



BRANZ Appraised

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BOSTIK MS SAFE FIX ADHESIVE

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This Appraisal replaces BRANZ Appraisal No. 662 [2016]



Bostik MS Safe Fix was used on 80 Queen Street (above) which achieved a NZ Green Building Council, 5 Green Star – Office Design.

BRANZ Appraisals

Technical Assessments of products for building and construction.

Product

1.1 Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive is a general purpose, low-odour, solvent-free adhesive for general construction use.

Scope

2.1 Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive has been appraised for use as a construction adhesive for bonding the following materials:



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Substrate:	Materials to be adhered to the substrate:										
	Plasterboard	Wet Area Plasterboard	Particleboard	Polystyrene (EPS)	Ceramic	Plywood	Dry Timber	Fibre Cement	Medium Density Fibreboard	Fibrous Plaster	Glass Reinforced Polymer
Wet Timber	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dry Timber	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
H3.1 LOSP Treated Timber	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
H1.2 Boron Treated Timber	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Galvanised Steel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
H3.2 CCA and ACQ Treated Timber*	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Concrete/Concrete Masonry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Polystyrene (EPS)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clay Brick	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stainless Steel	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glass	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	✓

* Excluding timber treated with copper naphthenate or copper azole

N/A: Not Assessed

2.2 Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive has not been appraised as a structural adhesive for structural NZBC applications. Structural connections for carrying and resisting imposed loads, such as wind and earthquake, must still be designed using mechanical fasteners.



Building Regulations

New Zealand Building Code (NZBC)

- 3.1 The use of Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive itself is not within the scope of the NZBC, however, the use of building elements or components such as flooring systems or wall or ceiling panels where the adhesive is used is controlled by the NZBC. Therefore, in the opinion of BRANZ, Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive, if used, installed and maintained in accordance with the statements and conditions of this Appraisal, will meet or contribute to meeting the following provisions of the NZBC:

CLAUSE B1 STRUCTURE: Performance B1.3.1, B1.3.2 and B1.3.4. Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive contributes to meeting the requirements for loads arising from self-weight, imposed gravity loads arising from use, impact, and time dependent effects including creep and shrinkage [i.e. B1.3.3 (a), (b), (j) and (q)]. See Paragraph 8.1.

CLAUSE B2 DURABILITY: Performance B2.3.1 (b), 15 years, B2.3.1 (c), 5 years and B2.3.2, Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive meets these requirements. See Paragraphs 9.1–9.2.

CLAUSE F2 HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS: Performance F2.3.1. Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive meets this requirement.

Technical Specification

- 4.1 Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive is a multi-purpose construction adhesive based on silane-modified polymers [SMP] which are solvent, isocyanates and PVC free.
- 4.2 Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive is packed in 430 g cartridges and is white in colour.
- 4.3 Bostik No. 3 Solvent is a cleaning solvent for removing excess uncured adhesive and cleaning tools. It is available in 4 and 20 L containers.

Handling and Storage

- 5.1 Tubes of Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive should be handled with care to prevent damage during transport, and should be stored in the temperature range of 5–25°C.
- 5.2 The shelf life of Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive is 12 months if stored in cool, dry conditions in original, unopened containers.

Technical Literature

- 6.1 Refer to the Appraisals listing on the BRANZ website for details of the current Technical Literature for Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive. The Technical Literature must be read in conjunction with this Appraisal. All aspects of design, use, installation and maintenance contained within the Technical Literature and within the scope of this Appraisal must be followed.

Design Information

General

- 7.1 Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive is suitable for use in dry, internal applications, e.g. when bonding plasterboards and plywood to framing.
- 7.2 Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive type products are not referenced in the NZBC, but they can be used to help increase the stiffness and rigidity of systems, help prevent movement and squeaks at sheet edges, and reduce the number of fasteners needed in non-structural situations.
- 7.3 Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive can be used to bond non-absorbent surfaces to each other, but it is preferred that at least one of the materials to be bonded is absorbent. If both surfaces are non-absorbent, the cure speed will be slower and the bond will take longer to form. Advice from Bostik New Zealand Ltd should be sought in these situations.

