

# CT 85

## ETICS mortar



**For fixing Expanded Polystyrene boards as well as for applying a thin armoured layer for thermal insulation of buildings by means of ETICS**

### CHARACTERISTICS

- ▶ **high adhesion to mineral substrates and EPS-boards**
- ▶ **vapour permeable**
- ▶ **resistant to weather conditions**
- ▶ **flexible**
- ▶ **reinforced with fibres**
- ▶ **resistant to hairlines and cracks**

### SCOPE OF USE

Ceresit CT 85 mortar is designed to insulate external walls of the buildings by using EPS-boards. It is an element within Ceresit Ceretherm Classic, Express and Ceramic system. CT 85 mortar is used for fixing EPS-boards as well as applying the armoured protection layer to insulate the newly erected objects and also the buildings to be thermo-renovated. Ceresit CT 85 is additionally reinforced with fibres, therefore it is more resistant to the formation of hairlines. In case of applying façade mineral wool boards, Ceresit CT 190 mortar should be used.

### SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

#### 1. Fixing EPS-boards

CT 85 mortar shows good adhesion to carrying, compact and dry substrates, such as surfaces of walls, plasters, mosaics and concretes free from grease, bitumen, dust and other substances decreasing adhesion. The adhesion to the existing plasters and paint coatings should be checked before starting the application. "Hollow" plasters should be removed. Any losses and uneven surfaces of the substrate below 20 mm should be filled with the filler CT 29 or covered with cement plaster. Any surface contaminant and other adhesion impairing substances, steam-tight paint coatings and the coats with low adhesion to the substrate should be completely removed, e.g. by means of washing devices operating under pressure. In case of mycological contamination with fungi, moss and algae, the surface of the façade should be cleaned with steel brushes and, then saturated with a fungicide solution of Ceresit CT 99 in compliance with technical instruction. The old, not plastered walls, strong plasters and paint coats should be dusted, then washed with water jet and left until they go completely dry. Substrates with high water absorption, e.g. walls made of aerated concrete blocks or silicate blocks should be primed



with Ceresit CT 17 and left for drying for at least 4 hours. Adhesion of Ceresit CT 85 to the prepared substrate is checked by gluing 10 x 10cm blocks of EPS-boards in a few places and pulling off manually after 4 ÷ 7 days. The load carrying ability of the substrate is sufficient only when the EPS-boards are subject to rent. If EPS-boards tear off with the mortar layer, mechanical anchors should be additionally used.

#### 2. Armoured layer application.

When CT 85 is set (after approx. 3 days), the boards should be ground with abrasive paper and additionally fixed with mechanical anchors. If EPS-boards have not been covered with the armoured layer for 2 weeks, then their quality should be evaluated. The yellowed boards with dusting surface should be ground with coarse abrasive paper.

### APPLICATION

CT 85 should be poured into the measured amount of cool clean water and stirred with the drill by means of a mixer until the homogenous mass is obtained without lumps.

#### 1. Fixing EPS-boards.

The ready mortar should be applied with a trowel along the board edges forming a strip of 3÷4 cm wide and a few spots

with the diameter of approx. 8 cm. Then immediately, the board should be pressed to the wall with a few slight blows of a long float. The properly applied mortar when pressed should cover minimum 40 % of its surface. In case of even, smooth substrates the mortar should be applied by means of a notched trowel (teeth 10–12 mm). The boards should be fixed tightly one at the other in one surface with the preservation of “brick like manner” of vertical connection.

## 2. Armoured layer application.

The ready mortar of 3÷4 cm-thick layer should be spread along the surface of the boards by means of a smooth long steel float. The glass fibre mesh should be applied on the fresh mortar (with 10-cm overlaps), and then the second 1 cm-thick layer should be applied and smoothed evenly so that the glass fibre mesh should not be visible. Fresh stains should be cleaned with water while hardened elements should be mechanically removed.

## PLEASE NOTE

The armoured layer should not be applied on highly insulated surfaces and the applied layer should be protected against rain. It is recommended to use scaffolding protection. Application should be performed in dry conditions with the substrate and ambient temperature from +5 °C to +25 °C. All the data refer to the temperature of +20 °C and relative air humidity of 60%. The product parameters may change in other conditions.

CT 85 contains cement and causes alkali reaction when mixed with water. Therefore skin and eyes should be protected. In case of contact with eyes, they should be rinsed with water and the general practitioner should be consulted. The content of chromium VI – below 2 ppm till the expiry date.

## OTHER INFORMATION

The requirements which should be fulfilled by EPS-boards and mechanical anchors and also other details that refer to thermal insulation are described in the system approval guideline ETAG 004.

This technical data sheet determines the scope of application of the material and the way of conducting the work, however, it cannot replace the professional preparation of the contractor. Apart from the data provided, the application should be done in compliance with the construction and industrial safety regulations.

The manufacturer guarantees the quality of the product, however, he does not have any influence on the condition and the way of application. In case of any doubts, individual application trials should be conducted. The previously issued technical data sheets become invalid with the issue of this technical data sheet.

## STORAGE

Up to 12 months since the production date when stored on pallets in dry cool conditions and in original undamaged packages.

## PACKAGING

Bags of 25 kg.

## TECHNICAL DATA

Base:	cement mixture with mineral fillers and modifiers
Bulk density:	approx. 1.3 kg/dm <sup>3</sup>
Mixing ratio:	6.5–7.0 l of water per 25 kg
Temperature of application:	from +5 °C to +25 °C
Pot life:	approx. 2 hours
Adhesion:	
to concrete	> 0.6 MPa
to EPS-boards	> 0.1 MPa (rent in EPS layer)
Assumed consumption:	
Fixing of EPS-boards:	approx. 5.0 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Armoured layer:	approx. 4.0 kg/m <sup>2</sup>

*This product possesses:*

– within the Ceresit VWS Classic system: ETA-06/0260,  
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