

1. PRODUCT NAME

ProSpec® Level Set® LW-60

2. MANUFACTURER

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3. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

ProSpec® Level Set® LW-60 is a lightweight, self-leveling underlayment that provides a flat, smooth, durable surface at 50% of the weight of a conventional portland cement or gypsum-based underlayment.

Features and Benefits

- Calcium aluminate cement-based
- Provides a smooth surface
- Applications from 1/4" - 2" (6 - 51 mm) neat and can be featheredged to adjoining elevations
- 50% lighter than conventional cement and gypsum based systems
- Walkable in 3 - 4 hours
- Accepts non-moisture sensitive tile and stone in 4 hours
- Install moisture sensitive floor covering in 16 - 24 hours
- Lower alkaline binder system, when installed at $\geq 3/16"$ (5 mm), reduces the potential for decomposition of alkali sensitive adhesives and coatings compared to installations over concrete*

* Based on independent industry reports available upon request.

Uses

- Interior only
- Where load bearing restrictions apply
- Level and smooth on, above or below grade concrete, ceramic tile, quarry tile, terrazzo and solid wood floors
- For other substrates contact ProSpec® Technical Services

SAFETY

READ THE SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS) BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT. SDS Sheets are available on our website prospec.com or contact Medical Emergency Phone Number (24 Hours): 1-888-853-1758, Transport Emergency Phone Number (CHEMTREC): 1-800-424-9300 or contact ProSpec® Technical Services at 800-832-9023 (7:00AM to 5:00PM M-F, Central US Time).

CAUTIONS

Read complete cautionary information printed on product container prior to use. For medical emergency information, call 1-888-853-1758.

This Product Data Sheet has been prepared in good faith on the basis of information available at the time of publication. It is intended to provide users with information about and guidelines for the proper use and application of the covered ProSpec® brand product(s) under normal environmental and working conditions. Because each project is different, H.B. Fuller Construction Products Inc. cannot be responsible for the consequences of variations in such conditions, or for unforeseen conditions.

4. TECHNICAL DATA

Mix Ratio (Water to Powder)	6 qt (5.7 L) per 25 lb (11.3 kg)
Working Time	25 - 35 minutes
PH	11
Density	
Wet	76 lb / ft ³ (1.22 kg / L)
Cured*	60 lb / ft ³ (961 kg / m ³)
Set Time - ASTM C 191	
Final Set	80 - 140 minutes
Compressive Strength - ASTM C 109 (air cured)	
28 days	> 4,000 psi (27.6 MPa)
Flammability - ASTM E 648	
Ignition	None
Flame Propagation Distance	None
Avg. Critical Radiant Flux (CRF)	> 1.1 W / cm ²
Delamination / Warpage	None

Greater than: > Greater than or equal to: \geq Less than: < Less than or equal to: \leq

* The cured density of a typical portland cement underlayment is 125 lb / ft³ (2002 kg / m³); the cured density of a typical gypsum underlayment is 110 lb / ft³ (1762 kg / m³).

Note: Test results obtained under controlled laboratory conditions at 72°F (22°C) and 50% relative humidity. Reasonable variations can occur due to atmospheric and job site conditions.

LEED® Eligibility¹

- Recycled Content (MR-c4)
- Regional Materials (MR-c5)
- Low-Emitting Materials (IEQ-c4.3)

Product Enhancement



Rapid Cure Technology (RCT®) - Improves the strength, controls shrinkage and prevents efflorescence of our products without sacrificing workability or working time.



Expansion Stabilization Technology (EST™) - Special additive designed to reduce the potential for cracking and shrinkage.

Packaging

25 lb (11.3 kg) - Product #65550018

Shelf Life

12 months from the date of manufacture when stored in the original, unopened container, away from moisture, under cool, dry conditions and out of direct sunlight.

5. INSTALLATION Preparation

(Concrete, Cutback, and Non-Porous Substrates):

All materials should be stored at 40°F (4°C) to 80°F (27°C) 24 hours prior to installation.