- 7.4 Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive must not be used to replace mechanical fixings where these have been specified by the manufacturer of the material being adhered. Lining materials used in load-bearing, bracing or some other form of specifically designed lining system (e.g. fire resistant or acoustically insulated), must be installed in accordance with the respective manufacturer's instructions.
- 7.5 Shrinkage of framing or substrate materials, e.g. timber joists, will place stress on the bond line of the glued joint. In order to minimise shrinkage of materials that could possibly cause failure of the glued joint and/or aesthetic damage to lining materials, the moisture content of timber, concrete or other material being bonded must not exceed the maximum limitations stated by either the manufacturer of that material, or the maximum moisture contents stated in NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1 Paragraph 10.2, whichever is the lesser. Due allowance for shrinkage and/or expansion of lining and substrate materials must be made.
- 7.6 Materials must not be glued over structural control joints in the supporting structure or substrate.

Structure

General

- 8.1 When Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive is used to adhere building materials as stated in the Appraisal scope [refer to Paragraph 2.1], and when used in accordance with the statements and conditions of this Appraisal, the bond line will have sufficient strength and stability to resist the elemental forces these materials will be subjected to, such as the material self-weight, light impact loads, and typical thermal and structural movement stresses.
- 8.2 If Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive is to be used to bond materials other than those covered in the scope of this Appraisal, advice regarding suitability must be sought from Bostik New Zealand Ltd.

Durability

- 9.1 Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive meets code compliance with NZBC Clause B2.3.1 [b] 15 years when used to bond materials in situations that require minimum 15 years durability, e.g. shower linings, and code compliance with B2.3.1 [c] 5 years when used to bond materials in situations that require minimum 5 year durability, e.g. easy to access and replace interior wall linings.

Serviceable Life

- 9.2 Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive is expected to have a serviceable life of at least 15 years.
- 9.3 This Appraisal covers set Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive only, and not the materials being bonded, which must also meet the relevant requirements of NZBC Clause B2 Durability.

Maintenance

- 10.1 Materials being adhered must be maintained as per the respective manufacturer's instructions.

Prevention of Fire Occurring

- 11.1 Separation or protection must be provided to Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive from heat sources such as fire places, heating appliances, flues and chimneys. Part 7 of NZBC Verification Method C/VM1 and Acceptable Solution C/AS1, and Acceptable Solution C/AS2 provide methods for separation and protection of combustible materials from heat sources.

Installation Information

Installation Skill Level Requirement

12.1 Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive is for use by general tradespersons and handypersons.

Installation General

- 13.1 If it is not certain that Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive is suitable for adhering the intended materials, a test should be carried out prior to use to determine if a strong and effective bond can be created.
- 13.2 Proprietary lining materials based on materials covered by the scope of this Appraisal, e.g. gypsum plasterboard, fibre cement board, etc, must be installed in accordance with the respective manufacturer's written instructions. *[Note: Many manufacturers of proprietary materials have specific fixing requirements for their materials, which have been developed after extensive product development, testing and on-going assessment of history of performance.]*
- 13.3 All surfaces to be bonded must be free of foreign material that will impair adhesion.
- 13.4 Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive may be applied within the temperature range of 10°C to 40°C. The open time for Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive is 30 minutes, however this will vary with temperature and will typically be shorter for higher temperatures and longer for lower temperatures.
- 13.5 For optimum performance, Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive should be stored at room temperature for 12 hours prior to use.
- 13.6 To apply the Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive, the user should cut the top of the screw-on nozzle tip off and the tip of the cartridge nozzle on a slant to provide a 10 mm bead. Apply a continuous bead of adhesive to the surface to be bonded. Where sheets butt on a stud etc, apply a zigzag bead to ensure the adhesive contacts both sheets. The two materials are then assembled together using sufficient nails, screws or clamps to achieve contact over the total bond area. The adhesive must be allowed to cure for a minimum of 16 hours before removing any temporary fasteners, supports or clamps. When bonding fibrous plaster ceilings any temporary fasteners or supports must remain in place for at least 24 hours. Where cold conditions below 10°C are expected after fixing, the temporary fixings must be left in place for at least an additional 24 hours.
- 13.7 Clean tools and remove excess adhesive with Bostik Solvent No.3, exercising safe practices. Cured material can only be removed by abrasion, therefore removal before cure is preferable.

