

# Levelrock® Floor Underlayment



## Quik-Top™ Quik-Top™ Gray

### Premium poured underlayment product with self-drying technology

- Allows for application of floor covering within 15 hours of underlayment application
- Minimizes downtime for commercial and institutional repair and renovation
- Suitable for a variety of floor coverings
- Can be stained or used by itself as a finished floor with an appropriate coating system
- Typically eliminates sealing of floor normally required prior to application of floor-covering adhesive
- No shot blasting required
- Applied by USG LEVELROCK authorized applicators

### Description

LEVELROCK® QUIK-TOP™ and QUIK-TOP™ Gray floor underlayments are pre-sanded cementitious underlayments designed by USG for interior use in commercial, institutional and rehab construction. They provide a smooth, hard underlayment surface over concrete slabs, pre-stressed concrete or concrete planks at a typical thickness from featheredge to 1 in. An innovative USG technology minimizes downtime with quick set times and high production rates. This allows for trade traffic within hours of installation and installation of floor coverings within 15 hours after the underlayment is poured.

Typically within one day, a floor can be prepped, poured and floor coverings applied, permitting businesses to reopen the next day. QUIK-TOP and QUIK-TOP Gray floor underlayments facilitate scheduling flexibility in new construction by allowing all trades to finish and clean up prior to application of flooring goods, minimizing potential damage to finished floor coverings. Typically eliminating the need for sealing/priming of the QUIK-TOP and QUIK-TOP Gray floor underlayments allows for faster installation of floor coverings.\*

QUIK-TOP and QUIK-TOP Gray floor underlayments are suitable for a variety of floor coverings. They exceed commercial vinyl floor-covering requirements as high-performance underlayments with compressive strengths of up to 10,000 psi. The exceptional surface hardness of QUIK-TOP and QUIK-TOP Gray floor underlayments resist indentation. Higher compressive strengths minimize floor damage from trades and minimizes the need for repair patching.

QUIK-TOP floor underlayment can be stained using a tested stain and protective coating system. Staining can typically start 12 hours after installation of underlayment, speeding production scheduling. QUIK-TOP floor underlayment can also be used by itself as a finished floor with an appropriate clear coating system. QUIK-TOP Gray floor underlayment provides a concrete look for industrial, commercial or loft styles when used with a clear coating.

**Note** \*Floor manufacturers' recommendations may supercede those presented here — especially with respect to the requirement for sealing underlayment. In all cases, a field bond test using the floor-covering adhesive is recommended.

### Limitations

1. Do not use in exterior applications.
2. Do not install where continuous exposure to moisture is a possibility (for instance, exterior balconies or large commercial/institutional shower rooms).
3. Do not install in below-grade applications.
4. Do not install directly over wood floors. Contact your local USG representative regarding proper procedures.
5. Structure shall be designed so that deflection does not exceed L/360 live or dead load. Certain floor coverings such as marble, limestone, travertine and wood may have more restrictive deflection limits. Consult the appropriate floor covering manufacturer.
6. Do not pour LEVELROCK QUIK-TOP floor underlayments at thicknesses greater than 1 in.

### Installation

Subfloors must be clean, structurally sound and dry. All loose construction debris, including joint compound, excessive dust, mud, oil and/or grease, should be removed prior to application. Use of oil-based sweeping compounds is not recommended. Shot blasting is not required.

Cracks in the existing concrete subfloor must be inspected to determine if the crack is due to typical concrete “shrink” or if it is a result of a structural movement. In the case of the latter, remediation of the crack must be addressed or eventually the crack will telegraph through LEVELROCK QUIK-TOP and QUIK-TOP Gray floor underlayments. To minimize potential telegraphing from large cracks, cracks should be grouted prior to application of LEVELROCK QUIK-TOP and QUIK-TOP Gray floor underlayments. Adhere to the grouting manufacturer’s requirements regarding when a surface may be applied over grout. It is recommended that the use of LEVELROCK™ perimeter isolation strip be applied around the room perimeter as well as around all protrusions.

