



The aim of the system is to provide a guideline for tile adhesive performance. The standard provides parameters for which tile adhesives are tested to, depending on their performance they can be granted specific classifications.

Firstly, tile adhesives are defined in three types, these are:

- C** Cementitious adhesive
- D** Dispersion adhesive
- R** Reaction adhesive

Each type of adhesive can potentially have additional characteristics, which fall under the following classes:

- 1** Normal adhesive (standard strength tile adhesive)
- 2** Improved adhesive (stronger tile adhesive)
- F** Fast setting/drying adhesive (quicker setting of the adhesive allowing for earlier grouting)
- T** Slip resistant adhesive (no slipping of wall tiles)
- E** Adhesive with extended open time (once spread, the adhesive can be left without a tile being fixed for a longer time)
- S** Special deformable characteristic, for cementitious adhesives only (degree of flexibility of the adhesive, either S1 - flexible or S2 - highly flexible)

Each adhesive can therefore be classified under one of the following designations in the table.

ADHESIVE TYPE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION
C1		Normal cementitious adhesive
C1	F	Fast setting cementitious adhesive
C1	T	Normal cementitious adhesive with slip resistance
C1	FT	Fast setting cementitious adhesive with slip resistance
C2		Cementitious adhesive with improved characteristics
C2	E	Cementitious adhesive with improved characteristics and extended open time
C2	F	Fast setting cementitious adhesive with improved characteristics
C2	T	Cementitious adhesive with improved characteristics and slip resistance
C2	TE	Cementitious adhesive with improved characteristics, slip resistance and extended open time
C2	FT	Fast setting cementitious adhesive with improved characteristics and slip resistance
D1		Normal dispersion adhesive
D1	T	Normal dispersion adhesive with slip resistance
D2		Dispersion adhesive with improved characteristics
D2	F	Fast drying dispersion adhesive with improved characteristics
D2	T	Dispersion adhesive with improved characteristics and slip resistance
D2	TE	Dispersion adhesive with improved characteristics, slip resistance and extended open time
R1		Normal reaction resin adhesive
R1	T	Normal reaction resin adhesive with slip resistance
R2		Reaction resin adhesive with improved characteristics
R2	T	Reaction resin adhesive with improved characteristics and slip resistance

Additional designations may be inserted according to the combination of the different symbols of the characteristics, e.g. C2 FTE S1 fast setting deformable cementitious adhesive with improved characteristics, slip resistance and extended open time.

ARDEX CLASSIFICATION EXAMPLE

