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Tile DOC® Application Information

- Tile DOC is formulated to be applied directly to the porcelain, ceramic, cement, Formica, or plastic surface. **XIM 400W and XIM UMA bonders are not recommended as primers for Tile DOC.**

NOTE: The labels for XIM 400W and UMA actually state “Not recommended for tubs, sinks or shower areas”.

- Tile DOC is not recommended for direct application on steel or iron surfaces. Tile DOC will work very well on cast iron or steel tubs that are coated with ceramic. When there is a worn or bare metal area on a ceramic tub, XIM recommends priming with the metal with a corrosion resistant 2-part epoxy primer.

NOTE: XIM recommends filling deep scratches or chips in the surface with an epoxy filler such as *PC 11*, from Professional Coatings, Inc., sold in many paint and hardware stores.

- When tinting Tile DOC, use Universal Tint colors or Industrial 844 Tint colors not to exceed 2 ounces per gallon. (½ ounce total per Tile DOC Kit) Add the tint to the white Tile DOC, Part A.

A good rule of thumb is to add 125% of a standard tint formula to approximate the color chip.

- Tile DOC is available from XIM in gallon and quart containers as well as a 2-pint kit.
- For the best / long lasting performance – etch the porcelain or ceramic surface with XIM’s Etch-I-M etching cream before applying the Tile DOC.** Etching dulls the surface to provides a better grip for the coating without sandpaper scratch marks. Always sand or etch potential problem areas: 6 – 8 inches around the drain, the soap dish area, and any horizontal surface.
- XIM’s Tile DOC has been improved. The Tile DOC now has improved flow properties when brushing. When spraying, the look and appearance of Tile DOC are as tile-like as ever.

The ratio of mixing Part A and Part B remains 1 to 1. However, the change to the formulas means that New Part A must be used with New Part B.

You **can not mix** New Formula Part A with Old Formula Part B. You can not mix Old Formula Part A with New Formula Part B.

Any product with a Batch Date that is more recent than **1704** is the new formula.

XIM Batch Dates are read as follows:

The first three digits are the day of the year – i.e. 170 is the 170th day of the year; The fourth digit is the year – i.e. 4 is 2004; Therefore **1704** is June 18, 2004

If you have a full or partly used container of either Part A or Part B of the old formula (Batch Date prior to 1704) and need to purchase only the other part – you can not do this. You would have to purchase both New Parts A and B (both Batch Dates at least 1704).