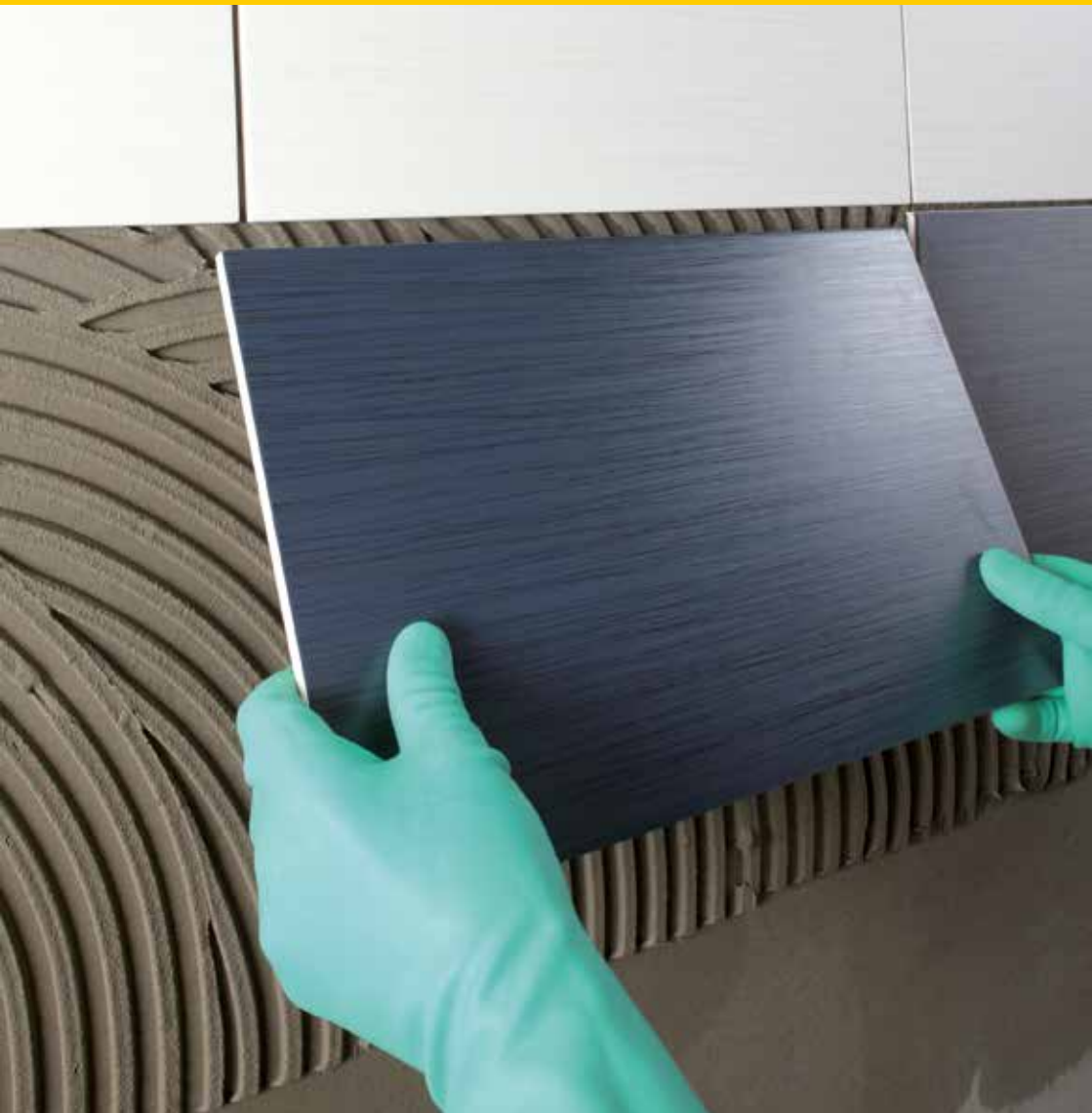


Tile Installer's Manual

PRODUCTS FOR CERAMIC TILES



From our experience, all the solutions you need...

This document has been issued by the MAPEI Technical Services Department to present the most common bonding systems for ceramic and stone material, and contains a step-by-step guide that illustrates the main application techniques of the various products employed in bonding systems (adhesives, grouts, sealants, etc.).

The various situations covered by this manual and the recommendations for each situation is for indication purposes only and do not cover all the problems and conditions encountered on site. In the event of encountering such situations, the MAPEI Technical Services team is always on hand to help identify the most appropriate solution for each specific intervention.

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...beyond apparent sustainability

...AND DEVELOPING TECHNOLOGICALLY-ADVANCED PRODUCTS AND SOLUTIONS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO SAFEGUARDING THE ENVIRONMENT AND OUR HEALTH...



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Mapei technology that impedes the formation and proliferation of various types of mould in damp conditions.



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Special logos are used in our catalogues and on Technical Data Sheets to indicate that a product meets the requirements and the relative reference standard.



Other logos indicate the characteristics of the product according to the designation of the relative European Standards.



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Mapei, a world of adhesives



From Mapei, a wide range of high quality products for bonding ceramic tiles, stone material and mosaic, suitable for any condition at any latitude.

- Technologically advanced systems
- Easy to use
- For floor and wall coverings
- For internal and external use
- Eco-sustainable
- Certified according to the most severe international standards



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STANDARD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CERAMIC FLOOR AND WALL COVERINGS

In June 2013, a technical standard was finally issued in Italy to regulate the **installation of ceramic tiles**: *UNI 11493:2013 – Ceramic floor and wall tiling – Design, installation and maintenance instructions*. This standard applies to all internal and external ceramic floor and wall tiling bonded mainly with adhesive, but also with cementitious mortar.

DEFINITION OF THE MAIN ACTORS AND TRACEABILITY

A traceability document is included in the standard, consisting of a technical report compiled by the Works Director (or the installer) that is handed over to the client upon consignment of the completed work. This document identifies all those persons that have contributed to the execution of the tiling work as follows:

CLIENT

The client defines the technical and aesthetic specifications and performance requirements of the tiling, and also chooses which tiles are to be used. The client may be the builder, the Works Director, the tile installer or the owner of the property.

TILING DESIGNER

The designer's task is to identify the most appropriate installation solution and dimensions of the tiling.

WORKS DIRECTOR

The Works Director checks the design, ensures work is executed in compliance with design specifications, coordinates all the quality aspects of the materials and analyses and acts upon any feedback received from the installer.

TILE INSTALLER (tiling company)

The tile installer is responsible for the correct execution of the work in compliance with design specifications and the decisions and instructions from the Works Director, checking the quality of the materials employed (tiles, adhesive, etc.) and the condition of the substrate and making sure materials are stored correctly. The tiler must also take care of the work area and make sure it is protected both during and after installation until it is consigned to the client.

MANUFACTURER OF THE MATERIALS

The manufacturer is responsible for checking that the materials they produce comply with current standards.

RETAILER OF THE MATERIALS

The retailer is responsible for the correct storage of the materials and products until they are delivered, and for communicating any warranties, technical documentation and safety data sheets issued by the manufacturer.

MAIN CONCEPTS COVERED BY THE STANDARD

Choosing the adhesive

The main factors (schematically represented by appendix D in the standard) to consider when choosing the correct adhesive are as follows:

- type and format of the material;
- type and characteristics of the substrate;
- final use;
- work execution restraints and requirements;
- work execution requirements.

Minimum requirements of substrates

Whatever the type of substrate, prior to installation it must be well cured, clean, dry and flat and be free of all materials and substances that could potentially affect adhesion of the adhesive or skim coat.

The cohesive tensile (pull-off) and adhesion strength of **render** to the underlying load-bearing layer must be at least 10 kg/cm^2 (1 N/mm^2).

Screeds must have the following mechanical properties:

- residential use: $R_c \geq 15\text{-}20 \text{ N/mm}^2$;
- industrial use: $R_c \geq 30\text{-}40 \text{ N/mm}^2$.

Double-buttering

The adhesive must be applied using the double-buttering technique (the adhesive is applied on the back of the tiles as well as on the substrate) in those cases where full contact of the adhesive with the installation bed must be guaranteed.



Joint specifications

The definition and prescriptions of the joints (structural, distribution, expansion and perimeter joints) and the pitch of the joints.



Mechanical fasteners

If the longest side of the tile is more than 30 cm, the designer must evaluate the use of an additional mechanical fastening system for extra security (such as steel hooks fastened to the substrate).



Minimum width of joint

In the design prescriptions, the width of the joints may be $\geq 3 \text{ mm}$ for rectified tiles in internal environments bonded on rigid, dimensionally-stable substrates, or up to 6-8 mm for the opposite conditions.

Butt joints, therefore, are no longer allowed.



STANDARDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STONE MATERIAL

The Italian standards that currently provide the guidelines to be followed when choosing materials and for the design, installation and maintenance of stone floor and wall coverings are the following:

UNI 11322-2009 STONE FLOOR COVERINGS

UNI 11521-2014 STONE COVERINGS for VERTICAL SURFACES and CEILINGS

There is an enormous variability in the type, behaviour and performance characteristics of stone materials. For this reason, the evaluation of the various materials has been standardized by taking into consideration previous experience and by carrying out preliminary tests, mainly to verify some of the typical characteristics of stone material.

The problems normally encountered when installing stone material (to be analysed independently) may be summarised as follows.

DIMENSIONAL STABILITY AND WARPING

Problem

Certain types of stone material (especially some types of green marble, slate and recomposed polyester) can warp due to the effect of moisture from the **adhesive** or **installation mortar**. A material's tendency to warp is also highly dependent on the shape, size and thickness of the slab.

Solution

The definition and prescriptions of the joints (structural, distribution, expansion and perimeter joints) and the pitch of the joints

Class A: materials not prone to warping.

Class B: materials prone to warping.

Class C: material highly prone to warping.



DEFORMATION CLASS		
CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C
NORMAL-SETTING CEMENTITIOUS ADHESIVE	RAPID-SETTING CEMENTITIOUS ADHESIVE	RESIN-BASED REACTIVE ADHESIVE
Keraflex Keraflex Maxi S1 Kerabond + Isolastic Ultralite S1 Ultralite S2	Granirapid Elastorapid Keraquick S1	Ultrabond Eco PU 2K Keralastic Kerapoxy

STAINING AROUND ELASTIC JOINTS

Problem

The use of certain types of **sealants** in elastic joints may cause staining of the stone around the joints.



Solution

Use a neutral-hardening silicone sealant such as **Mapesil LM** to prevent staining.



STAINING and EFFLORESCENCE on the SURFACE OF STONE

Problem

Certain types of stone material (particularly marble, granite and light colours recomposed stone) may be stained by the presence of water during installation:

- on a bed of mortar or with a normal-setting adhesive;
- on substrates that are not sufficiently protected against water rising up from the ground by capillary lift (due to the lack of a vapour barrier);
- on screeds that have not been thoroughly cured with a high level of residual moisture.



Solution

- Lay a vapour barrier comprising polythene sheets under the cementitious screed to block the capillary lift of water.
- The render or screed must be dry and thoroughly cured. Installing a rapid-drying screed made from **Topcem**, **Topcem Pronto**, **Mapecem** or **Mapecem Pronto** reduces the waiting time before installing stone.
- Install stone material using **class F rapid-setting adhesive** (according to EN 12004).



PRODUCTS FOR MAKING AND PREPARING SUBSTRATES

HYDRAULIC BINDERS for cementitious screeds

ADVANTAGES:

- ▶ Considerably reduce curing and drying times of screeds compared with traditional sand/cement screeds, which require 7-10 days curing per cm of thickness;
- ▶ create distribution joints with a larger pitch, thus reducing the number of expansion joints required in the screed.



Topcem

- ▶ Special quick-drying, shrinkage-compensated hydraulic binder for normal-setting screeds.
- ▶ **Waiting time before installation:**
 - 24 hours for ceramic;
 - 2 days for natural stone;
 - 4 days for resilients and wood.



Mapecem

- ▶ Special rapid-setting and drying, shrinkage-compensated hydraulic binder for screeds.
- ▶ **Waiting time before installation:**
 - 3 hours for ceramic and natural stone;
 - 24 hours for resilients and wood.

READY-MIXED MORTARS for cementitious screeds

ADVANTAGES:

- ▶ Solve the problem of acquisition, storage and quality of raw materials (aggregates, binders, etc.), especially when carrying out rebuilding and renovation work in historic town centres;
- ▶ the final mechanical characteristics of the screed are known prior to installation;
- ▶ guarantee lower drying and curing times whatever type of aggregate is used;
- ▶ prevent dosage and mixing errors often caused by the inexperience of the workforce.



Topcem Pronto

- ▶ Ready-mixed, normal-setting, shrinkage-compensated mortar for quick-drying screeds.
- ▶ **Waiting time before installation:**
 - 24 hours for ceramic;
 - 2 days for natural stone;
 - 4 days for resilients and wood.



Mapecem Pronto

- ▶ Ready-mixed, rapid-drying and hydrating, shrinkage-compensated mortar for screeds.
- ▶ **Waiting time before installation:**
 - 3 hours for ceramic and natural stone;
 - 24 hours for resilients and wood.

