



## S-500 LT (Low Temperature) SETTING & GROUTING EPOXY

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

S-500 LT is an epoxy mortar and grout that meets or exceeds requirements of ANSI A118.3 and is USDA approved. S-500 LT is a three-part 100% solids epoxy formulation that allows installation to be completed as low as 35°F with proper techniques. S-500 LT has the same physical properties and chemical resistance as S-500. S-500 LT is sag resistant when mixed and applied properly. S-500 LT should be specified for setting or grouting ceramic tile on any cove or floor installation. This product has exceptional bond strength and will remain rigid and cohesive at intermittent temperatures up to 350°F. S-500 LT will resist attacks by many acids, alkalis and other chemical compounds that will normally break down cement mortars and grouts. Floor brick, quarry tile, pavers, porcelain, glass and ceramic mosaics may be set and grouted with S-500 LT. **NOTE:** When more stringent chemical resistance is required S-4000 Furan, S-5000, or S-5100 series High Chemical Resistant Epoxies should be used.

### USES:

S-500 LT is recommended when a low temperature formula is required in food processing plants, dairies, breweries, chemical laboratories, distilleries and refineries, coolers and freezers.

### LIMITATIONS:

Surface temperature of substrate must be above 32°F during tile installation. Continuous exposure of cured S-500 LT above 350°F is not recommended.

### TECHNICAL DATA: Physical Properties

Hardness (Shore D) 7 days	70 to 80
Hardness (Shore D) 28 days	80 to 90
Linear shrinkage, %	0.01
Compressive strength, psi (ASTM C-109)	Greater than 6000
Shear bond strength, psi (ANSI-A118.3 E-5.5.2)	1200 psi
Tensile strength	1200 psi
Pot life at 35°F, mins.	20 to 30
Cure time at 35°F, hrs.	12 to 16
Temperature limitation, °F	350
Working time at 35°F, min.	Less than 45
Sag using 6" x 6" x 1/2" Quarry tile	0.00

### INSTALLATION:

**Substrate:** S-500 LT is recommended for use on cured concrete, plaster, drywall, fiberglass, glass, masonry surfaces, cementitious backerboard and plywood. Substrate shall be prepared in accordance with ANSI A108.6.

Surface to receive S-500 LT must be structurally sound, dry, free of sealers, coatings, oil, dirt and dust. New masonry surfaces should be sufficiently cured, dimensionally stable and free from cracks. It is advisable to brush all surfaces with a stiff brush to remove any loose material that may be encountered. Consult the Tile Council of North America Handbook for Ceramic, Glass, and Stone Tile Installations, ANSI A-108, and any other applicable standards for specific setting descriptions.

**Mixing:** S-500 LT is furnished in 3 parts and exact proportions and thorough mixing of the parts with one another is absolutely essential for satisfactory curing and performance. A 1.5 gallon unit requires one bag of part C powder. A three gallon unit requires two bags of part C powder. Before weighing from containers, mix each part thoroughly to ensure uniformity within the part. Empty contents of parts A and B into mixing bucket and mix to uniform color and consistency. Gradually add part C powder and mix thoroughly using either hand tools or a slow spin power mixer. (E.g. bucket mixer). Mix until all part C is uniformly wetted, smooth and free of lumps. Care must be taken to avoid whipping air into this mix. It is recommended that

complete units be mixed at a time; however, if necessary to split a unit, weigh out three parts A, one part B and 8 parts C by weight, not by volume. Clean tools with warm soapy water immediately after use.

**VERTICAL SURFACES:**

All vertical work must be completed within 20 minutes of mixing product at 35°F. Lower temperatures may result in frozen epoxy and higher temperatures will result in shorter work times.

If manufacturer's date is over 1 year, S-30 should be added. If necessary, add up to 0.2 lbs of S-30 per 3-gallon unit. Mix S-30 into part A of the epoxy a minimum of 8 hours before use.

**Working Characteristics:** S-500 LT is ideally installed at temperatures from 35° to 50°F. At higher temperatures, the pot life, open time and clean up time are reduced; however, it is more fluid and easier to work. At lower temperatures these factors are reversed. Working surface temperature can vary from room temperature and should be taken into consideration. Do not begin application of S-500 LT until the temperature of the room and substrate is above 35°F and rising. Maintain a temperature of 35°F or higher during the curing period. **Material and uninstalled brick/tile must be normalized to approximately 70°F for at least 24 hours before using. Depending upon storage and packaging practices, normalizing time may be significantly longer. All three parts of the product and the brick/tile must be warmed to 70°F internal temperature before installation for best handling characteristics and cure times. Extremely cold surfaces may need to be warmed using IR heat. Forced air heaters are inefficient for heating floors.** Once the S-500 LT begins to set (lose tackiness and or becomes stiff), it should be discarded, as proper bonding will not be accomplished.

