



# SL-175™

## PREMIUM SELF-LEVELING UNDERLAYMENT & WEAR LAYER

### KEY FEATURES

- Install from 1/8" to 2" neat
- Walkable in 1 to 2 hours
- Install floor covering in 6 to 16 hours

### DESCRIPTION

SL-175™ is a premium, cement-based, self-leveling underlayment that can be used to create a smooth, flat or level surface prior to the installation of floor coverings. Its long working time, low shrinkage and superior leveling properties make it the ideal product for demanding applications on, above or below grade.

SL-175™ is also a durable wear layer. When a natural concrete look is desired, topical stains, dyes and surface treatments further expand the decorative possibilities.

### PRODUCT FEATURES

- Fast return to service; walkable in just 1-2 hours
- Can be installed from 1/8" - 2" neat and to 5" properly extended
- Maintains healing and pour merging properties for up to 20 minutes
- May be pigmented with topical stains, dyes or surface treatments
- Mold and mildew resistant
- Ideal for pumping applications
- Can be used as an underlayment or wear layer
- Can be left open to normal construction traffic
- Contributes points to LEED™ certified projects
- Can be installed over "green concrete" for early construction phase applications
- Can be feather-edged to meet existing elevations
- High performance, calcium aluminate formulation
- 21% recycled content



### TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Water Requirements	5.5 quarts per 50 lb. bag
Approximate Coverage	1/8" covers 50 ft <sup>2</sup>
Flow Cup (After 10 minutes)	14.5cm
Installation Thickness	1/8" - 2" neat 5" extended with 3/8"-3/4" clean, dry blue stone, granite, or pea gravel aggregate
Installed Weight (per ft <sup>2</sup> )	2.1 lbs. @ 1/4" (5mm)
Application Temperature Range	50°F - 95°F (10°C - 35°C)
Set: ASTM C-191 [70°F (21°C) / 50%RH]	Flow time: 20 minutes Final Set: 60 minutes
Install Floor Coverings [70°F (21°C) / 50%RH]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thin-set Ceramic Tile: 6 Hours</li> <li>• Water Based Adhesives: 12 Hours</li> <li>• Epoxy/Urethane Adhesives: 16 Hours</li> <li>• Epoxy Coatings &lt; 20 mils: 24 Hours</li> <li>• Epoxy coatings &gt; 20 mils: 3-5 Days</li> </ul>

Note: Depth of lift, cooler temperatures, inadequate ventilation and higher humidity can extend drying times.

## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Read and understand technical and safety data sheets completely before beginning installation. Refer to [www.bostik-us.com](http://www.bostik-us.com) for the most recent product information and safety data sheet prior to installation.

## SURFACE PREPARATION

GENERAL NOTE: SL-175™ is not a vapor barrier. Test substrate as per ASTM F-1869 for (MVER) and/or ASTM F-2170 for (RH%). If levels exceed those permissible by any component in the flooring system, apply a Bostik moisture vapor barrier coating (i.e. Bostik Slab-Cote™, D-250™ or D-261™).

All surfaces must be clean, sound, dry, 50° F (10° C) and free of oil, gypsum compounds, wax, grease, sealers and/or curing compounds, urethane, paint, asphalt, loose surface material or any contaminate that will act as a bond breaker. Never use acid or mastic removers on any surface to which a Bostik product will be applied. Substrate must have a minimum direct tensile bond test reading of 74 psi per (ASTM C-1583-04). If sealers and/or curing compounds are present they must be removed by mechanical means prior to application.

### CONCRETE (TEXTURED, OPEN AND POROUS):

Preparation: Weak or contaminated surfaces must be cleaned down to solid, sound concrete by mechanical means such as shot-blasting, grinding or scarifying.

Priming: Apply one coat of Universal Primer™ Pro diluted 50/50 (1 part water: 1 part Universal Primer™ Pro) using a split tip broom. Pour out or spray liberally and work into surface, leave no puddles or bare spots. Apply SL-175™ once Universal Primer™ Pro is dry (minimum 1 hour) and up to 24 hours. If primer has dried longer than 24 hours a second coat of Universal Primer™ Pro will be required.

Thickness: 1/8" up to 2" neat, 5" extended.

### NON-POROUS (BURNISHED CONCRETE, TERRAZZO, CERAMIC AND QUARRY TILE):

Preparation: Mechanically abrade substrate to a dull finish with the use of a 60 grit or larger sandpaper, shot-blasting or grinding, vacuum or mop to remove dust.

Priming: Apply one thin coat of Universal Primer™ Pro (undiluted) using a 3/8" nap roller. Apply SL-175™ once Universal Primer™ Pro is dry (minimum 2 hours) and up to 24 hours. If Universal Primer™ Pro has dried longer than 24 hours a second coat of Universal Primer™ Pro will be required.