SELF-LEVELLING PRODUCTS for internal use



Ultraplan

- ▶ Self-levelling, ultra rapid-hardening smoothing compound applied in layers 1 to 10 mm thick.



Novoplan Maxi

- ▶ Rapid-hardening, fibre-reinforced, free-flowing cementitious levelling mortar with high thermal efficiency applied in layers 3 to 40 mm thick, specifically designed for underfloor heating/cooling systems.

THIXOTROPIC CEMENTITIOUS SMOOTHING COMPOUNDS



Planitop Fast 330



▶ Rapid-setting, fibre-reinforced cementitious mortar applied in layers 3 to 30 mm thick to even out internal and external floors and walls.

▶ **Waiting time before installation:**

- 4 hours for ceramic;
- 24 hours for waterproofing layers.



Adesilex P4



▶ Rapid-hardening cementitious smoothing compound applied in layers 3 to 20 mm thick to even out internal and external floors.



Nivorapid



▶ Ultra rapid-drying, thixotropic, cementitious smoothing compound for internal use applied in layers 1 to 20 mm thick, also suitable for vertical surfaces.



Nivoplan



▶ Smoothing mortar for internal and external walls and ceilings applied in layers 2 to 30 mm thick.



Latex Plus



▶ Latex elasticising admixture mixed with NIVORAPID for levelling off internal substrates in sheet steel, wood, rubber, PVC, etc.



Planicrete



▶ Synthetic latex rubber to improve adhesion and strength of cementitious mortar.

PRIMERS and BONDING PROMOTERS



Eco Prim T



▶ Solvent-free acrylic primer with very low emission of volatile organic compounds (VOC) for absorbent and non-absorbent substrates.



Primer G



▶ Synthetic resin primer in water dispersion with very low content of volatile organic compounds (VOC).



Eco Prim Grip



▶ Ready-to-use, synthetic acrylic resin-based bonding promoter and primer with silica aggregates with very low emission of volatile organic compounds (VOC) for render applied on non-absorbent substrates, skim coats and adhesives for ceramic tiles.



Primer MF



▶ Two-component, solvent-free epoxy primer used as adhesion promoter for products from the MAPEFLOOR line, for consolidating and waterproofing cementitious surfaces against residual moisture and as an anti-dust impregnator on concrete floors.

WATERPROOFING PRODUCTS

More than for any other sector, rather than discussing just a single waterproofing product, we must consider the concept of a WATERPROOFING SYSTEM, comprising a package of products that also have the capacity to protect well known critical areas (such as joints, drainage points, changes in slope, corners and edges).

Bathrooms, swimming pools, wellness centres, balconies and terraces: environments where the interface between the substrate and tiling needs to be waterproofed, with the added advantage of preventing:

- progressive weakening of the substrate;
- the formation of unsightly efflorescence along the joints;
- the risk of tiling becoming detached.

This is why MAPEI has always offered a range of different solutions according to specific application requirements.

WATERPROOFING PRODUCTS

Mapelastic




▶ Two-component elastic cementitious mortar for waterproofing balconies, terraces, bathrooms and swimming pools.

Mapelastic Smart



▶ Two-component, high-elasticity cementitious mortar (with crack-bridging capacity > 2 mm) applied by trowel or roller for waterproofing balconies, terraces, bathrooms and swimming pools.

Monolastic new formula



▶ One-component cementitious waterproofing mortar.

Mapelastic Turbo



▶ Two-component, rapid-drying elastic cementitious mortar for waterproofing terraces and balconies, including at low temperatures and on substrates not completely dry.

Mapelastic AquaDefense



▶ Ready-to-use, ultra rapid-drying, elastic liquid membrane for waterproofing internal and external surfaces.

Mapegum WPS



▶ Rapid-drying elastic liquid membrane for waterproofing internal surfaces.

STRENGTHENING REINFORCEMENT

Mapetex Sel



▶ Macro-perforated, non-woven polypropylene fabric for reinforcing waterproofing membranes.

Mapenet 150



▶ Alkali-resistant glass fibre mesh (in compliance with ETAG 004 guidelines) for reinforcing protective waterproofing layers, anti-fracture membranes and cladding systems.

ACCESSORY COMPONENTS FOR THE SYSTEM

Drain Front



- ▶ TPE angular pipe union for terraces and balconies.

Mapeband



- ▶ Alkali-resistant rubber tape with felt for cementitious waterproofing systems and liquid sheaths.

Mapeband PE 120



- ▶ PVC tape for waterproofing systems made from liquid membrane.

Mapeband TPE



- ▶ TPE tape for flexible sealing and waterproofing of expansion joints and cracks subject to movement.

Drain Vertical/ Drain Lateral

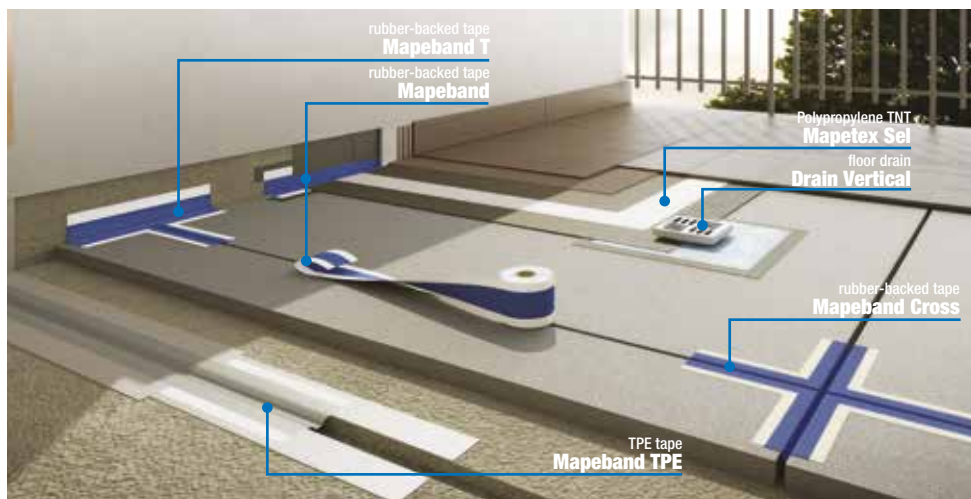


- ▶ Kit for installing floor drains, ideal for draining off water from terraces, balconies, bathrooms, boiler rooms, wash-rooms, etc.

Mapeband SA



- ▶ Self-adhesive butyl tape with alkali-resistant, non-woven fabric for elastic waterproofing systems.



To see how to use these products VISIT OUR WEBSITE at: www.mapei.it



ADHESIVES FOR CERAMIC AND STONE MATERIAL

The performance characteristics of adhesives are identifiable by their classification code according to EN 12004 standards, as illustrated in the following table:

TYPE		ADHESION CLASS		OPTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS	
Cementitious adhesives	C	Normal adhesion	1	Extended open time	E
Dispersion adhesives	D	Improved adhesion	2	Rapid application	F
Reactive adhesives	R			Slip-resistant	T
				Deformable cementitious adhesive	S1
				Highly deformable cementitious adhesive	S2

Mapei bags have a lot to say for themselves

The packaging for Mapei products plays a very important role, with phrases and “talking” icons that provide all the most important information about the product it contains.

Environmental certification GEV (EMICODE EC1 Plus)

Low Dust

Colours available

Product type and classification according to the reference standard

Cementitious (C), improved adhesion (2), slip-resistant (T), extended open time (E) and deformable (S1) adhesive

Advantages:

- high wetting capacity
- lighter packaging
- high content of recycled materials

Helps to gain credits for LEED certification of buildings

Characteristic product details

Product with higher yield compared with adhesives with the same characteristics

Lighter packaging (15 kg) with the same volume as conventional 25 kg bags of adhesive

CE Marking

UltraLite Technology.

Advantages:

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Helps to gain credits for LEED certification of buildings

Characteristic product details

CE Marking

	Certification according to EN 12004	Colours available		Waiting time before grouting		Pot life of mix	Set to foot traffic	Open time	Waiting time before putting into service	Packaging
		White	Grey	Walls	Floors					
NORMAL-SETTING CEMENTITIOUS ADHESIVES										
Adesilex P9	C2 TE	•	•	4-8 hours	24 hours	8 hours	24 hours	> 30 mins.	14 days	5 and 25 kg
Adesilex P10	C2 TE	•		4-8 hours	24 hours	8 hours	24 hours	> 30 mins.	14 days	5 and 25 kg
Adesilex P10 + Isolastic 50%	C2 TE S1	•		4-8 hours	24 hours	8 hours	24 hours	> 30 mins.	14 days	5 and 25 kg
Kerabond	C1	•	•	4-8 hours	24 hours	8 hours	24 hours	> 30 mins.	14 days	5 and 25 kg
Kerabond + Isolastic	C2 E S2	•	•	4-8 hours	24 hours	8 hours	24 hours	> 30 mins.	14 days	5 and 25 kg
Keraflex	C2 TE	•	•	4-6 hours	24 hours	8 hours	24 hours	> 30 mins.	14 days	5 and 25 kg
Keraflex Easy	C2 E	•	•	4-6 hours	24 hours	8 hours	24 hours	> 30 mins.	14 days	25 kg
Keraflex Maxi S1	C2 TE S1	•	•	4-8 hours	24 hours	8 hours	24 hours	> 30 mins.	14 days	25 kg
Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero	C2 TE S1		•	4-8 hours	24 hours	8 hours	24 hours	> 30 mins.	14 days	25 kg
Keraset	C1	•	•	6-8 hours	24 hours	8 hours	24 hours	> 20 mins.	14 days	25 kg
Tixobond White	C1 TE	•		4-8 hours	24 hours	8 hours	24 hours	> 30 mins.	14 days	25 kg
Ultralite S1	C2 TE S1	•	•	4-8 hours	24 hours	8 hours	24 hours	> 30 mins.	14 days	15 kg
Ultralite S2	C2 E S2	•	•	4-8 hours	24 hours	8 hours	24 hours	> 30 mins.	14 days	15 kg
Ultralite Flex	C2 TE	•	•	4-8 hours	24 hours	more than 8 hours	24 hours	> 30 mins.	14 days	15 kg
RAPID-SETTING CEMENTITIOUS ADHESIVES										
Adesilex P4	C2 F		•	4 hours	4 hours	1 hour	4 hours	20 mins.	1 day	25 kg
Elastorapid	C2 FTE S2	•	•	3 hours	3 hours	1 hour	2-3 hours	30 mins.	1 day	31.25 kg
Granirapid	C2 F S1	•	•	3 hours	3 hours	45 mins.	3-4 hours	20 mins.	1 day	30.5 kg
Keraquick S1	C2 FT S1	•	•	2-3 hours	2-3 hours	30 mins.	2-3 hours	20 mins.	1 day	25 kg
Keraquick S1 Zero	C2 FT S1		•	2-3 hours	2-3 hours	30 mins.	2-3 hours	20 mins.	1 day	25 kg
Keraquick S1 + Latex Plus	C2 FT S2	•	•	2-3 hours	2-3 hours	30 mins.	2-3 hours	20 mins.	1 day	25 kg
Keraquick S1 Zero + Latex Plus	C2 FT S2		•	2-3 hours	2-3 hours	30 mins.	2-3 hours	20 mins.	1 day	25 kg
Ultralite S1 Quick	C2 FT S1	•	•	2-3 hours	2-3 hours	50 mins.	2-3 hours	20 mins.	1 day	15 kg
Ultralite S2 Quick	C2 FE S2	•	•	2-3 hours	2-3 hours	50 mins.	2-3 hours	30 mins.	1 day	15 kg
SYNTHETIC RESIN-BASED ADHESIVES										
Adesilex P22	D1 TE	•		24 hours	24 hours	ready to use	48 hours	> 30 mins.	7-14 days	1, 5, 12, 25 kg
Ultramastic III	D2 TE	•		24 hours	24 hours	ready to use	48 hours	> 30 mins.	7 days	1, 5, 12, 25 kg
REACTIVE ADHESIVES										
Keralastic	R2	•	•	12 hours	12 hours	30-40 mins.	12 hours	50 mins.	7 days	5, 10 kg
Keralastic T	R2 T	•	•	12 hours	12 hours	30-40 mins.	12 hours	50 mins.	7 days	5, 10 kg
Ultrabond Eco PU 2K	R2 T	•	•	12 hours	12 hours	20-30 mins.	12 hours	20 mins.	7 days	5, 10 kg
Kerapoxy Adhesive	R2	•	•	-	-	45 mins.	12 hours	60 mins.	2 days	10 kg
Kerapoxy Design	R2	-	-	-	-	45 mins.	24 hours	30 mins.	4 days	3 kg
Kerapoxy	R2 T	-	-	-	-	45 mins.	24 hours	30 mins.	4 days	2, 5, 10 kg

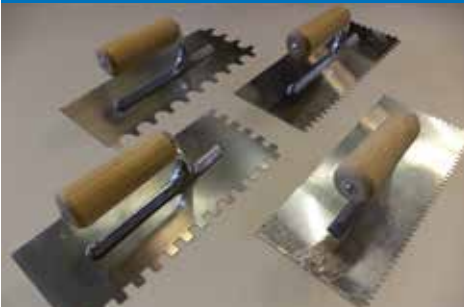
HOW TO PREPARE AND APPLY ADHESIVE

Preparation of the mix



- Mix the powdered adhesive with the required amount of water or latex and for long enough to form a smooth, lump-free mix.
- Leave the adhesive mix to stand for at least 5 minutes and then mix again briefly before spreading.
- Only mix the amount of adhesive that can be used within its workability time.
- Never add water and/or re-mix the adhesive once it has started to set.

