

### 1. PRODUCT NAME

ProSpec® Level Set 300

### 2. MANUFACTURER

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### 3. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

ProSpec Level Set 300 is a high-performance, calcium aluminate, fiber-reinforced, non-gypsum-based, self-leveling underlayment that provides a flat, extremely smooth, durable surface for finished flooring installation.

#### Features and Benefits

- Calcium aluminate cement-based
- Fiber-reinforced
- Formulated for maximum flow to achieve superior productivity on large applications
- Seamless merging with every pour provides an extremely smooth floor
- Applications from 1/8" - 2" (3 - 51 mm) neat and can be featheredged to adjoining elevations
- Accepts non-moisture sensitive tile and stone in 3 - 4 hours
- Install moisture sensitive floorcovering 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
- Level and smooth on, above or below grade concrete, ceramic tile, quarry tile, terrazzo, metal, non-water soluble adhesive residue and solid wood floors
- For other substrates contact ProSpec Technical Services

#### Safety

READ THE SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS) BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT. SDS information is available on our website [www.prospec.com](http://www.prospec.com) or contact CHEMTREC (24 hours availability) 800-424-9300 for International inquiries +011-703-527-3887, or contact Bonsal American Technical Services at 800-334-0784 (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Eastern US Time).

### 4. TECHNICAL DATA

Working Time	25 - 35 minutes
Set Time ASTM C 191	
Final Set	80 - 140 minutes
Compressive Strength ASTM C 109 (Air Cured)	
28 days	> 5,500 psi (44.8 MPa)
Flexural Strength ASTM C 348	
28 days	> 1,100 psi (7.6 MPa)
Flammability ASTM E 648	
Ignition	None
Flame Propagation Distance	None
Avg. Critical Radiant Flux (CRF)	> 1.1 W /cm <sup>2</sup>
Delamination / Warpage	None

Note: Test results obtained under controlled laboratory conditions at 72°F (22°C) and 50% relative humidity. Tested using 6.5 qts (6.2 L) water per 50 lb (23 kg) of Level Set 300. Reasonable variations can occur due to atmospheric and job site conditions.

#### LEED Eligibility<sup>1</sup>

- 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

50 lb (22.7 kg) bag – Product # 65550012

#### Shelf Life

6 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.
- The concrete surface must be mechanically profiled by shot blasting, sand blasting or scarifying to achieve an ICRI CSP 3 to CSP 5 standard.
- 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 Vinyl Concrete Patch or ProSpec Floor Patch Pro prior to application and allow curing for a minimum of 3 hours.
- 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. shotblasted, scarified or similar to achieve a sound surface.
- Concrete that has been power troweled must be tested to verify surface strength and adhesion.
- All surfaces require ProSpec Level Set Primer or 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.
- For installations over other substrates, contact ProSpec Technical Services.

Note: It is the responsibility of the installer/applicator to ensure the suitability of the product for its intended use.

### Adhesive cutback residue over concrete

- Level Set 300 may be installed over properly prepared cutback adhesive residue that is on concrete only. All adhesive residues must be nonsoluble 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 300 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 inhibit adhesion.
- Prepare the surface via mechanical means 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 300. Failure to do so could result in delamination or cracking of Level Set 300.

### 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 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 300.
- Primer must be reapplied if not covered with Level Set 300 within 24 hours.
- Protect primed substrate from foot traffic.

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

### Wood Subfloor Preparation:

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

## Preparation (cont.)

### Priming Wood Subfloors:

- Vacuum the subfloor to remove all loose debris and dust. Prime the wood subfloor with Level Set Primer 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 lbs per sq yd (1.0 kg / m<sup>3</sup>) 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 to dry to a slightly tacky film before applying the Level Set 300.
- Apply the Level Set 300 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.