Concrete substrates:

- Clean area and remove all unsound concrete, grease, oil, paint and any other foreign materials that will inhibit adhesion.
- Substrates must be stable, solid and structurally sound.
- Maximum bond over a concrete substrate can be achieved by mechanically profiling the substrate either by shot blasting, sand blasting or scarifying to achieve an ICRI CSP3 to CSP5 standard. Structurally sound concrete that is porous, and has not been trowelled smooth and flat may not require mechanical profiling. Typical applications that fall into this category include precast concrete floor panels, or concrete in new construction that is left unfinished in anticipation of receiving self-leveling underlayment. The use of Level Set® Primer is required.
- After cleaning and profiling, test for MVER (moisture vapor emission rate - reference ASTM F1869) and concrete substrate's relative humidity (RH) – reference ASTM F2170. The requirements of the floor covering and floor adhesive manufacturers must be followed with respect to, but not limited to, levels of moisture.
- Repair deep areas, holes and nonmoving cracks with ProSpec® Premium Patch 200, ProSpec® Vinyl Concrete Patch or ProSpec® Floor Patch Pro prior to application and allow curing as recommended for each of those products.
- Tensile strength of substrate must be > 72 psi (ASTM C-1583). If the tensile strength is < 72 psi (0.5 MPa) the substrate surface will need to be mechanically prepared, i.e. shot blasted, scarified or similar to achieve a sound surface.
- Concrete that has been power troweled must be tested to verify surface strength and adhesion. If the surface tensile strength is greater than 72 psi (0.5 MPa), Level Set® Primer Plus may be used without mechanical profiling.
- All surfaces require priming using a ProSpec® primer such as ProSpec® Level Set® Primer, Level Set® Primer Plus (see "Priming" section).
- Isolate, using foam tape or caulking, all perimeters and sharp corners such as column bases, pedestals, supports, etc.
- Install a bond breaker where vertical surfaces meet the new topping such as a self-adhering, minimum 1/4" (6 mm), foam tape or similar product.

Note: It is the responsibility of the installer/applicator to ensure that test areas are performed to determine the suitability of the product for its intended use.

Refer to:

ASTM D 4259 Abrading Concrete

ACI 201.1R Guide for Making a Conditions Survey of Concrete in Service

ACI 224.1R93 Causes and Repair of Cracks in Concrete Structure

ICRI 03732 Selecting and Specifying Concrete Surface Preparation for Sealers, Coatings, and Polymer Overlays

Adhesive cutback residue over concrete

- Level Set® LW-60 may be installed over properly prepared cutback adhesive residue that is on concrete only. All adhesive residues must be non-soluble when put in contact with water.
- Before proceeding, test the adhesive residue for water solubility. Water soluble adhesive must be removed mechanically to achieve a clean concrete surface.
- Cutback adhesive residue must be scraped to as thin a layer as possible. The properly prepared cutback adhesive residue must be sound and well bonded to the concrete surface.
- Use only Level Set® Primer Plus over the cutback adhesive residue.

Non-Porous Substrates

- Level Set® LW-60 may be installed over non-porous substrates such as epoxy coatings, ceramic tile, quarry tile, terrazzo and burnished concrete. The substrate must be structurally sound and free from all contaminants such as dust, dirt, grease and any foreign material that may act as a bond breaker.
- Prepare the surface removing all loose material. Use only Level Set® Primer Plus following the mixing instructions on the container. Vacuum thoroughly, removing all dust and other loose contaminants before applying the Level Set® Primer Plus.

Expansion and Control Joints

- Honor all existing expansion joints, control joints and moving cracks through the Level Set® LW-60. Failure to do so could result in delamination or cracking of the Level Set® LW-60.

Priming: (Concrete, Cutback, and Non-Porous Substrates)

- Level Set® Primer or Level Set® Primer Plus must be applied over the entire substrate leaving no bare spots, puddles or excess primer.
- Do not apply over standing water.
- For standard concrete use: Level Set® Primer to water dilution rate of 1:1.
- For highly porous concrete, 2 coats of Level Set® Primer may be necessary.
 - First Coat: Use a primer to water dilution rate of 1:3.
 - Second Coat: Use a primer to water dilution rate of 1:1.
- For non-porous substrates, wood, and tight concrete use Level Set® Primer Plus.
- Allow the primer to dry to a tacky translucent film with no milky wet spots, typically 1 - 3 hours. If the primer turns clear within 30 minutes of application the substrate is highly porous and requires a second coat.
- Level Set® Primer / Primer Plus must be completely dry before installing Level Set® LW-60.
- Primer must be reapplied if not covered with Level Set® LW-60 within 24 hours.
- Protect primed substrate from foot traffic.