Temperature	Pot Life	Open Time	Clean-Up Time	Set Time
35°F (1.6° C)	45-60 minutes	2 hours	45-60 minutes	6-8 hours
40°F (4.4° C)	35-45 minutes	1 hour	35-45 minutes	4-6 hours
50°F (10° C)	10-15 minutes	30 minutes	10-15 minutes	2-4 hours
70°F (21.1° C)	5-7.5 minutes	15 minutes	5-7.5 minutes	1-2 hours

High humidity and/or shallow/narrow grout joint inhibits cure speed.

**APPLICATION:**

**As a Setting Mortar:** Spread mixed S-500 LT with a notched trowel, then set tile. Use a 1/8" notched trowel for ceramic mosaics to achieve a 1/16" bed. Use a 1/4" notched trowel for smooth or shallow ribbed pavers providing a finished bed of 1/8". Use a 1/4 x 3/8" square notched trowel for heavy ribbed backed tile such as Quarry tile. Full coverage of the setting material on the back of the tile is desirable to prevent broken and cracked tile. The National Tile Contractors Association recommendation to accomplish full coverage is as follows: Apply mortar to substrate using the flat side of the trowel to fill any voids and "key" the material to the substrate. Using the proper sized notched trowel, comb the mortar evenly in one direction only. Do not "swirl". Set the tile in the mortar with the edge of the tile parallel to the comb lines. To remove air voids, push the tile back and forth in the mortar perpendicular to the comb lines. **NOTE:** For cold surfaces where epoxy will curl, backbutter warm tiles/bricks instead of floating epoxy on cold surface. Allow 16 hours to elapse before grouting. Once the S-500 LT begins to set, it should be discarded, as proper bonding will not be accomplished.

**As a Grout:** With a firm, straight edge rubber trowel (*Gundlach GK-2, Barwalt UFF 1B or similar*) force as much S-500 LT into joints as possible, using sufficient pressure and flow to avoid air pockets or voids. Before the S-500 LT loses its plasticity, remove excess with rubber trowel or squeegee in a squeegee or scraping fashion working diagonally to joints to facilitate removal without pulling material from joints.

**CLEAN-UP**

For initial clean up: Use a white plastic scrub pad or an epoxy sponge and a sufficient amount of clean water. Avoid water migration into un-grouted joints. Warm water with a small amount of SL-86 added will speed clean up. Change cleaning water and scrub pads/sponges often to avoid leaving a sticky film on the tile. Do not leave standing water on uncured epoxy joints after initial cleaning. Perform final clean up (at or below 40°F) after 10 hours but before 24 hours. Use a white scrub pad or an epoxy sponge with SL-86 and water. Clean completely, as S-500 LT is difficult to remove after it cures for over 24 hours. Wide tile joints may have a slight concave appearance after grout cure. Cover with Kraft paper after final clean up to protect from other construction debris during cure period. SL-100 may be used to remove cured epoxy

residue. If steam cleaning S-500 LT from waxed brick/tile, allow 24 hours minimum cure time at 70°F before removal of wax by steam cleaning.

**COVERAGE:**

Setting: square feet/gallon: using

¼" x ¼" square notch trowel

18 to 20 sq. ft./gallon

¼" x 3/8" square notch trowel

12 to 15 sq. ft./gallon

Please Refer to Grout Coverage calculator at [www.summitville.com](http://www.summitville.com) for Grouting Coverage

**CAUTION:**

Protect from dirt and all traffic for 16 hours, heavy traffic and dirt for 48 hours. Do not grout in direct sunlight. Cure S-500 LT a minimum of seven days at 40°F before chemical exposure.

**PROTECTING NEW TILEWORK:**

To avoid damage to finished tilework, schedule floor installations to begin only after all structural work, building enclosure and overhead finishing work, such as ceilings, painting, mechanical and electrical work are completed. Keep all traffic off of finished tile floors until it has fully cured or provide up to ¾" thick plywood protection over Kraft paper to protect floors before installation materials have fully cured.

**PACKAGING:**

S-500 LT is available in 1.5 and 3 gallon sizes, which include resin and hardener; filler powder is sold separately. A 1.5 gallon unit requires one 12.5 pound bag of part C powder, a 3 gallon unit requires two 12.5 pound bags of part C powder. Colors can be mixed to create "multi-color" effects.

**COLORS:**

Snow White 913, Red S2063, Plum S2163, Green S3033, Cayman Green S3143, Brown S4013, Black S5013, Tan S6023, Buff S6073, Smoke S7133, Grey S7043, Blue S8043, White S9073. Custom colors are available with minimum quantity.

**SPECIFICATIONS:**

Material: Setting mortar and tile grout shall be S-500 LT, a three component mix consisting of specially graded silica aggregate (7# on M.O.H. Scale of Hardness), color-fast pigments, a special blend of activating hardeners and liquid epoxy resin. It shall be free of water and organic solvents; as manufactured by Summitville Tiles, Inc., Summitville, Ohio. The material when properly mixed and applied shall resist sag on vertical surfaces. In the reacted state, S-500 LT shall remain rigid and cohesive in intermittent temperatures up to 350°F. Acid and alkali resistant epoxy mortar and grout shall meet or exceed ANSI A118.3.

Color: Color shall be #\_\_\_\_\_.