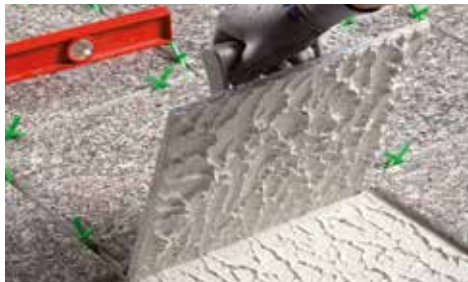
Choosing the right trowel and applying the adhesive



- Apply the adhesive with a suitable notched trowel so that the right amount of adhesive is applied and to guarantee the back of the tile is wetted correctly. The amount of adhesive required varies according to the area of final use, the roughness of the substrate and the format of the tiles.
- If the open time of the adhesive is exceeded (already applied to the substrate), but is still soft when pressed lightly with a finger, it may still be used by going over the surface with a notched trowel. This operation must not be carried out once the adhesive has started to set.

Wetting properties of the adhesive

Use adhesive with high wetting properties such as **Ultralite** or **Keraflex Easy**, or self-wetting adhesive such as **Adesilex P4** for good wetting of the back of the tiles (bonding large formats, slim tiles, bonding on external surfaces, etc.).



Double-buttering

Apply the adhesive on the substrate and on the back of the tiles, making sure there is a seamless layer of adhesive when bonding on façades, for large formats (longest side more than 60 cm), on heated surfaces or in environments subjected to high mechanical or thermal-hygro-metric stresses.



CHARACTERISTICS OF ADHESIVES ACCORDING TO UNI 12004 STANDARDS

An important addition to UNI 11493 is contained in appendix D, a schematic summary of the minimum requirements of adhesives (in compliance with EN 12004) according to the following factors:

1. Type and format of the material
2. Type and characteristics of the substrate
3. Final use
4. Work execution restraints and requirements
5. Exposure of the surface

The main differences between the various adhesives are the following parameters:

Extended open time

Use **adhesives with extended open time** (class E according to EN 12004) when bonding in unfavourable climatic conditions (wind, high temperatures, low humidity, absorbent substrates, etc.).



Vertical slip

Use **adhesives with low vertical slip** (class T according to EN 12004) when bonding on walls.



Deformability of the adhesive

Use **deformable adhesive** (class S1 or S2 according to EN 12004) with the capacity of absorbing the stresses generated between the tiles and bonding surface without damaging the tiles when required (bonding on substrates subjected to vibrations or flexion, bonding on external surfaces, etc.).



Rapid bonding

Use **rapid-setting adhesive** (class F according to EN 12004) when the time required before putting the tiling into service needs to be reduced.



GROUTING THE TILES

The performance characteristics of grouts are identifiable by their classification code according to EN 13888 standards, as illustrated in the following table:

Reactive grouts	RG	–	Mixture of synthetic resins, aggregates and organic and inorganic admixtures where hardening takes place through a chemical reaction
Cementitious grouts	CG	Class 1	Cementitious mortar for normal joints
		Class 2	Cementitious mortar for improved joints with high resistance to abrasion (A) and reduced water absorption (W)

Mapei packaging has a lot to say for itself

Ultracolor Plus 114

- Reference standard: CGZWA
- Colours available
- Environmental certification GEV (EMICODE EC1 Plus)
- CE Marking (EN 12004)
- Bioblock and Drop Effect technology
- Characteristic product details
- The SURE, mould-proof joint

Kerapoxy CG

- Colours available
- Bioblock technology
- Reference standard
- Type and classification of the product
- Helps to gain credits for LEED certification of buildings
- The acid-proof, EASY to CLEAN joint

Mapei technology



DropEffect® technology, developed by MAPEI, is based on the use of special polymers that allow surfaces to be created which attract less dirt characterised by their high water repellence and excellent durability.



BioBlock® technology, developed by MAPEI, consists in special organic molecules which, by distributing themselves homogeneously in the micro-structure of the joints, block the formation of the micro-organisms which cause mould to grow in the presence of damp.

	EN 13888	DropEffect®	BioBlock®	Width of joint permitted	Application temperature	Pot-life of mix	Waiting time before finishing	Set to foot traffic	Ready for service	Packaging
CEMENTITIOUS GROUTS										
Ultracolor Plus	CG2WA	•	•	2 to 20 mm	+5 to +35°C	20-25 mins.	15-30 mins.	3 hours	24 hours	1, 5 and 23 kg
Keracolor SF*	CG2WA			up to 4 mm	+5 to +35°C	24 hours	approx. 2 hours	10-20 mins.	7 days	5 and 22 kg
Keracolor FF*	CG2WA	•		up to 6 mm	+5 to +35°C	24 hours	approx. 2 hours	10-20 mins.	7 days	5 and 25 kg
Keracolor GG*	CG2WA			3 to 15 mm	+5 to +35°C	24 hours	approx. 2 hours	10-20 mins.	7 days	5 and 25 kg
Keracolor PPN	CG2WA			–	+5 to +25°C	20 mins.	–	6 hours	3-7 days	25 kg
EPOXY GROUTS										
Kerapoxy	RG	–	–	min. 3 mm	+12 to +30°C	45 mins.	–	24 hours	4 days	2, 5 and 10 kg
Kerapoxy CQ	RG	–	•	min. 2 mm	+12 to +30°C	45 mins.	–	12 hours	3 days	3 and 10 kg
Kerapoxy Design	RG	–	–	2 to 7 mm	+12 to +30°C	45 mins.	–	24 hours	4 days	3 kg
Kerapoxy P	RG	–	–	min. 3 mm	+12 to +30°C	45 mins.	–	24 hours	4 days	10 kg
Kerapoxy IEG	RG	–	–	min. 3 mm	+12 to +30°C	45 mins.	–	24 hours	4 days	10 kg
READY-TO-USE GROUTING PASTES										
Fix & Grout Brick	–		•	–	+5 to +30°C	ready to use	–	–	–	5 and 12 kg
Flexcolor	–	•	•	2 to 10 mm	+5 to +35°C		10-15 mins.	48 hours	7 days	5 kg

* Product mixed with water or FUGOLASTIC

And to give existing cementitious joints a new lease of life...

Fuga Fresca

Acrylic resin-based paint in water dispersion to bring back the colour of tile joints in ceramic tiles.



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JOINTS



HOW TO GROUT JOINTS

Before grouting joints, whatever type of mortar is used, wait until the adhesive has completely hardened and that the waiting times indicated in the relative Technical Data Sheet have been respected. The joints must be clean, free of all traces of dust and empty for at least two thirds of their thickness.

CEMENTITIOUS grouts



Pour the powdered grout into a clean container of water or latex while mixing according to the quantities indicated on the Technical Data Sheet. Use a mixer at low-speed to form a smooth paste. Leave it to stand for 2-3 minutes and quickly mix again before use.



Apply the grout in the joints in the wall and/or floor tiles using the appropriate MAPEI trowel or rubber spreader without leaving any gaps or uneven areas. Remove the excess grout from the surface of the tiles by passing the trowel or spreader diagonally to the joints while the grout is still wet.



When the grout loses its elasticity and becomes opaque, wash off any excess grout with a damp cellulose sponge (such as a MAPEI sponge) working diagonally to the joints. Rinse the sponge frequently using two separate containers of water: one to rinse the excess grout from the sponge and a second container with clean water to rinse the sponge.



Finish off the joints when the grout is partially hardened using an abrasive grout pad (such as a damp *Scotch-Brite*® pad along the joints to even out the surface). A single-head sander with a special felt disk may also be used for this operation. If the joints are cleaned too soon (while the grout is still plastic) the grout may be pulled from the joints and leave gaps, which could then change colour more easily.



If the surface of the tiles is still dirty with traces of grout because it has not been applied correctly, an acid-based cleaner may be used (such as *Keranet*) at least 24 hours after grouting the joints. Only use *Keranet* on acid-resistant surfaces and never on marble or limestone.

EPOXY grouts



Pour all the catalyser (component B) into the container of component A and blend together with a mixer at low-speed to form a smooth paste. Never use partial quantities of the components otherwise the grout may not harden correctly. When using **Kerapoxy Design**, various amounts of **MapeGlitter** may be added according to the effect required.



Apply the mix carefully in the joints (which must be dry prior to application) using a special MAPEI trowel, making sure the joints are completely filled to the bottom. Remove excess material by passing the edge of the same trowel diagonally over the tile joints.



Epoxy grout must be cleaned while still "wet". Wet the grouted surface and emulsify using a **Scotch-Brite®** pad, taking care not to remove grout from inside the joint. Clean the tiling with the same type of pad, but saturated with more water.



Remove any excess liquid from the surface with a hard, cellulose sponge (such as a MAPEI sponge). Replace the sponge when it is too impregnated with resin. It is important that there are no traces of grout on the surface of the tiling after the cleaning operation. Once hardened it is very difficult to remove, which is why the sponge must be rinsed frequently.



The final cleaning operation may be carried out using **Kerapoxy Cleaner**, a special cleaning agent for epoxy grout. This product may also be used to remove light traces of grout several hours after application. In such cases, the product may be left to react for longer (at least 15-20 minutes). The efficiency of **Kerapoxy Cleaner** depends on the amount of resin residues and how much time has passed since application. Cleaning must always be carried out while the product is still "wet" as described above.

SEALANTS FOR ELASTIC JOINTS

MAPEI offers a complete range of silicone sealants in compliance with the requirements of the reference standard for products used to form elastic seals in joints: **EN ISO 11600** "Jointing products - Classification and requirements for sealants".



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ELASTIC SEALANTS



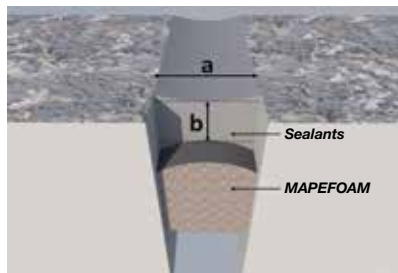
	Description and main areas of use	BioBlock®	Paintable	Type of application		Elongation in service	Packaging
				Hi-flow	Thixotropic		
Mapesil AC	Pure acetic silicone sealant, ideal for floor joints and ceramic tiling in damp environments and swimming pools	•			•	25%	310 ml
Mapesil LM	Neutral silicone sealant, ideal for joints in natural stone tiling and façades	•			•	25%	310 ml
Mapesil Z Plus	Pure acetic silicone sealant, ideal for fillet joints between bathroom fittings, shower booths and sinks				•	20%	280 ml
Mapeflex PU20	Two-component epoxy-polyurethane sealant ideal for industrial floors, car-parks, garages, courtyards and commercial areas			•		10%	5 and 10 kg
Mapeflex PU21	Two-component epoxy-polyurethane sealant ideal for internal joints in covered car parks, supermarkets, warehouses and storage areas			•		5%	5 and 10 kg
Mapeflex PU30	Two-component epoxy-polyurethane sealant ideal for vertical and horizontal joints in car-parks, garages, courtyards, commercial areas and warehouses				•	10%	5 and 10 kg
Mapeflex PU40	One-component polyurethane sealant ideal for expansion and fillet joints on pre-fabricated buildings and traditional and ventilated façades		•		•	25%	300 and 600 ml
Mapeflex PU45	One-component polyurethane sealant and adhesive ideal for sealing joints in civil and industrial floors		•		•	20%	300 and 600 ml
Mapeflex PU50 SL	One-component polyurethane sealant ideal for civil and industrial floors, shopping centres, car-parks and runways		•	•		25%	600 ml and 12 kg
Mapeflex MS45	Hybrid elastic sealant and adhesive ideal for sealing joints in civil and industrial floors, suitable also for damp substrates		•		•	20%	300 ml

SIZE OF THE JOINT

The size of joints is fundamental and its importance is often underestimated. The **width of the joint (a)**, which refers to the distance between the two sides, must be dimensioned according to the amount of expansion in the tiles and must never be less than 5 mm.

To set the depth of the joint and prevent sealant adhering to the bottom, insert **Mapefoam** closed-cell, extruded foam polyethylene cord, supplied in rolls in various lengths according to the diameter of the cord, at the bottom of the joint. The **depth (b)** of the joint must be according to the following table:

a - width of joint	b - depth of joint
from 0 to 4 [mm]	increase the width of the joint
from 5 to 9 [mm]	$b = a$
from 10 to 20 [mm]	$b = 10$ [mm]
from 21 to 40 [mm]	$b = a/2$ [mm]
> 40 [mm]	reduce the width of the joint



HOW TO SEAL ELASTIC JOINTS

Joints must be sealed as follows:



All the surfaces to be sealed must be dry, sound and free of all traces of substances that could affect adhesion of the sealant.