Thickness: 1/8" over the highest point. 1/4" up to 2" neat, 5" extended, and up to 1" per layer of BostiMat™

### EPOXY MOISTURE VAPOR COATING (Bostik's Slab-Cote™, D-250™ or D-261™)

Preparation: Sweep, vacuum, and wet mop to remove dust. DO NOT sand or abrade epoxy coating as this can compromise the performance of the coating.

Priming: Apply one thin coat of Universal Primer™ Pro (undiluted) using a 3/8" nap roller. Apply SL-175™ once Universal Primer™ Pro is dry (minimum 2 hours) and up to 24 hours. If Universal Primer™ Pro has dried longer than 24 hours a second coat of Universal Primer™ Pro may be required.

Thickness: 1/8" up to 2" neat, 5" extended.

## STRENGTH RATINGS

Compressive Strength (ASTM C-109)	4 hours: 2,000 psi, 13.8 MPa 1 day: 4,000 psi, 31.0 MPa 28 days: 5,500 psi, 37.9 MPa
Flexural Strength (ASTM C348)	28 days: >1,100 psi, 7.5 MPa

## REQUIRED APPLICATION TOOLS

- Mixing barrel or pump
- Mixing paddle
- Gauge rake
- Smoothing tool
- Measuring pail
- Split-tip broom / 3/8" nap roller
- 1/2" drill (minimum 650 rpm)

### WOOD (REQUIRES BOSTIMAT™ INSTALLATION)

NOTE: Wood must be a minimum 3/4", untreated, APA Rated, Type-1, exterior grade plywood. The subfloor must be free of deflection (maximum L/360), considering both live and dead loads. Use an approved anti-fracture membrane over SL-175™ where ceramic tile or stone are being installed.

Preparation: Prepare by sanding down to clean bare wood. Secure wood subfloor with deck screws and fill open seams with UltraFinish™ Pro, Webcrete® 98 or Webcrete® 95. Replace any weak or water damaged wood.

Priming: Apply one thin coat of Universal Primer™ Pro (undiluted) using a 3/8" nap roller. Apply BostiMat™ and SL-175™ once Universal Primer™ Pro is dry (minimum 2 hours) and up to 24 hours. If Universal Primer™ Pro has dried longer than 24 hours a second coat of Universal Primer™ Pro will be required.

Thickness: 1/4" to 2" and up to 1" per layer of BostiMat™.

### ADHESIVE RESIDUE (THIN, TRANSLUCENT, NON-WATER SOLUBLE, FREE OF TACK AND WELL BONDED)

Preparation: SL-175™ can be installed over thin (translucent) sound, non-water soluble adhesive residues that are free of tack and well bonded to the substrate. The adhesive cutback needs to be prepared using the wet scrape method as outlined in the Resilient Floor Covering Institute booklet "Recommended Work Practices for the Removal of Resilient Floor Coverings". Remove all patching materials below the adhesive and avoid applications where heat or excessive moisture will soften or degrade the adhesive. BostiMat™ is not required, but recommended.

NOTE: If unsure of the suitability, deflection or heavy loads are expected, use application listed below for very distressed subfloors.

Priming: Apply one thin coat of Universal Primer™ Pro (undiluted) using a 3/8" nap roller. Apply SL-175™ once Universal Primer™ Pro is dry (minimum 2 hours and up to 24 hours). If Universal Primer™ Pro has dried longer than 24 hours a second coat of Universal Primer™ Pro will be required.

Thickness: 1/8" over the highest point. 1/4" up to 2" neat, 5" extended.

### VERY DISTRESSED SUBFLOORS (REQUIRES BOSTIMAT™ INSTALLATION): MUD BEDS, LIGHTWEIGHT CONCRETE, OVERWATERED CONCRETE.

Preparation: Remove all loose debris from subfloor. Sweep and vacuum substrate thoroughly.

## COVERAGE CHART (Units represent quantity of 50lb bags)

Square Footage	1/4"	3/8"	1/2"	5/8"	3/4"	7/8"	1"	1-1/2"	2"
100 ft <sup>2</sup>	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	24	32
500 ft <sup>2</sup>	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	120	160
1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	240	320
2,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	80	120	160	200	240	280	320	480	640
3,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	120	180	240	300	360	420	480	720	960
4,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	160	240	320	400	480	560	640	960	1280
5,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	1200	1600
10,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	400	600	800	1000	1200	1400	1600	2400	3200

(Coverages may vary depending on substrate conditions.)

**Priming:** Apply one coat of Universal Primer™ Pro diluted 50/50 (1 part water: 1 part Universal Primer™ Pro) using a split tip broom. Pour out and work into surface, leave no puddles or bare spots. Apply BostiMat™ and SL-175™ once Universal Primer™ Pro is dry (minimum 2 hours and up to 24 hours). If primer has dried longer than 24 hours a second coat of Universal Primer™ Pro will be required.