Preparation (Wood Subfloors)

- Residential and light commercial applications
- Follow Tile Council of North America (TCNA) F185 installation method for cementitious self leveling underlayments over plywood.

Preparation (Wood Subfloors) (cont.)

- All wood subfloors must be structurally sound and have a maximum deflection of L/360. The wood must be either ¾" (19 mm) tongue and groove, APA rated exterior grade type 1 plywood or OSB equivalent.
- The surface must be clean, free from any contaminants that may act as bond breakers such as dirt, paint, wall compound, varnish grease oils or wax. All loose boards must be re-nailed.
- Fill all open joints with ProSpec® Floor Patch Pro or ProSpec® Feather Edge.

Note: Before installing any ProSpec® product the installer is responsible for ensuring that the wood subfloor is structurally sound and clean.

Priming Wood Subfloors:

- Vacuum the subfloor to remove all loose debris and dust. Prime the wood subfloor with Level Set® Primer Plus following the mixing and application instructions on the TDS.
- Apply a thin layer of primer using a short-nap paint roller or squeegee leaving no bare spots. Puddling of the primer must be avoided and can be corrected by lightly brushing off the excess primer.
- Metal lath is required for all wood installations. Once the primer is applied, and during the drying process, install 3.4 lb per sq yd (1.0 kg / m³) galvanized, expanded diamond metal lath mesh or a plastic equivalent. Staple approximately every 6" (152 mm).
- Avoid walking on the wet primer by placing the metal lath into the primer and then walking on the lath while stapling. Overlap lath 2" (51 mm) at all abutments and staple through both pieces assuring they are properly fastened into the wood substrate. Allow Level Set® Primer Plus to dry to a slightly tacky film before applying the Level® Set LW-60.
- Apply the Level Set® LW-60 at a minimum 3/8" (10 mm) thickness from the top of the highest point of the lath. Hairline cracks may occur due to excessive movement at the plywood joints.

Note: Reference Level Set® Primer and Level Set® Primer Plus for more information.

Note: For installations over other substrates, contact ProSpec® Technical Services.

Job Mockups

The manufacturer requires that when its ProSpec® products are used in any application or as part of any system that includes other manufacturers' products, the contractor and/or design professional shall test all the system components collectively for compatibility, performance and long-term intended use in accordance with pertinent and accepted industry standards prior to any construction. Written documentation of the tests performed shall be satisfactory to the design professional and contractor. Test results must include the means and methods of application, products used, project-specific conditions being addressed, and standardized tests performed for each proposed system or variation.

Mixing

Barrel Mixing

1. Mix 2 bags of Level Set® LW-60 at a time.
2. In a clean 20 - 25 gallon container add 6.0 qts (5.7 L) of clean, cool potable water for EACH 25 lb (11.3 kg) bag. Next add the Level Set® LW-60, while mixing at full speed using an egg-beater mixing blade attached to a heavy-duty ½" drill (min. 650 rpm). Do not add extra water.

Barrel Mixing (cont.)

3. Mix completely for a minimum of 2 minutes until lump free, adding no additional water. Avoid over watering, over mixing or moving the mixer up and down during mixing as this will entrap air, lower the strength and may cause cracking and/or pin holing. The formation of a white film on the surface is an indication of over watering.
4. To keep the job moving, it is recommended that two mixing drums be used simultaneously. This will allow one mixing container to be poured while the other is being mixed.
5. After use clean all mixing equipment thoroughly to avoid hardened product in subsequent batches.

Pump Mixing

1. ProSpec® Level Set® LW-60 can be mechanically mixed using either an in-line continuous mixer and pump or a batch mixer and pump using 6.0 qt (5.7 L) clean potable water for EACH 25 lb (11.3 kg) bag of powder.
2. The minimum required hose length is 100 ft (31 m) for In-Line Mixers.
3. For horizontal applications greater than 300 ft and vertical applications greater than 40 ft contact ProSpec® Technical Services at 800-334-0784.
4. Before starting ensure the mixer and pumps are completely clean and in good working order. Refer to the manufacturer instructions for specific maintenance and cleaning.
5. Prior to Level Set® LW-60 installation adjust the pump to ensure proper mixing and that a uniform distribution of sand is achieved throughout the mix. Do not overwater as this will lower the strength and may cause cracking and/or pinholing.
6. To avoid segregation and over watering during installation, the water settings may require adjusting. Check the product consistency to ensure a uniform distribution of the aggregates during pumping. The conditions that can affect the overall performance are, but not limited to, length of hose, water temperature, water pressure, substrate, ambient air temperature and powder temperature.
7. On the end of the hose attach a mesh-screen sock to trap any foreign or unmixed material.
8. Always test pump using the actual maximum hose length and conditions before installation to ensure proper application and appearance is achieved.