Place masking tape along the edges of the joint to make it easier to clean the tiles.



Insert **Mapefoam** cord in the joint to set the correct depth and to make sure the sealant sticks only to the sides of the joint and not to the bottom.



Apply primer with a brush on the surface of the areas of the joint to be sealed and leave it to dry for a few minutes.



Cut the tip off the cartridge and insert the cartridge in a sealant extrusion gun to extrude and apply the appropriate MAPEI sealant in the joint protected with masking tape.



Finish off the surface of the sealant with a suitable damp tool or a tool dipped in soapy water before skin forms on the surface. Remove the masking tape from along the sides of the joint.

SEALING CRITICAL AREAS



Seal around the grate of floor drains with **Mapesil AC**.



Sealing in correspondence with skirting board-wall fillet joints with **Mapesil AC**.

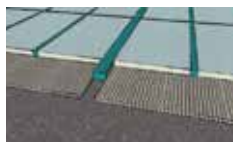


Seal joints in stone and on external façades with **Mapesil LM**.

TYPES OF JOINT COVERED BY UNI 11493 ITALIAN STANDARDS



Structural joints: joints created in correspondence with joints in the structure, they must include both the ceramic tiling and the entire thickness of the substrate.



Expansion joints: joints in the ceramic tiling only, they split the tiling into smaller pitch areas and limit the mechanical stresses due to temperature changes, for example.



Distribution joints: joints that go through the ceramic tiling and 1/3 of the thickness of the substrate to limit the mechanical stresses caused by movements of the building and members.



Perimeter joints: joints around the edge of tiling, for example floor tiles which border with vertical elements such as pillars, walls and kerbs.

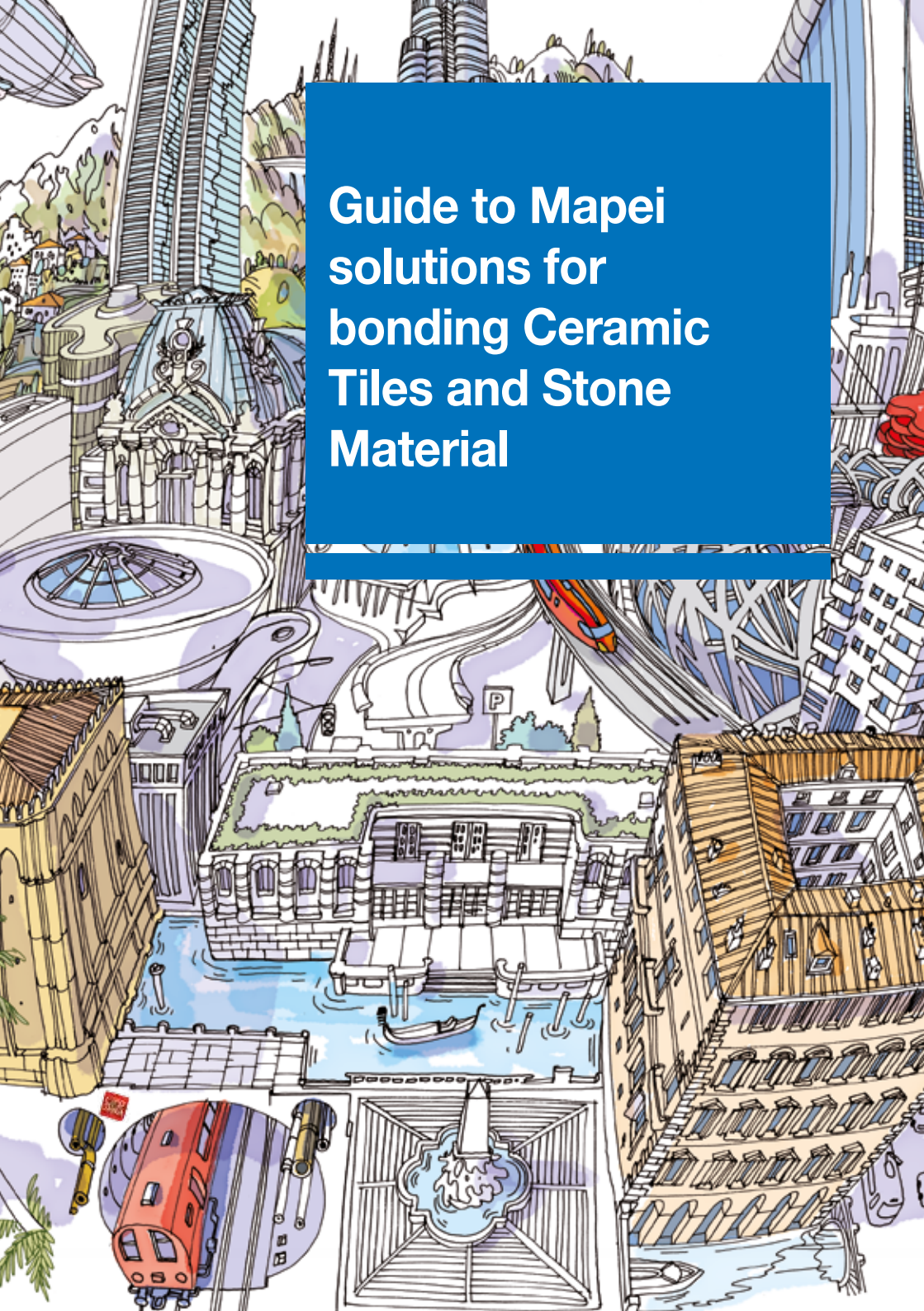
Mapei Coloured Grouts

		SEALANTS		CEMENTITIOUS GROUTS			POLYMER GROUTS	EPOXY GROUTS					
		<i>Mapefil AC</i>	<i>Mapefil LM</i>	<i>UltraColor Plus</i>	<i>Keracolor FF</i>	<i>Keracolor GG</i>	<i>Flexcolor</i>	<i>Kerapoxy</i>	<i>Kerapoxy P</i>	<i>Kerapoxy IEG</i>	<i>Kerapoxy CQ</i>	<i>Kerapoxy Design</i>	<i>MapeGitter</i>
100	WHITE	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
103	MOON WHITE <small>new</small>	•		•									•
110	MANHATTAN 2000	•	•	•	•	•			•				•
111	SILVER GREY	•		•	•	•	•		•			•	•
282	BARDIGLIO GREY											•	
112	MID GREY	•	•	•	•	•			•				
113	CEMENT GREY	•	•	•	•	•			•	•		•	•
114	ANTHRACITE	•	•	•	•	•			•			•	•
120	BLACK	•	•	•	•	•			•			•	•
130	JASMINE	•	•	•	•	•			•		•	•	•
290	CREAM											•	
131	VANILLA	•		•	•	•			•				
132	BEIGE 2000	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			•	•
160	MAGNOLIA	•		•	•	•			•		•		
133	SAND <small>new</small>	•		•									•
134	SILK <small>new</small>	•		•									•
135	GOLDEN DUST <small>new</small>	•		•									•
142	BROWN	•		•	•	•			•				•
141	CARAMEL	•		•	•	•			•				
140	CORAL	•		•	•	•			•				
145	TERRA DI SIENA	•		•	•	•			•				
143	TERRACOTTA	•		•					•				
147	CAPPUCCINO											•	
136	MUD <small>new</small>	•		•									•
144	CHOCOLATE	•		•	•	•			•				
146	DARK CHOCOLATE											•	
149	VOLCANIC SAND <small>new</small>	•		•									•
174	TORNADO <small>new</small>	•		•									•
170	CROCUS BLUE	•		•	•	•			•			•	
172	SPACE BLUE	•		•					•				
171	TURQUOISE	•		•					•				
173	OCEAN BLUE											•	
283	SEA BLUE											•	
182	TOURMALINE											•	
181	JADE GREEN	•		•	•	•			•			•	
183	LIME											•	

The colours illustrated are for demonstration purposes only and may vary due to print limitations.

Mapei Coloured Grouts		SEALANTS		CEMENTITIOUS GROUTS			POLYMER GROUTS			EPOXY GROUTS			
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150	YELLOW	•		•				•					
151	MUSTARD										•		
162	VIOLA	•		•				•					
163	LILAC										•		
165	CHERRY RED										•		
999	TRANSPARENT	•	•										
700	TRANSLUCENT												•
799	WHITE												•
710	ICE WHITE												•
728	DARK GREY												•
729	SAHARA												•
731	DARK BROWN												•
720	PEARL GREY												•
760	GOLD												•
750	RED												•
730	TURQUOISE												•
740	BLUE												•
	<i>LIGHT GOLD</i>												
	<i>SILVER</i>												
Grout Selection				CEMENTITIOUS GROUTS			POLYMER GROUTS			EPOXY GROUTS			
103	MOON WHITE <small>new</small>	•		•								•	
110	MANHATTAN 2000	•		•								•	
111	SILVER GREY	•		•								•	
113	CEMENT GREY	•		•								•	
114	ANTHRACITE	•		•								•	
130	JASMINE	•		•								•	
132	BEIGE 2000	•		•								•	
133	SAND <small>new</small>	•		•								•	
134	SILK <small>new</small>	•		•								•	
135	GOLDEN DUST <small>new</small>	•		•								•	
142	BROWN	•		•								•	
136	MUD <small>new</small>	•		•								•	
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174	TORNADO <small>new</small>	•		•								•	

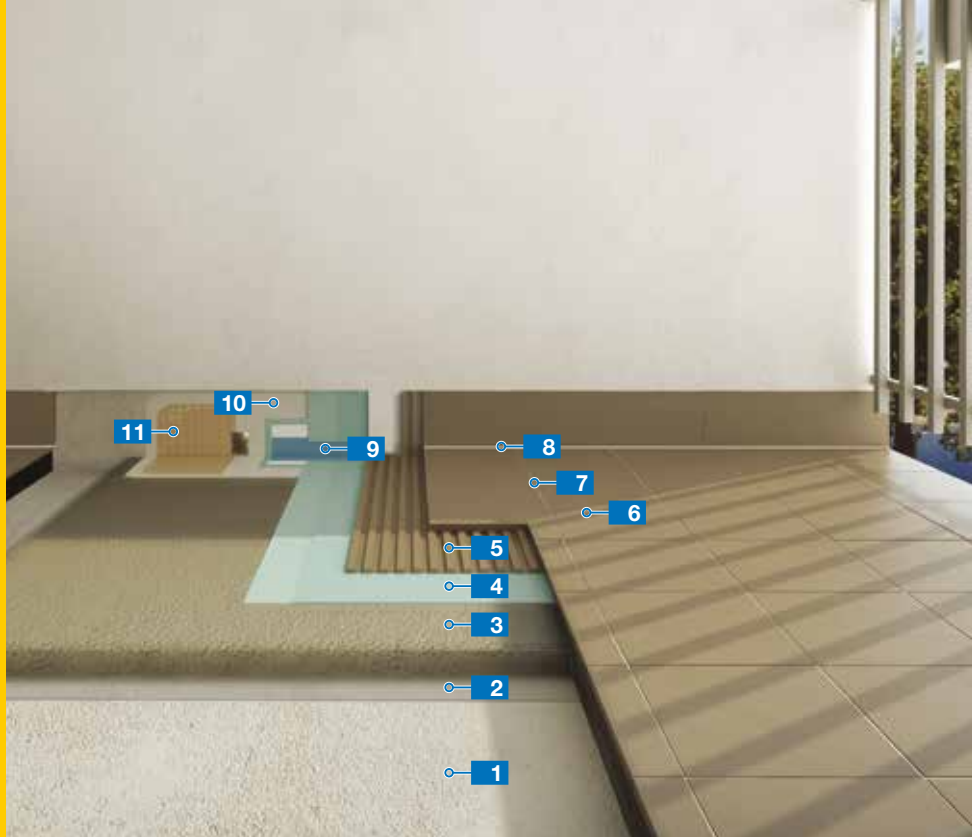
Grout Selection: a choice of colours for grouting mortars with an unrivalled effect









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solutions for
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Tiles and Stone
Material**

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1 Rapid system for waterproofing and bonding ceramic on balconies

- 1** Concrete substrate
CONCRETE
Vaga RCK 37
- 2** Bonding slurry made from
Planicrete
- 3** Screed
Topcem Pronto

- 4** Ready-to-use waterproofing product (2 coats)
Mapelastic AquaDefense

- 5** Adhesive
Elastorapid

- 6** Ceramic tiles
- 7** Grouting
Ultracolor Plus

- 8** Sealant
Mapesil AC

- 9** Rubber-backed tape
Mapeband
- 10** Epoxy adhesive
Adesilex PG4 broadcast with
Quartz 0.5

- 11** Wall drain
Drain Front



MAKING the BONDED SCREED

If a screed less than 4 cm thick needs to be made, it is important to apply **Topcem Pronto** in adherence with the substrate over a wet coat of epoxy resin such as **Eporip** or cementitious bonding slurry made from **Planicrete**, water and cement at a ratio of 1:1:3.