**Thickness:** 1/8" over the highest point. 1/4" up to 2" neat, 5" extended.

### MIXING

Mix 2-bag batches of SL-175™. For each bag add a maximum 5.5 quarts of clean, cold water into a mixing barrel. Then, add bags of SL-175™ while mixing at full speed with a mixing paddle attached to a heavy duty 1/2" drill (min. 650 rpm). Mix for 2 minutes or until lump free. Add no additional water and keep the mixing paddle immersed in the material to avoid entraining excess air.

### INSTALLATION

**Barrel Mixing:** Pour the blended SL-175™ on the floor immediately and disperse with a gauge rake followed by finishing with a smoothing tool. SL-175™ will maintain its workability and healing for up to 20 minutes.

### PUMPING

Deep placements and large projects are more efficiently installed with the use of a pump. Contact Bostik Technical Service for instructions, recommended pumping procedures and approved equipment.

**NOTE:** During application and for first 24 hours prevent excessive air movement but maintain adequate ventilation and protect material from direct sunlight. These variables can cause uneven curing patterns, a false set, or cracking.

### GENERAL GUIDELINE

#### FOR INSTALLING BostiMat™ WITH SL-175™:

**NOTE:** Review the complete BostiMat™ technical datasheets as more detailed information may be required. The information below acts only as a general guideline and may vary based on jobsite conditions. After Universal Primer™ Pro is dry to the touch simply roll out BostiMat™ over the properly prepared and primed surface. Overlap all seams a minimum of 1" and cut to fit using scissors. A single layer of BostiMat™ can be used to reinforce Bostik self-leveling applications up to 1" thick. Place an additional layer of mat for thicknesses up to 2". Mat installation

does not need to be wrinkle free as the product breaks down into individual fibers after the self-leveling is placed.

Place a minimum of 1/4" of underlayment over Bostimat™. Once the mat is covered, gauge rake and work the underlayment in a crosshatch pattern. A porcupine or agitating roller may be required to properly disburse the fibers. Finish surface with a smoothing tool. When barrel mixing, do not drag the barrels over the BostiMat™. Bostik recommends the use of a hand truck, dolly or cart to transport material. A lane of masonite can also be laid from the mixing station to the placement area.

**NOTE:** BostiMat™ fibers should be visible on the surface of the cement after placement. Pouring or pumping the self-leveling back into already placed material will help in dispersing the fibers.

**EXTENSION:** 3/8" OR 3/4" CLEAN, DRY AND GRADED BLUESTONE, GRANITE OR PEA GRAVEL

**Mixing:** Mix SL-175™ as normal and then add the aggregate up to 1 part by volume. Do not use sand or limestone. A paddle type mixer can be used to make larger applications more efficient. Mix until the aggregate is completely coated. If the aggregate is wet, you may have to reduce the amount of mix water accordingly to avoid over watering. Place the extended material immediately.

### LIMITATIONS

1. It is the responsibility of the contractor to review the complete technical datasheets of Bostik products referenced above as more detailed information may be required. The information provided above acts only as a general guideline and may vary based on jobsite conditions.
2. Expansion or isolation joints and working cracks must be reflected through SL-175™.
3. SL-175™ is self-curing. No wet curing methods or sealers should be used.
4. On new concrete always test for sealers and/or curing compounds which inhibit bond. If sealers and/or curing compounds are present they must be removed by mechanical means prior to applying SL-175™.
5. Do not use over materials containing asbestos.
6. Cooler temperatures, inadequate ventilation and higher humidity can extend drying times.
7. It is the responsibility of the contractor to determine the suitability of this product for the desired application.
8. SL-175™ is for interior use only.

## CLEAN UP

Clean tools with water immediately after use or by mechanical means once dry.

## PACKAGING

50 lb. bags: 48 per pallet

2,200 lb. super sacks: 1 per pallet

## COLOR

Gray

## ELIGIBLE LEED CREDITS

3 total points:

Recycled Content (MR 4.1 & 4.2), 2 points

Low Emitting Materials (EQ 4.1), 1 Point

## DANGER

POISON. HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. CORROSIVE. CAUSES BURNS. MAY PRODUCE ALLERGIC REACTION BY SKIN CONTACT. CANCER AGENT! EXPOSURE MAY PRODUCE CANCER. CONTENTS HARMFUL. CAUSES BURNS. Do not swallow. Do not get in eyes. Do not get on skin or clothing. Keep out of reach of children. Handle with care. Wear a mask, rubber gloves, safety glasses.

## FIRST AID TREATMENT

Contains quartz, Portland cement and vinyl acetate. If swallowed, call a Poison Control Centre or doctor immediately. Do not induce vomiting. If in eyes, rinse well with water for 20 minutes. If on skin, rinse well with water. If on clothes, remove clothes.

## SEE SAFETY DATA SHEET.

## STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

Store in cool, dry area (70° F / 21° C) off the ground on a pallet. Tightly seal package and do not expose to sun. Shelf life is 12 months from date of manufacture in unopened bags.

## VOC

0 g/L (as calculated per SCAQMD 1168)

## FLASH POINT

>200°F (>93°C)

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