



Laying Promenade Tiles with Soft Shims

- I.1 Decide where you will start from, bearing in mind that if you work from one edge you may finish with an infill cut which is too small. It may be better to start from the centre and work outwards with cuts at 2 or 4 edges giving the best end result. This may require a few extra tiles for cuts.
- I.2 Having decided where you are starting from, mark out a straight line to work from then place tiles along the line without adhesive to ensure that the line also looks straight.
- I.3 Make sure that you can work away from newly laid Tiles without standing on them, as they must be left undisturbed for 24 hrs.
- I.4 There will be small variations in tile sizes and some minor adjustment to tile position will be necessary.
- I.5 “Soft Shims” are available for packing up under tiles which are rocking and we strongly recommend their use. They are self-adhesive top and bottom, made from foam rubber and measure 3mm thick x 12mm wide x 25mm long. They are supplied with release tape to both adhesive surfaces.
- I.6 When you are satisfied with the tile line, check each tile for rocking and, if necessary, pack the underside of the tile with one or two “soft shims” until there is no rocking. Pack at a maximum of three points as shown below leaving the “Soft Shim” projecting from the Tile to support the next tile to be laid. At this point do not peel off the release tape from the bottom of the “Soft Shim” to avoid adhesion to the slabs.
- I.7 When satisfied that the rocking has been eliminated from the row of Tiles apply the adhesive to each Tile as described on the bottle label.

- I.8 Note: When using “Soft Shims” you may require slightly more adhesive than indicated. Avoid excessive amounts as the adhesive expands with air contact and will emerge from between the tiles. If this happens do not try to clean whilst wet but leave until dry and remove with a sharp knife. It is worthwhile to try a practice area before you start to establish how much you need to use.
- I.9 After applying the adhesive remove any remaining release tapes from the “Soft Shims” and press the Tile into place. Repeat with the next tile in line and so on until the row has been completed.
- I.10 When the full row has been positioned recheck the line to ensure straightness and make any minor adjustments necessary.
- I.11 Layout the next line and repeat the process.

