Cement Board Installation

PermaBase Cement Board is the preferred underlayment for ceramic tile applications on shower and tub enclosures, countertops, backsplashes and flooring.

Important Things to Know

- Score/cut and tile on printed side of board.
- Use 1/2" for walls and ceilings.
- Use 1/2" or 1/4" for floors and countertops.
- It is vapor permeable and unaffected by water BUT is not a water barrier. If the area behind the cement board must be kept dry, a separate moisture barrier, or waterproof membrane should be used.
- Not recommended for use with vinyl flooring.
- 30-year limited warranty for interior applications.

Cutting PermaBase

Basic Cutting

- With printed side up, use straight edge to mark line
- Use utility knife to score and cut glass mesh
- Snap board and cut through glass mesh on opposite side



Cutting Holes

- With printed side up. mark area for cutout
- Use utility knife to score and cut
- Punch out cut area with hammer
- Cut glass mesh on opposite side you knocked out



Installing PermaBase

Tub/Shower Walls/ Ceilinas

- Install with printed side facing you
- Use two 3'x5' boards horizontally for tub backwall and one 3'x5' board vertically at each endwall and ceiling
- Space wall fasteners 8" o.c. and ceilings fasteners 6" o.c.

Floor Underlayment

- Use 1/4" trowel to apply latex-Portland cement setting bed to subfloor
- Cover with PermaBase staggering joints so they don't line up with
- Allow 1/4" gap between PermaBase and room perimeter
- Fasten every 8" o.c. in both directions and around all edges



Countertops

- Use 1/4" trowel to apply latex-Portland cement to plywood
- Cover with PermaBase staggering joints so they don't line up with plywood



- Allow 1/8" gap between panels
- Fasten every 8" o.c. in both directions and around all edges



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- subfloor joints