WATERPROOFING SYSTEM

When the screed is dry and cured, waterproof the surface by applying two criss-cross coats of **Mapelastic AquaDefense** with a roller, brush or trowel. Waterproof the fillets between horizontal/vertical surfaces and joints using **Mapeband**. Install the wall drain using a **Drain Front** kit sanded down to roughen the surface prior to embedding it in two layers of **Adesilex PG4**.



BONDING the TILES

“Rapid” bonding of the tiles may be carried out using rapid-setting, deformable cementitious adhesive (compatible with the elastic layer of **Mapelastic AquaDefense**), such as **Elastorapid**, **Granirapid** or **Ultralite S1 Quick**.



GROUTING the TILES

Once the adhesive has hardened, grout the tiles with **Ultracolor Plus**, rapid-setting and hardening, anti-efflorescence, water-repellent grout.











SEALING the JOINTS

Seal the joints, changes in slope, corners and edges with a suitable elastic sealant such as **Mapesil AC** after setting the depth of the sealant with **Mapefoam**.





2 System for waterproofing and bonding ceramic in bathrooms and damp rooms

- 1** Concrete substrate
- 2** Isolating layer
- 3** Screed
Topcem Pronto

- 4** Ready-to-use waterproofing product
Mapegum WPS (2 coats)

- 5** Adhesive
Keraflex

- 6** Ceramic tiles
- 7** Grouting
Kerapoxy CQ

- 8** Sealant
Mapesil AC

- 9** Rubber-backed tape
Mapeband PE 120
- 10** Plasterboard
- 11** Ready-to-use waterproofing product
Mapegum WPS (2 coats)

- 12** Adhesive
Ultramastic III

- 13** Ceramic tiles
- 14** Grouting
Keracolor FF

- 15** Sealant
Mapesil Z Plus



MAKING the ISOLATED SCREED

Make the isolated screed by laying a vapour barrier and a sufficiently thick layer (more than 4 cm) of **Topcem Pronto** ready-mixed mortar. The rapid drying time of this product allows tiling to be bonded after 24 hours.



WATERPROOFING SYSTEM

After preparing the substrate as specified, apply two criss-cross coats of **Mapegum WPS** with a trowel, roller or brush to form a thick, elastic, seamless film. Waterproof the fillet joints between horizontal/vertical surfaces and joints with an elastic waterproofing product such as **Mapeband PE 120**. **Mapegum WPS** may also be applied on walls if the surface has been correctly prepared.



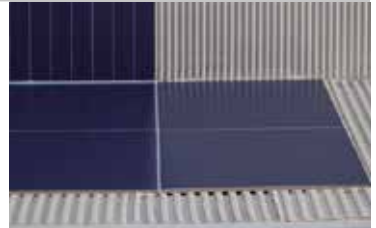
BONDING the TILES

When the **Mapegum WPS** has dried bond the wall and floor tiles with a cementitious adhesive such as **Keraflex** and with **Ultramastic III** on plasterboard waterproofed with **Mapegum WPS**.



GROUTING the TILES

When the adhesive has hardened, grout the tiles with **Kerapoxy CQ** two-component, easy-to-apply, anti-acid epoxy filler with excellent cleanability, or alternatively with **Ultracolor Plus** or **Keracolor FF**.








SEALING the JOINTS

Seal the joints, changes in slope, corners and edges with a suitable elastic sealant such as **Mapesil AC** after setting the depth of the sealant with **Mapefoam**. Seal the fillet joints between bathroom fittings and tiling, shower booths, etc. with an elastic sealant such as **Mapesil Z Plus**.





3 System for bonding ceramic on heated screeds and soundproofed screeds

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <p>1 Concrete substrate</p> <p>2 Soundproofing membrane
<i>Mapesilent Comfort</i></p> <p>3 Soundproofing strips
<i>Mapesilent Band R</i></p> <p>4 Soundproofing tape
<i>Mapesilent Tape</i></p> <p>5 Vapour barrier</p> | <p>6 Under-floor heating system</p> <p>7 Screed
<i>Topcem Pronto</i>
</p> <p>8 Adhesive
<i>Keraflex Maxi S1 zero</i>
</p> <p>9 Porcelain tiles</p> <p>10 Grouting
<i>Keracolor FF</i>
</p> | <p>11 Sealant
<i>Mapesil AC</i>
</p> <p>12 Skim/smoothing layer
<i>Planitop 560</i>
</p> <p>13 Primer
<i>Malech</i></p> <p>14 Finishing product
<i>Colorite Performance</i></p> |
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Under-SCREED SOUNDPROOFING SYSTEM

When the substrate is dry, lay out rolls of **Mapesilent Comfort** and seal all the overlaps with **Mapesilent Tape** soundproofing tape. Apply **Mapesilent Band R** along the bottom of the perimeter walls and around elements passing through the screed and seal the joints with **Mapesilent Tape**.



RADIATING SCREED

After laying a vapour barrier over the soundproofing material and installing the heating/cooling system, make the heated screed using **Topcem Pronto**, ramming the mortar around the pipework through which the water for the heating system flows. The thickness of the screed over the heating elements must be at least 3 cm, with metal mesh positioned at the mid-point to help distribute the stresses more evenly.



BONDING the PORCELAIN TILES

When the screed is dry, run the heating system (according to 1264-4 standards) and then bond the tiles using a deformable cementitious adhesive (class S1 according to EN 12004) such as **Keraflex Maxi S1 zero**, **Ultralite S1** or **Kerabond** mixed with **Isolastic**.



GROUTING the TILES

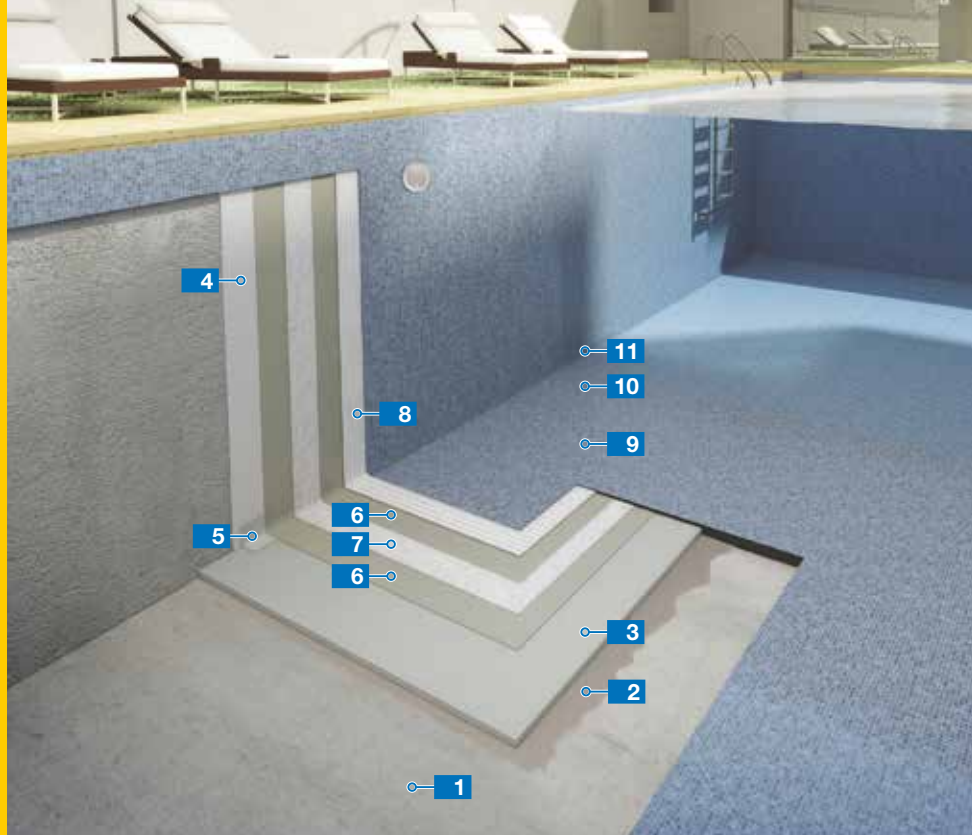
When the adhesive has hardened, grout the tiles with cementitious mortar such as **Ultracolor Plus** or **Keracolor FF**. After grouting the tiles trim the excess portions of the **Mapesilent Band R** strip.



SEALING the JOINTS

Seal the joints and the skirting board with a suitable sealant such as **Mapesil AC**. Make sure the skirting board is not in direct contact with the flooring to get the best soundproofing effect from the system.





4 System for waterproofing and bonding glass mosaic in swimming pools

- 1** Reinforced cement structure
- 2** Bonding slurry
Planicrete
- 3** Underfloor
Planitop Fast 330 or
Topcem Pronto bonded
- 4** Smoothing compound
Planitop Fast 330
- 5** Monolithic sealing of the coping to the substrate
Eporip + Mapegrout 430
- 6** Cementitious waterproofer
Mapelastik Smart
- 7** Polypropylene TNT
Mapetex Sel
- 8** Adhesive
Adesilex P10 + Isolastic
- 9** Glass mosaics
- 10** Grouting
Kerapoxy Design
- 11** Sealant
Mapesil AC



PREPARATION of the SUBSTRATE

Even out the surface of the substrate (well cured and mechanically strong with no traces of form-release compound), for both walls and floors, with **Planitop Fast 330**. Alternatively, even out the surface of floors with **Topcem Pronto** bonded to the substrate with **Eporip**. Form coving around the perimeter made from **Mapegrout 430** bonded to the substrate with **Eporip**.



WATERPROOFING SYSTEM

After evening out the vertical and horizontal surfaces, waterproof the surfaces prepared as specified with two coats of **Mapelastic Smart** reinforced with **Mapetex Sel** non-woven fabric. The total thickness of the waterproofing layer must be at least 2 mm.



BONDING the GLASS MOSAIC

Bond the glass mosaic in swimming pools with **Adesilex P10** cementitious adhesive mixed with **Isolastic** latex at a ratio of 1:1 with water. This adhesive stands out from the others for its high white balance which makes it particularly suitable for bonding glass mosaics.



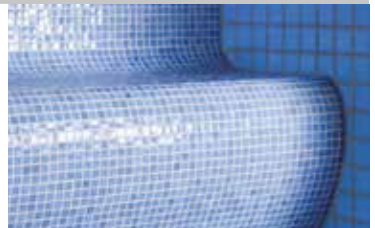
GROUTING the TILES

When the adhesive has hardened, grout the mosaic with **Kerapoxy Design** acid-resistant, decorative, translucent epoxy mortar.



SEALING the JOINTS

Apply **Mapesil AC** elastic sealant in correspondence with the edges, corners, joints and changes in slope.





5 System for bonding strips of terracotta on walls and overlaying porcelain tiles on existing floors

- 1** Substrate
Old tiles
- 2** Adhesive
Keraflex or **Ultralite Flex**
- 3** Tiles
Porcelain tiles
- 4** Grouting
Ultracolor Plus
- 5** Sealant
Mapesil AC
- 6** Render
Nivoplan + Planicrete
- 7** Adhesive and grouting
Fix & Grout Brick
- 8** Material
Terracotta strips (blocks)



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LEVELLING OFF and PREPARING the SUBSTRATE

Repair areas of detached render with **Nivoplan** mixed with **Planicrete** or with **Planitop Fast 330**. Before overlaying old ceramic flooring (with no cracks and well bonded to the substrate) clean the surface with a suitable dewaxing product or caustic soda diluted in water or sand the surface of the tiles.



BONDING the PORCELAIN TILES and STRIPS of TERRACOTTA

Class 2 MAPEI cementitious adhesives according to EN 12004 standards, such as **Keraflex**, bond well to the flooring as long as there are no materials or substances that could affect its adhesion (dust, oil, wax, etc.). Use **Fix & Grout Brick** adhesive to bond strips of terracotta and ornamental elements in lightweight cementitious conglomerate.



GROUTING the TILES

Smooth over traces of **Fix & Grout Brick** applied on walls with a damp brush to grout the gaps between the strips of terracotta. Grout the porcelain floor tiles, on the other hand, with cementitious mortar such as **Ultracolor Plus**.



SEALING the JOINTS

Seal the joints, changes in slope, corners and edges with a suitable elastic sealant such as **Mapesil AC** after setting the depth of the sealant with **Mapefoam**.





6 System for bonding large, thin ceramic tiles on façades and installing porphyry block flooring

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| <p>1 Substrate
Concrete</p> <p>2 Isolating layer
Non-woven fabric</p> <p>3 Installation mortar
Mapestone TFB 60</p> <p>4 Material
Porphyry</p> <p>5 Grouting
Mapestone PFS 2</p> | <p>6 Sealant
Mapesil LM</p> <p>7 Render
Into+ Vaga</p> <p>8 Adhesive
Ultralite S2 Quick</p> <p>9 Grouting
Ultracolor Plus</p> | <p>10 Slim porcelain tiles</p> <p>11 Sealant
Mapesil LM</p> |
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PREPARATION of the SUBSTRATE

Render must be clean, well cured, dry, flat and sound and with sufficient pull-off strength. Repair detached areas of render with **Into+** made by **Vaga**. The pull-off strength of the render must be at least 1 N/mm².