Health and Safety

- 14.1 Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive cartridges must be kept away from children. If ingested, medical attention should be sought immediately.
- 14.2 Appropriate precautions must be taken when using Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive to ensure good ventilation, especially in confined spaces.
- 14.3 Always consult the Bostik New Zealand Ltd safety data sheet before use.



Basis of Appraisal

The following is a summary of the technical investigations carried out:

Tests

- 15.1 Testing of Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive in accordance with AS 2753 – 1985 has been carried out to determine amongst other things: shear strength; bond strength; bond maintenance; bridging characteristics; tensile strength and flexibility after heat/humidity aging.
- 15.2 The test methods and results have been reviewed by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.

Other Investigations

- 16.1 The performance of Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive in Europe since 2001 has been considered.
- 16.2 Assessment has been made of the structural aspects and durability of the product, and opinions have been given by BRANZ technical experts.
- 16.3 Bostik New Zealand Ltd's Technical Literature has been examined by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.

Quality

- 17.1 The manufacture of Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive has not been examined by BRANZ, but details regarding the quality and composition of the materials used were obtained by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.
- 17.2 Bostik New Zealand Ltd is responsible for the quality of supply of Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive.
- 17.3 Quality on site is the responsibility of the installer.

Sources of Information

- AS 2753-1985 Adhesives – Mastic – For bonding gypsum plaster linings to wood and metal framing members.
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Record of amendments – Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods and handbooks.
- The Building Regulations 1992.



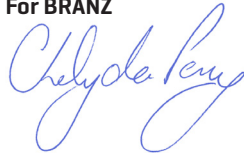
In the opinion of BRANZ, **Bostik MS Safe Fix Adhesive** is fit for purpose and will comply with the Building Code to the extent specified in this Appraisal provided it is used, designed, installed and maintained as set out in this Appraisal.

The Appraisal is issued only to **Bostik New Zealand Ltd**, and is valid until further notice, subject to the Conditions of Appraisal.

Conditions of Appraisal

1. This Appraisal:
 - a) relates only to the product as described herein;
 - b) must be read, considered and used in full together with the Technical Literature;
 - c) does not address any Legislation, Regulations, Codes or Standards, not specifically named herein;
 - d) is copyright of BRANZ.
2. **Bostik New Zealand Ltd:**
 - a) continues to have the product reviewed by BRANZ;
 - b) shall notify BRANZ of any changes in product specification or quality assurance measures prior to the product being marketed;
 - c) abides by the BRANZ Appraisals Services Terms and Conditions;
 - d) warrants that the product and the manufacturing process for the product are maintained at or above the standards, levels and quality assessed and found satisfactory by BRANZ pursuant to BRANZ's Appraisal of the product.
3. BRANZ makes no representation or warranty as to:
 - a) the nature of individual examples of, batches of, or individual installations of the product, including methods and workmanship;
 - b) the presence or absence of any patent or similar rights subsisting in the product or any other product;
 - c) any guarantee or warranty offered by **Bostik New Zealand Ltd**.
4. Any reference in this Appraisal to any other publication shall be read as a reference to the version of the publication specified in this Appraisal.
5. BRANZ provides no certification, guarantee, indemnity or warranty, to **Bostik New Zealand Ltd** or any third party.

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