ARDEX SE is ideal for applications such as movement joints (between tiles); corners (tiled wall and floor); connecting joints between tiled surface and bench tops, bath edges, cupboards and splashbacks. Ideal areas of application include bathrooms, showers and kitchens; doors, windows and fixtures; balconies, patios and facades.

### SUBSTRATES

ARDEX SE is ideal for glazed and unglazed ceramic tiles, enamel, laminated kitchen benches, aluminium, glass, porcelain and sanitary acrylics.

### SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

Joints and surfaces must be firm, sound, dry, clean and free from grease, oil, dirt, soap and old paints. To achieve a neater finish and to avoid getting silicone on the tile or stone, mask joint edges with tape.

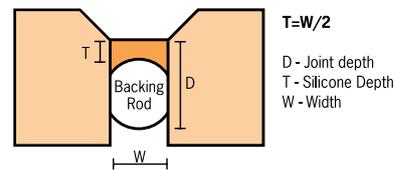
### JOINT DESIGN

Where possible, the silicone should be at a 2:1 ratio (width:depth). For internal joints the width and the depth of the joint should be minimum 5mm, and for external joints 10mm. Maximum joint width is 30mm and depth 15mm. For joints greater than 10mm deep a backing rod should be used. The silicone should only be fixed to two surfaces to allow movement. Hence on flat joints use a polyethylene tape or release agent to prevent a 3 side adhesion of the silicone.

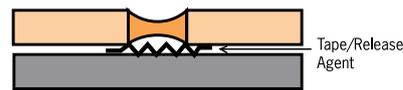
Please observe the following depth of silicone in regard to the width of the joint:

Width	Depth
5 - 10mm	as width min. 5mm
10mm	8 - 10mm
15mm	8 - 12mm
20mm	10 - 14mm
25mm	12 - 18mm

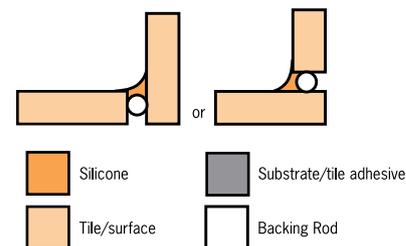
### Optimum Joint Design



### Flat Joint



### Floor to Wall Joint



### APPLICATION

Apply at temperatures between 5°C to 40°C. Trim end of nozzle to obtain the correct bead width and place cartridge in applicator gun. Apply sealant in a steady continuous bead ensuring good contact with both sides of the joint to achieve the required adhesion. Tool off with a moistened spatula to finish the joint smoothly before a skin forms, approximately 10 minutes. While the silicone is still wet, clean off any excess. If joint edges have been masked, remove tape whilst the sealant is still wet.

If the silicone has dried on the surface, clean with white spirit solvent to soften the silicone then scrape off with a blade. Do not paint over the silicone.

### COVERAGE

Coverage will vary according to joint width and depth, as well as the type and method of application. The figures below can be used as a guide for flat joints.

Joint Size (mm) width x depth	Linear Metres/ cartridge
5 x 5	12
10 x 10	3
20 x 10	1.5
30 x 15	0.7

### PACKAGING

ARDEX SE is packed in plastic cartridges – net volume 310mL.

### SHELF LIFE

ARDEX SE has a shelf life of 24 months when stored in the original, unopened packaging, in a dry place at 23°C and 50% relative humidity.

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### Pay attention to the following:

To support the antifungal agent, it is recommended to regularly clean the joint and surrounding surfaces with detergents and disinfectants. Dirt and soap that often remains on the joint is ideal grounds for mould growth.

Do not use in continuous immersion applications e.g. swimming pools or with waterproofing membranes, use ARDEX ST.

ARDEX SE is water resistant; however rules of undertile waterproofing must still be maintained.

Not suitable for painting over or load bearing construction.

Fresh spills can be removed with a thinner, after curing it is only possible by mechanical means if the substrate is suitable.

On painted surfaces and plastic substrates a trial application is recommended. In contact with bituminous substrates or if iodine developing cleaning agents are used, discolouration may occur.

ARDEX SE is not suitable for use with bitumen, marble, natural stone, certain metals (brass, copper) and tar due to discolouration or polyethylene, butyl, EPDM, rubber, neoprene and Teflon due to lack of adhesion.

Before any substrate preparation, installation or finishing methods relating to ARDEX product are undertaken, please be aware of any potential risks and use appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment). This may involve contacting substrate manufacturers for Safety Data Sheets.

### SAFETY DATA

This product may cause serious eye damage. In case of contact with the eyes rinse with running water until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes. Wear protective gloves, clothing, face and eye protection. Avoid inhaling dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Ensure adequate ventilation during mixing and application. Check with your local Council regarding the disposal of contents. Keep out of the reach of children. Call the Poisons Information Centre on 131 126 (AUS) and 0800 764 766 (NZ) or call a doctor if you feel unwell. Additional information is in the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) at [www.ardexaustralia.com](http://www.ardexaustralia.com).

### TECHNICAL DATA

**Colour:** Please visit [www.ardexaustralia.com](http://www.ardexaustralia.com) for full colour range.

#### Application Properties at 23°C and 50% RH

**Joint Width:** Up to 30mm

**Skin Forming Time:** 10 – 12 minutes

**Curing Time:** Approx 2mm/day,  
7mm/week

**Underfloor Heating:** Yes

**Application Temperature:** 5°C to 40°C

### Mechanical Properties

**Temperature Resistance:** -40°C to +180°C

**Elongation:** ± 25% of joint width

**E-Modulus 100%:** Approx 0.4N/mm<sup>2</sup>

**Hardness, Shore A:** Approx 25

### GUARANTEE

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