BONDING SLIM PORCELAIN TILES on FACADES

In order to bond tiles on façades, particularly large slim tiles, it is very important to use deformable adhesive (class S1 or S2 according to EN 12004) such as **Ultralite S2** applied using the double-buttering technique so that there are no gaps on the back of the tiles.



GROUTING the TILES

The joints must be at least 5 mm wide and may be grouted with **Ultracolor Plus** rapid-setting and hardening, anti-efflorescence, water-repellent cementitious mortar.



SEALING the JOINTS

Seal all the corners, edges and expansion joints (dimensioned according to the pitch of the tiles) using a product with low modulus of elasticity and low dirt pick up, such as **Mapesil LM**.



ARCHITECTONIC STONE FLOORS

The **Mapestone** system is used to make architectonic stone floors (made from small blocks, smaller bricks, cobblestones, etc.).





7 Mapetherm Tile System for bonding thin porcelain tiles on thermal cladding systems

- 1 Substrate
CONCRETE Vaga RCK 37
- 2 Isolating layer
Non-woven fabric
- 3 Installation mortar
Mapestone TFB 60
- 4 Bonding slurry made from
Planicrete
- 5 Paving
- 6 Grouting
Mapestone PFS 2
- 7 Sealant
Mapesil LM
- 8 Substrate
Structural concrete
Into+ Vaga
- 9 Adhesive **Mapetherm AR1**

ETA 04/0061 - ETA 10/0024
- ETA 10/0025
- 10 Insulating panel
Mapetherm EPS
ETA 10/0025
- 11 Structural render
Planitop HDM Maxi
- 12 AR glass fibre mesh
Mapegrid G 120
- 13 Fasteners
Mapetherm Tile Fix 15
- 14 Structural render
Planitop HDM Maxi
- 15 Adhesive
Ultralite S2
- 16 Slim porcelain tiles
- 17 Grouting
Keracolor GG + Fugolastic
Large slim porcelain tiles
- 18 Sealant
Mapesil LM



BONDING the INSULATING PANELS

On a clean, well-cured, dry substrate with sufficient pull-off strength (1 N/mm²), bond the **Mapetherm EPS** insulating panels (or alternatively **Mapetherm XPS**) with **Mapetherm AR1** cementitious adhesive applied using the double-buttering technique (over all the surface of the panel and on the substrate).



REINFORCED RENDER

Form a layer of structural render over the insulating panels (around 1 cm thick) made from **Planitop HDM Maxi** two-component fibre-reinforced mortar with **Mapegrid G 120** A.R. glass fibre mesh embedded in the mortar. Stainless steel **Mapetherm Tile Fix 15** fasteners, with the washers positioned over the mesh, complete the support system for the ceramic covering.



BONDING the THIN PORCELAIN TILES

Bond the thin porcelain tiles (maximum size 50x150 cm) with highly deformable adhesive (class S2 according to EN 12004) such as **Ultralite S2** applied using the double-buttering technique.



GROUTING the TILES

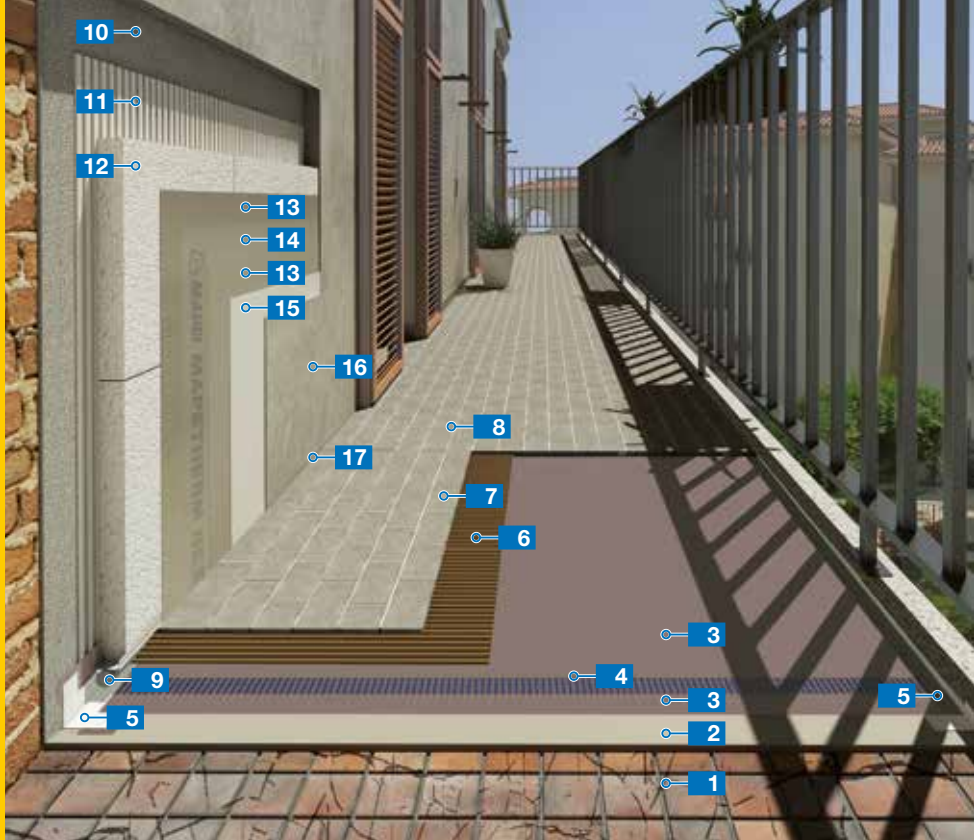
The joints must be at least 5 mm wide and may be grouted with a cementitious product such as **Keracolor GG** mixed with the polymer admixture **Fugolastic**.



SEALING the JOINTS









Seal all the corners, edges and expansion joints (dimensioned according to the pitch of the tiles) using a product with low modulus of elasticity and low dirt pick up, such as **Mapesil LM**.





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Rapid system for repairing and waterproofing old terraces without demolition

- 1** Old ceramic tiles
- 2** Smoothing compound
Adesilex P4

- 3** Waterproofer
Mapelastic Turbo

- 4** Glass fibre mesh
Mapenet 150
- 5** Self-adhesive tape
Mapeband SA
- 6** Adhesive
Elastorapid

- 7** Klinker
- 8** Grouting
Ultracolor Plus

- 9** Polyurethane foam cord
Mape foam + Sealant
Mapesil AC

- 10** Smoothing compound
Mapetherm AR1 Light
- 11** Adhesive
Mapetherm AR1 Light
- 12** Insulating layer
Mapetherm EPS
ETA 10/0025
- 13** Smoothing compound
Mapetherm AR1 Light
- 14** Glass fibre mesh
Mapetherm Net
- 15** Hygenizing siloxane base coat
Silancolor Primer Plus

- 16** Hygenizing wall coating
Elastocolor Tonachino Plus 1.2 mm

- 17** Sealant
Mapeflex PU45




LEVELLING OFF and PREPARING the SUBSTRATE

Smooth over the old flooring with **Adesilex P4** after cleaning the surface with a suitable detergent and/or by abrading the surface with power tools.



WATERPROOFING SYSTEM

Waterproof the surface by applying two criss-cross coats of **Mapelastick Turbo** over the smoothing layer with a trowel, roller, brush or by spray to form a thick, elastic, seamless film. Waterproof the fillets between horizontal/vertical surfaces and joints using **Mapeband SA** self-adhesive tape or alternatively with **Mapeband**.



BONDING the FLOORING

Bond the tiles with a sufficiently deformable adhesive (compatible with the elastic layer of **Mapelastick Turbo**) such as **Keraflex Maxi S1** or, as an alternative, **Elastorapid**.



GROUTING the TILES

When the adhesive has hardened, grout the tiles with a cementitious product such as **Ultracolor Plus** or, as an alternative, **Keracolor GG** mixed with the polymer admixture **Fugolastic**.



SEALING the JOINTS

Seal the joints, corners and edges with a suitable elastic sealant such as **Mapesil AC** after setting the depth of the sealant with **Mapefoam**.





9 System for waterproofing and bonding ceramic on terraces and flat roofs by overlaying existing flooring and for bonding natural stone on façades

- 1** Substrate
Old ceramic tiles
- 2** Closing holes with
Planitop Fast 330
- 3** Smoothing compound
Adesilex P4
- 4** Cementitious waterproofer
Mapelastix
- 5** Glass fibre mesh
Mapenet 150
- 6** Cementitious waterproofer
Mapelastix
- 7** Floor drain
Drain Vertical
- 8** Rubber-backed tape
Mapeband
- 9** Adhesive
Keraflex Maxi S1 zero
- 10** Ceramic tiles
Klinker
- 11** Grout
Ultracolor Plus
- 12** Sealant
Mapeflex PU45
- 13** Old render
- 14** Render
Nivoplan + Planicrete
- 15** Adhesive
Ultralite S2 Quick
- 16** Natural stone
- 17** Grout
Ultracolor Plus
- 18** Sealant
Mapesil LM



LEVELLING OFF and PREPARING the SUBSTRATE

Smooth over the old flooring with **Adesilex P4** after cleaning the surface with a suitable detergent and/or by abrading the surface with power tools. Remove the skirting boards along with at least 1.5 cm of the render behind the skirting. Fill the gap in the render with **Planitop Fast 330**.



WATERPROOFING SYSTEM

Apply two coats of **Mapelastic** with a metal trowel over the skim/smoothing layer to form a layer at least 2 mm thick. Reinforce the waterproofing layer by placing **Mapenet 150** alkali-resistant glass fibre mesh between the two coats of waterproofing product. Waterproof joints using **Mapeband**. Install a floor drain using a **Drain Vertical/Lateral** kit.



BONDING the TILES

Bond the tiles with a sufficiently deformable adhesive (compatible with the elastic layer of **Mapelastic**) such as **Keraflex Maxi S1 zero** or, as an alternative, **Ultralite S2 Quick**.



GROUTING the TILES

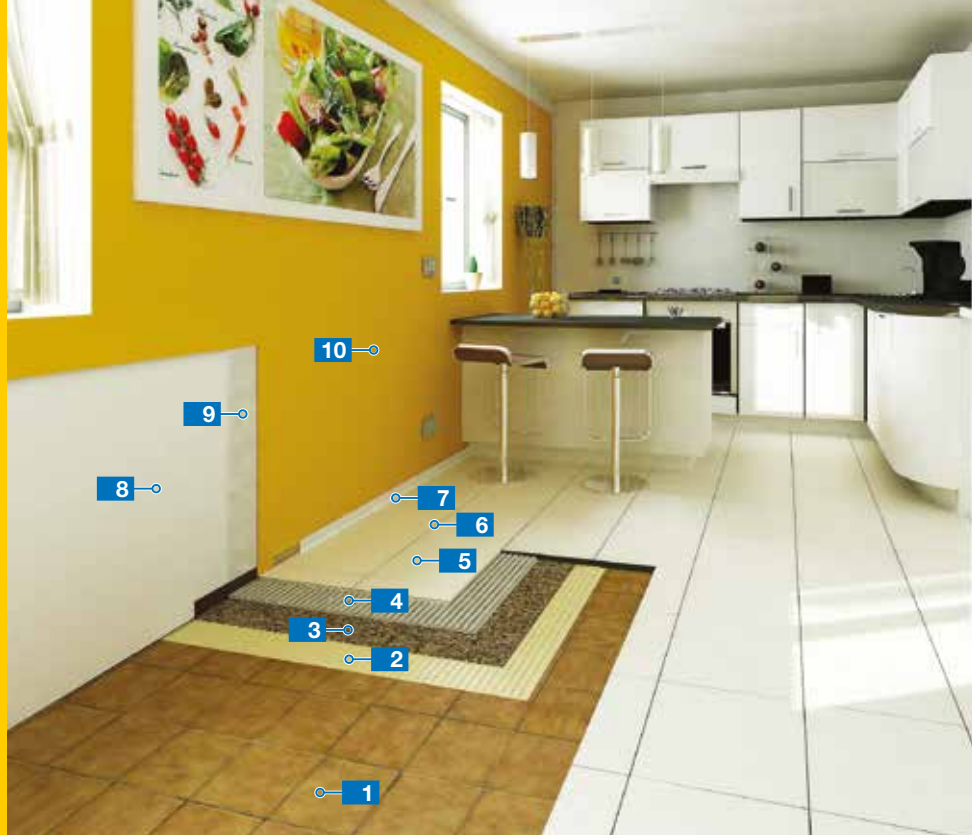
When the adhesive has hardened, grout the tiles with a cementitious product such as **Ultracolor Plus** or, as an alternative, **Keracolor GG** mixed with the polymer admixture **Fugolastic**.



SEALING the JOINTS

Seal the joints, corners and edges, after setting the depth of the joint with **Mapefoam**, with a suitable sealant such as **Mapeflex PU45** or, as an alternative, **Mapesil LM** if the sealant is in contact with stone material.