Note: For applications utilizing a pump system, please contact ProSpec® Technical Services.

Application

Apply when air and substrate temperatures are between 40°F (4°C) and 100°F (38°C) within 24 hours of application. For applications outside this range of temperatures, contact ProSpec® Technical Services.

1. Close all windows, doors and HVAC vents to minimize air flow.
2. Divide the areas to permit continuous placement without cold joints.
3. Pour or pump the blended Level Set® LW-60 on to the floor and disperse with a gauge rake followed by smoothing the material with a surface smoother. Use cleated shoes to avoid leaving marks.
4. To prevent ridges between batches, use a smoother tool and work a narrow dimension. Optimum results can be obtained by providing a continuous wet flow throughout the placement.
5. Level Set® LW-60 has a working time of 25 - 35 minutes at 70°F (21°C). Temperature and humidity will affect flow, working time and set time.

Application (cont.)

6. Outgassing can occur when applying multiple lifts.
7. If capping is required contact ProSpec® Technical Services.

Note: When vinyl, wood or other types of floor coverings are to be installed over ProSpec® Level Set® LW-60, the requirements of the floor covering manufacturer are to be followed with respect to, but not limited to, levels of moisture.

Refer to:

RFCI (Resilient Floor Covering Institute publication) MRP: Addressing Moisture Related Problems Relevant to Resilient Floor Coverings Installed Over Concrete

NOFMA (National Oak Flooring Institute) publication: Installing Hardwood Flooring, Rev. 3/10/98

TCNA (Tile Council of North America) Handbook: Ceramic Tile Installation

American National Standard Specifications: Installation of Ceramic Tile

Note: ProSpec® Level Set® LW-60 will not correct or compensate for a structurally defective substrate. Faults in the substrate can appear in the underlayment. The use of alkali resistant glass fabric or galvanized metal reinforcing (Federal Specification QQL 101C) can be helpful in reducing reflective cracking.

Curing

- Protect from excessive drying due to temperature, air movement and direct sunlight.
- The use of damp curing or the use of curing compounds is not recommended.
- Turn off all forced air ventilation and radiant heating systems whenever possible for up to 24 hours after installation.

Note: Level Set® LW-60 is not a wearing surface and should be protected from construction trade traffic until the final floor covering is applied.

Cleaning

Use clean potable water to clean all tools immediately after use.

Limitations

- Do not use on exterior surfaces.
- Do not trowel.
- Do not use as a wearing surface. For a wearing surface, use ProSpec® Level Set® Wear Topping.
- Do not overwater, retemper or add additional additives.
- Do not use dissimilar underlayments and toppings.
- Do not install over dimensionally unstable substrates such as gypsum, gypsum-based patching compounds, particle board, luan, asbestos or chip board.
- Do not allow heavy or sharp metal objects to be dragged directly across the Level Set® LW-60 surface.

Coverage

Per 25 lb (11.3 kg) bag

Nominal Thickness	Approximate Coverage
1/4" (6 mm)	24 ft ² (2.23 m ²)
1/2" (12 mm)	12 ft ² (1.11 m ²)
1" (25 mm)	6 ft ² (0.56 m ²)

Note: Coverage will vary depending on the substrate type, surface texture and application method.

6. AVAILABILITY

To locate ProSpec® products in your area, please contact:
Phone: 800-832-9002
Website: prospec.com

7. WARRANTY

For warranty details, see your sales associate or prospec.com

8. MAINTENANCE

Not applicable

9. TECHNICAL SERVICES

Technical Assistance

Information is available by calling the Technical Support Hotline.
Toll Free: 800-832-9023
Fax: 630-952-1235

Technical and safety literature

To acquire technical and safety literature, please visit our website at prospec.com

10. FILING SYSTEM

Division 3

¹ ProSpec® products can contribute to LEED® credits within the Material Resource, (Recycled Content & Regional Materials) and Indoor Environmental Quality (Low Emitting Materials).

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