### 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](#)

## Job Mockups

Bonsal American, Inc. 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 300 at a time.
2. In a clean 20 - 25 gallon container add 6.5 qts (6.2 L) of clean, cool potable water for EACH 50 lb (22.7 kg) bag. Next add the Level Set 300, 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.**

## Mixing (cont.)

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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 300 can be mechanically mixed using either an in-line continuous mixer and pump or a batch mixer and pump using 6.5 qts (6.2 L) clean potable water to EACH 50 lb (22.7 kg) bag of powder.
2. The minimum required hose length is as follows:
  - a. In-Line Mixer: 100 ft (31 m)
  - b. Batch Mixer: 75 ft (23 m)
3. For horizontal applications greater than 300 ft (91 m) and vertical applications greater than 40 ft (12 m) 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 300 installation adjust the pump to ensure proper mixing and 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 pin holing.
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.

## 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 300 onto the floor and disperse with a gauge rake followed by smoothing the material with a surface smoother. Use cleated shoes to avoid leaving marks.

## Application (cont.)

- 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.
- Level Set 300 has a working time 25 - 35 minutes at 70°F (21°C). Temperature and humidity will affect flow, working time and set time.

### Increased Thickness

- For installations 2" - 5" (51 mm - 127 mm) Level Set 300 can be extended with 15 lbs of clean washed 3/8" (10 mm) pea gravel per 50 lb (22.7 kg) bag. If the aggregate is wet, less water will be required to prevent over watering the Level Set 300.
- Mix first with water then add 15 lb (6.8 kg) of aggregate per 50 lb (22.7 kg) bag of Level Set 300, mixing until the aggregate is coated, then place.
- The addition of aggregate will decrease the workability and may require a finish coat to obtain a smooth surface finish.
- Allow the extended layer to dry, normally 16 - 18 hours.
- If applying a finish coat, prime the surface with Level Set Primer mixed 1:1 with potable water per priming instructions outlined in the Level Set Primer/Level Set Primer Plus technical datasheet.
- Level Set 300 can be applied after primer has dried.
- Outgassing can occur when applying multiple lifts.
- If capping is required contact Technical Services.

Note: When vinyl, wood or other types of floor coverings are to be installed over ProSpec Level Set 300, 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 300 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 300 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 or 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 300 surface.

## Coverage

Per 50 lb (22.7 kg) bag

Nominal Thickness	Approximate Coverage
1/8" (3 mm)	56 - 66 ft <sup>2</sup> (5.2 - 6.1 m <sup>2</sup> )
1/4" (6 mm)	28 - 33 ft <sup>2</sup> (2.6 - 3.1 m <sup>2</sup> )
1/2" (12 mm)	14 - 17 ft <sup>2</sup> (1.3 - 1.6 m <sup>2</sup> )

## 6. TECHNICAL SERVICES

### Technical assistance:

Information is available by calling ProSpec Technical Services Hotline (Hours - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST):

Toll Free: 1.800.334.0784

Fax: 1.704.945.0309

### Technical and safety literature:

To acquire technical and safety literature, please visit our website at [www.prospec.com](http://www.prospec.com).

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

## **DANGER**

Harmful if swallowed. Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye damage. May cause an allergic skin reaction. May cause cancer.

Wash skin thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Avoid breathing dust. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. If swallowed: Immediately call a poison center/doctor. If on skin: Wash with plenty of water. If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a poison center/doctor. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents and container in accordance with all local, regional, national and international regulations.

This product contains Crystalline Silica, Quartz and may also contain trace amounts of other chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

19 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute toxicity.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY**

Uncured or crushed cured cement is an environmental hazard, which may adversely affect fish and wildlife. Dispose of construction debris containing cement, including empty bags, at a permitted municipal disposal firm. Do not use crushed concrete as a fill near an aquatic habitat.

Bonsal American, Inc. (Bonsal) warrants that this product is free from defects in material and workmanship, and will perform per the Bonsal American® product literature in effect at the time of purchase. This warranty is for one (1) year from the date of purchase. Any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose is limited to the duration of this express warranty. This warranty applies only if the product is used, in strict accord with Bonsal American published instructions. The sole and exclusive remedy under this warranty is replacement of the defective product or refund of the purchase price, at Bonsal's option. **CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL AND INCIDENTAL DAMAGES ARE NOT RECOVERABLE UNDER THIS WARRANTY.** All claims under this warranty must be submitted to Bonsal by calling (800) 334-0784. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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