10 Rapid system for overlaying old flooring with underfloor soundproofing

1 Substrate
Old ceramic flooring

2 Adhesive
Ultrabond Eco S955 1K



3 Soundproofing membrane
Mapesonic CR + Mapesonic Strip



4 Adhesive
Granirapid



5 Tiles
Porcelain

6 Grouting
Kerapoxy CQ



7 Sealant
Mapesil AC



8 Skim/smoothing layer
Planitop 560



9 Primer
Dursilite Base Coat

10 Finishing product
Dursilite Matt



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SOUNDPROOFING against the NOISE of FOOTSTEPS

After applying **Mapesonic Strip** adhesive tape along the walls around the perimeter of the room, lay sheets of **Mapesonic CR** bonded with **Ultrabond Eco V4 SP** adhesive for absorbent substrates (cementitious screeds or skim/smoothing layers) or, as an alternative, **Ultrabond Eco S955 1K** for non-absorbent substrates.



BONDING the PORCELAIN TILES

At least 24-48 hours after laying the sheets, bond the new flooring with deformable cementitious adhesive such as **Granirapid** or **Elastorapid**.



GROUTING the TILES

When the adhesive has hardened, grout the tiles with **Kerapoxy CQ** two-component, easy-to-apply, anti-acid epoxy filler with excellent cleanability. After grouting the tiles, trim the excess portions of **Mapesonic Strip** along the walls. As an alternative, the tiles may be grouted with cementitious mortar such as **Ultracolor Plus** or **Keracolor GG**.



SEALING the JOINTS

It is very important that, when applying the skirting boards around the room, they do not come into direct contact with the floor, so the joint between the skirting and the flooring must be sealed with **Mapesil AC**.





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System for bonding thin porcelain tiles on compact heating systems (UPONOR system)

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| <p>1 Substrate
Old ceramic flooring</p> <p>2 Primer
Eco Prim T</p> <p>3 Compact under-floor heating system (UPONOR)</p> <p>4 Skim/smoothing layer
Novoplan Maxi</p> | <p>5 Adhesive
Ultralite S1</p> <p>6 Tiles
Thin porcelain tiles</p> <p>7 Grouting
Keracolor FF</p> <p>8 Sealant
Mapeflex PU45</p> | <p>9 Skim/smoothing layer
Planitop 560</p> <p>10 Primer
Silexcolor Primer</p> <p>11 Finishing product
Silexcolor Marmorino</p> |
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COMPACT HEATED SCREED

Thoroughly clean the flooring with water and caustic soda or a special de-waxing product, and sand the surface if required.

After applying a coat of **Eco Prim T** primer, install the compact heating system (UPONOR) and smooth over the surface with **Novoplan Maxi**.



BONDING THE THIN PORCELAIN TILES

When **Novoplan Maxi** is dry, and after running the heating system, bond the porcelain tiles using a deformable cementitious adhesive such as **Ultralite S1**, **Keraflex Maxi S1** (up to 5000 cm²) **Kerabond** mixed with **Isolastic** or **Ultralite S2** (more than 5000 cm²).



GROUTING the TILES

When the adhesive has hardened grout the gaps between the tiles, which must be wide enough to cushion deformations induced by the heating system. **Ultracolor Plus** or, as an alternative, **Keracolor FF** may be used in this case.



SEALING the JOINTS

Seal the distribution joints, positioned according to design specifications, with a suitable product such as **Mapesil AC** or **Mapeflex PU45**.





12 Rapid system for repaired and new flooring in commercial areas

- 1** Old cracked ceramic flooring
- 2** Isolating layer
- 3** Screed
Mapecem Pronto
- 4** Adhesive
Granirapid
- 5** Porcelain
- 6** Grouting
Ultracolor Plus
- 7** Sealant
Mapeflex PU20
- 8** Skim/smoothing layer
Planitop 540
- 9** Primer
Dursilite Base Coat
- 10** Finishing product
Dursilite
- 11** Sealant
Mapeflex PU40



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RAPID SETTING and HARDENING ISOLATED SCREED

In commercial areas, where work needs to be carried out without removing the old flooring, an isolated screed (using sheets of polyethylene) at least 4 cm thick reinforced with electro-welded mesh at the midpoint must be installed. Make the screed from **Mapecem Pronto**, which allows ceramic to be bonded after 3-4 hours and reaches a high level of strength very quickly.



BONDING the PORCELAIN TILES

Once the screed has dried and cured according to specification and the joints in the screed have been created, bond the tiles with **Granirapid** or **Elastorapid** rapid-setting, high-strength adhesive, which sets to foot traffic after just 3 hours and allows flooring to be put into service after just 24 hours.



GROUTING the TILES

When the adhesive has hardened, grout the gaps between the tiles (dimensioned according to specification) with **Ultracolor Plus**, high-strength, rapid-setting and hardening cementitious mortar with high resistance to abrasion.



SEALING the JOINTS

Seal the joints with a high-strength, elastic product such as **Mapeflex PU20** after setting the depth of the joints with **Mapefoam**.





13 System for bonding ceramic on cementitious substrates with hair-line cracks and on concrete walls

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| <p>1 Substrate
Screed with hair-line cracks</p> <p>2 Adhesive
Kerabond + Isolastic
</p> <p>3 Non-woven fabric
Mapetex System</p> <p>4 Adhesive
Kerabond + Isolastic
</p> <p>5 Tiles
Porcelain</p> | <p>6 Grouting
Keracolor GG
</p> <p>7 Sealant
Mapesil AC
</p> <p>8 Substrate
Concrete</p> <p>9 Adhesive
Keraflex
</p> <p>10 Tiles
Porcelain</p> | <p>11 Grouting
Keracolor FF
</p> <p>12 Sealant
Mapesil AC
</p> <p>13 Skim/smoothing layer
Planitop 560
</p> <p>14 Primer
Dursilite Base Coat</p> <p>15 Finishing product
Dursilite</p> |
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MAPETEX SYSTEM

Mapetex System prevents the risk of cracks forming in ceramic or stone flooring installed on screeds with hair-line cracks, on screeds that are not fully cured or on old, deteriorated flooring.

The system consists in bonding isolating fabric directly on the screed.



BONDING the PORCELAIN TILES

The tiles may be bonded to the floor with the same adhesive used to bond **Mapetex** (such as **Kerabond + Isolastic**). Bond porcelain tiles on the vertical surfaces of reinforced concrete with cementitious adhesive such as **Keraflex**, as long as the substrate is well-cured, strong and sufficiently flat and has no crumbling areas or traces of form-release compound or any other material or substance that could affect adhesion of the tiles.



GROUTING the TILES

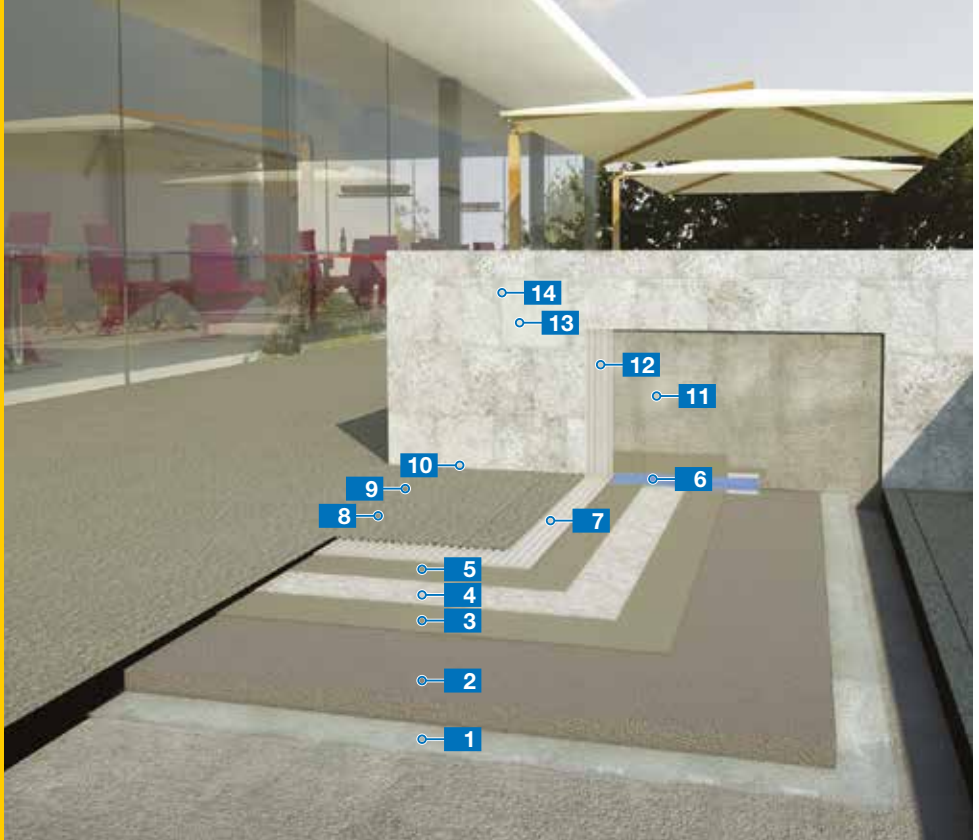
When the adhesive has hardened, grout the tiles with cementitious mortar such as **Keracolor GG** or, as an alternative, **Keracolor FF**.



SEALING the JOINTS

Seal the joints with a suitable elastic sealant such as **Mapesil AC** after setting the depth of the joints with **Mapefoam**.





14 System for waterproofing and bonding ceramic on balconies and flat roofs

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| <p>1 Vapour barrier</p> <p>2 Screed
<i>Topcem Pronto</i></p> <p>3 Cementitious waterproofing mortar
<i>Mapelastik Smart</i></p> <p>4 Polypropylene non-woven fabric
<i>Mapetex Sel</i></p> | <p>5 Cementitious waterproofing mortar
<i>Mapelastik Smart</i></p> <p>6 Rubber-backed tape
<i>Mapeband</i></p> <p>7 Adhesive
<i>Ultralite S1 Quick</i></p> <p>8 Granite</p> <p>9 Grouting
<i>Ultracolor Plus</i></p> | <p>10 Sealant
<i>Mapesil LM</i></p> <p>11 Concrete</p> <p>12 Adhesive
<i>Ultralite S2</i></p> <p>13 Porcelain</p> <p>14 Grouting
<i>Ultracolor Plus</i></p> |
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MAKING the ISOLATED SCREED

Install a sufficiently thick isolated screed (> 4 cm) made from **Topcem Pronto** over an adequate vapour barrier.



WATERPROOFING SYSTEM

Apply two coats of **Mapelastick Smart** over the substrate with a notched trowel, brush or roller to form a layer at least 2 mm thick. Reinforce the waterproofing layer with **Mapetex Sel**. Waterproof the fillets between the horizontal/vertical surfaces and the joints by completely embedding strips of **Mapeband** in the layer of **Mapelastick Smart**.



BONDING the STONE on WALLS and FLOORS

Bond the slabs of stone on floors with a sufficiently deformable adhesive (compatible with the elastic layer of **Mapelastick Smart**) such as **Ultralite S1 Quick** or **Keraflex Maxi S1** and on walls with **Ultralite S2**.



GROUTING the TILES

When the adhesive has hardened, grout the stone with a cementitious product such as **Ultracolor Plus**.



SEALING the JOINTS

Seal the joints in natural stone floor and wall coverings with an elastic sealant whose neutral-hardening properties have no effect on the colour of the stone, such as **Mapesil LM**.





15 System for bonding ceramic in areas subjected to intense traffic

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| <p>1 Reinforced cement floor slab</p> <p>2 Bonding promoter
<i>Eporip</i>
</p> <p>3 Screed
<i>Topcem Pronto</i>
</p> <p>4 Adhesive
<i>Elastorapid</i>
</p> <p>5 Oversized klinker</p> | <p>6 Grouting
<i>Kerapoxy CQ</i>
</p> <p>7 Sealant
<i>Mapeflex PU20</i></p> <p>8 Sealant
<i>Mapeflex PU45</i>
</p> <p>9 Render</p> <p>10 Adhesive
<i>Ultralite S1</i>
</p> | <p>11 Tiles
Porcelain (20x20 cm)</p> <p>12 Grouting
<i>Kerapoxy CQ</i>
</p> <p>13 Skim/smoothing layer
<i>Planitop 540</i>
</p> <p>14 Primer
<i>Mapecoat I 600 W</i></p> <p>15 Finishing product
<i>Mapecoat I 24</i>
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MAKING the SCREED

If a screed less than 4 cm thick needs to be made, it is important to apply **Topcem Pronto** in adherence with the substrate over a wet coat of epoxy resin such as **Eporip** or cementitious bonding slurry made from **Planicrete**, water and cement at a ratio of 1:1:3.



BONDING the TILES

Once the screed is well cured bond the tiles with strong cementitious adhesive with high compressive strength such as **Elastorapid** or **Granirapid** using the double-buttering technique.

To bond the tiles on walls, where high mechanical strength is not required but it is important to guarantee the back of the tiles is completely bonded, use a lightweight adhesive such as **Ultralite S1**.