During the entire installation process, the building must be enclosed and the temperature maintained at a 50 °F minimum until permanent heating is available. Adequate ventilation must be provided to ensure uniform drying of the installed floor underlayment, which typically occurs within 15 hours at a maximum thickness of 1 in. Protect floors from heavy trade traffic loads (i.e. loaded drywall carts, heavy tool cabinets, etc.) with plywood. This may cause the protected areas to take longer to dry. Check for dryness in these areas before installing floor covering, stain and/or coating.

Concrete subfloors receiving cementitious underlayment systems must be cured properly (generally for a minimum of 28 days) prior to the underlayment installation. For on- or above-grade applications on concrete subfloors or concrete planks, measure the Moisture Vapor Emission Rate (MVER) using ASTM F1869. MVER should be below 5 lbs./1000 sq. ft./24 hrs. Contact USG for further information. Concrete subfloors should be treated properly with LEVELROCK™ floor underlayment concrete primer, according to USG recommendations to provide maximum bond between the underlayment and subfloor. Refer to *LEVELROCK Floor Underlayment Finished Floor Installation Guidelines* (IG1457) for floor-covering installation.

QUIK-TOP and QUIK-TOP Gray floor underlayments can be used as wear surfaces with a tested decorative coating system. Stains should be tested in an inconspicuous area. USG is not responsible for the uniformity of stain color. Coating systems must be tested for adhesion to QUIK-TOP floor underlayments. The bond test and performance of other coatings is the responsibility of the coating manufacturer. Contact USG for further information regarding decorative coating options.

For further details on installation requirements, specifications and the most up-to-date product information, please see [levelrock.com](http://levelrock.com).

**Product Data**

LEVELROCK QUIK-TOP and QUIK-TOP Gray floor underlayments are sanded at the factory. Job site addition of sand is not recommended and will void the warranty. QUIK-TOP and QUIK-TOP Gray floor underlayments are mixed with water to yield a lightweight, leveling slurry. A 1/2 in.-thick underlayment weighs approximately 5 lbs./sq. ft. and has an approximate dry density range of 124–130 lbs./cu. ft.

**Approximate Compressive Strength (aggregated) ASTM C472 (modified):** 7,000–10,000 psi\*

**Approximate Dry Density (aggregated):** 124–130 lbs./cu. ft

**Note** \*Compressive strengths published herein were achieved under controlled laboratory conditions. Actual field results may differ due to environmental conditions; inconsistent proportioning of field applied water and LEVELROCK floor underlayment, as well as differences in mixing/pumping equipment.

**Submittal Approvals**

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| <b>Job Name</b> |                   |             |
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**Product Information**

See [levelrock.com](http://levelrock.com) for the most up-to-date product information.

**WARNING!**

When mixed with water, this material hardens and becomes very hot — sometimes quickly. DO NOT attempt to make a cast enclosing any part of the body using this material. Failure to follow these instructions can cause severe burns that may require surgical removal of affected tissue or amputation of limb. Portland cement is strongly alkaline. Direct contact

can be corrosive and cause severe damage or chemical burns to the eyes and wet or moist skin. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Wear eye protection, alkali-resistant protective gloves, long-sleeved shirts and pants to prevent direct contact. If eye contact occurs, immediately flush thoroughly with water for 30 minutes and seek medical advice. Inhalation of dust may be corrosive or cause chemical burns or irritation to nose, throat and respiratory tract. Long-

term breathing of respirable crystalline silica dust can cause permanent lung damage and/or cancer. Avoid breathing dust. Use in a well-ventilated area or provide sufficient local ventilation. If dusty, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved dust respirator. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after use. Do not ingest. If ingested, call physician. Product safety information: 800 507.8899 or [usg.com](http://usg.com).

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**Safety First!**

Follow good safety/industrial hygiene practices during installation. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Read MSDS and literature before specification and installation.

