1. Apply thinset mortar to the substrate

The type of thinset mortar used to apply Blanke®PERMAT must be appropriate for the substrate in accordance to the manufacturer’s recommendations. The mortar must both bond to the substrate and mechanically anchor the fleece on the underside of the Blanke®PERMAT to the substrate. Apply the mortar to the substrate using a 1/4” x 1/4” notched trowel. The direction in which the mortar is combed does not affect the adhesion or function of the Blanke®PERMAT.

2. Install Blanke®PERMAT to the substrate

Cut sections from the Blanke®PERMAT to fit the area to be installed. The panels have a glass fiber mesh overhang of approximately 3 cm (1 3/16”) on two adjoining sides. This overhang needs to overlap adjacent panels at the seams. Embed the fleece underside of panel into the mortar so that its entire surface is bonded. Use a float, screed trowel, or vinyl roller to press the Blanke®PERMAT into the mortar.

3. Set Tile

Immediately after the Blanke®PERMAT is installed, the tiles can be set using the thin-bed method. Use a thinset mortar as recommended for the application by the thinset manufacturer. Use the flatside of a trowel to work the thinset mortar into the voids on the surface of the panel. Immediately apply a layer of mortar to the area using a notched trowel that is appropriate for the tile type and format. Solidly embed the tiles in the setting material, making sure to achieve full coverage.

4. Placement of Movement Joints

Blanke®PERMAT does not eliminate the need for movement joints in the tiled surface. Movement joints should be installed where specified and in accordance with industry standards and norms. (We suggest using the Blanke®Heavy Duty Expansion Joints for this purpose). The Blanke®PERMAT must be separated at expansion joints in the substrate but not at control joints. However, movement joints do need to be installed in the tile covering above the mat per industry standards and TCNA guidelines.

Further information

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Blanke•PERMAT provides all the labor-saving benefits of standard plastic roll uncoupling products such as being lightweight, and quick and easy to install – and it offers the same crack isolation protection. Unlike other underlayments, however, the innovative reinforced mesh panel design of Blanke•PERMAT enables it to add support to wood substrates and in doing so, greatly reduces deflection. Blanke•PERMAT actually replaces the need for a second layer of plywood in many installations. In addition, Blanke•PERMAT provides greater compression and tensile strength than traditional plastic roll products.

**Blanke•PERMAT dimensions**
- 1 panel: 2’ x 3.2’ (6.5 sq.ft.)
- 30 panels/carton (195 sq.ft.)
- weight/carton: approximately 31.8 lbs

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