GROUTING the TILES

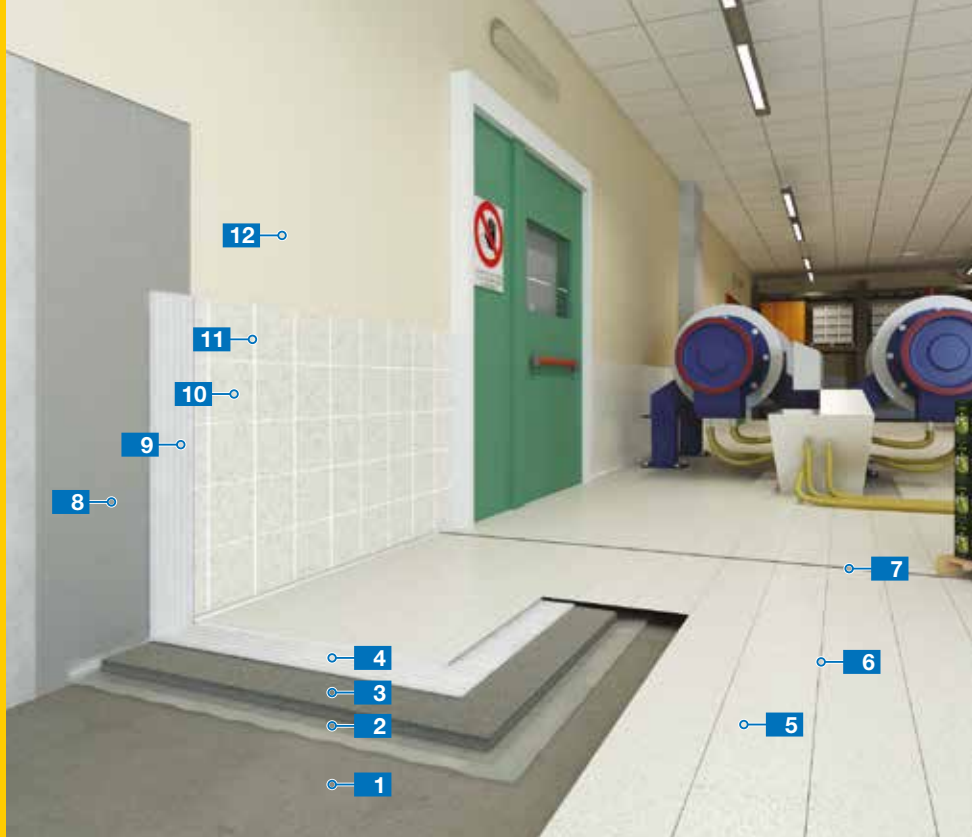
When the adhesive has hardened grout the tiles with **Kerapoxy CQ** anti-acid, easy-to-apply epoxy grout with excellent cleanability.



SEALING the JOINTS

Because of the sheer size of this type of environment, it is important that the joints are dimensioned correctly and that they are sealed with products with appropriate mechanical and chemical characteristics such as **Mapeflex PU45** and **Mapeflex PU20** around the perimeter of the area.





16 System for bonding porcelain tiles in areas subjected to severe chemical aggression

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| <p>1 Reinforced cement floor slab</p> <p>2 Isolating layer</p> <p>3 Screed reinforced with electro-welded mesh
Topcem</p> <p>4 Adhesive
Kerapoxy Adhesive</p> | <p>5 Oversized porcelain tiles</p> <p>6 Grouting
Kerapoxy IEG</p> <p>7 Sealant
Mapeflex PU20</p> <p>8 Cementitious render
Planitop Fast 330</p> | <p>9 Adhesive
Kerapoxy Adhesive</p> <p>10 Porcelain</p> <p>11 Grouting
Kerapoxy IEG</p> <p>12 Finishing product
Mapecoat I 24</p> |
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MAKING the ISOLATED SCREED

Install an isolated screed made from **Topcem** applied over an adequate vapour barrier. Position the electro-welded mesh at the mid-point of the screed, which must be at least 4 cm thick, so that it distributes the stresses acting on the floor.

Apply a layer of **Planitop Fast 330** to level off or repair the vertical surface of the render.



BONDING the PORCELAIN TILES

Bond the tiles with epoxy adhesive such as **Kerapoxy** or **Kerapoxy Adhesive**. The use of reactive adhesive to bond the tiles increases the chemical resistance of the flooring, which in this case is guaranteed by both the grouted tiles and the installation surface. A uniform layer of adhesive, therefore, also forms a protective barrier for the substrate.



GROUTING the TILES

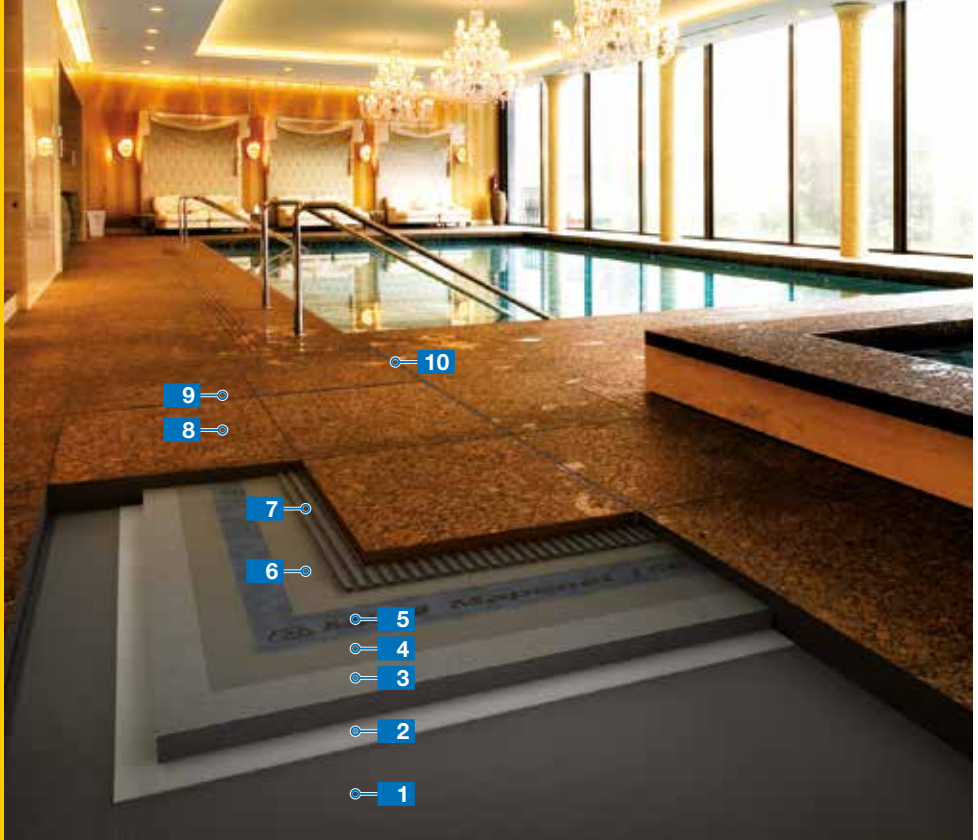
When the adhesive has hardened grout the tiles, positioned to leave a suitable size gap, with **Kerapoxy CQ** or **Kerapoxy IEG**, epoxy grout with very high resistance to chemicals, particularly oleic acid and aromatic hydrocarbons.



SEALING the JOINTS

Seal the joints with a high-strength product with high resistance to chemicals such as **Mapeflex PU20** after setting the depth of the joints, where required, with **Mapefoam**.





17 System for bonding natural stone in damp environments

- 1** Concrete substrate
- 2** Bonding slurry
Planicrete
- 3** Screed
Topcem Pronto
- 4** Waterproofing product
Mapelastic
- 5** Glass fibre mesh
Mapenet 150
- 6** Waterproofing product
Mapelastic
- 7** Adhesive
Granirapid
- 8** Red marble
- 9** Grouting
Ultracolor Plus
- 10** Sealant
Mapesil LM



MAKING the BONDED SCREED

If a screed less than 4 cm thick needs to be made, it is important to apply **Topcem Pronto** in adherence with the substrate over a wet coat of epoxy resin such as **Eporip** or cementitious bonding slurry made from **Planicrete**, water and cement at a ratio of 1:1:3.



WATERPROOFING SYSTEM

Apply two coats of **Mapelastic** over the substrate with a notched trowel to form a layer at least 2 mm thick reinforced with **Mapenet 150**. Waterproof the fillets between the horizontal/vertical surfaces and the joints by completely embedding strips of **Mapeband** in the layer of **Mapelastic**.



BONDING the RED MARBLE

After waiting the specified time to allow the **Mapelastic** to dry bond the stone material with **Granirapid** or **Elastorapid** (depending on the type of material used).



GROUTING the TILES

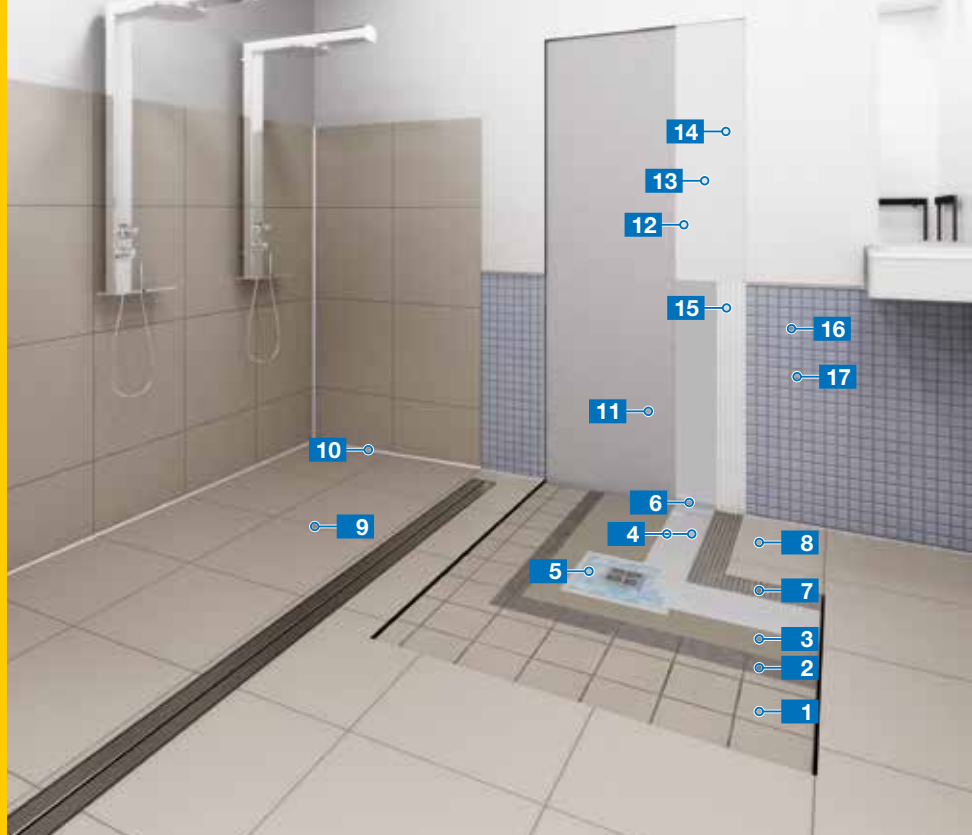
Grout the stone (minimum gap 5 mm) with **Ultracolor Plus** rapid-setting and hardening, anti-efflorescence, water-repellent cementitious mortar.



SEALING the JOINTS

Seal the joints in natural stone with an elastic sealant whose neutral-hardening properties have no effect on the colour of the stone, such as **Mapesil LM**.





18 System for waterproofing and bonding ceramic in shower booths, bathrooms and changing rooms by overlaying existing flooring

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| <p>1 Substrate
Old tiles</p> <p>2 Primer
Eco Prim Grip</p> <p>3 Smoothing layer
Nivorapid</p> <p>4 Waterproofing product
Mapegum WPS (2 coats)</p> <p>5 Floor drain
Drain Vertical</p> <p>6 Rubber-backed tape
Mapeband PE 120</p> | <p>7 Adhesive
Ultralite Flex</p> <p>8 Tiles
Porcelain tiles</p> <p>9 Grouting
Kerapoxy CQ</p> <p>10 Sealant
Mapesil AC</p> <p>11 Smoothing layer
Nivoplan + Planicrete</p> <p>12 Skim/smoothing layer
Planitop 560</p> | <p>13 Primer
Silancolor Primer Plus</p> <p>14 Coating product
Silancolor Pittura Plus</p> <p>15 Adhesive
Adesilex P10 + Isolastic</p> <p>16 Tiles
Glass mosaics</p> <p>17 Grouting
Kerapoxy Design + MapeGlitter</p> |
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LEVELLING OFF and PREPARING the SUBSTRATE

After checking the condition of the flooring and carrying out a thorough cleaning, apply a layer of **Nivorapid** cementitious smoothing compound after applying a coat of **Eco Prim Grip** primer and bonding promoter.



WATERPROOFING SYSTEM

After preparing the substrate as specified, apply two criss-cross coats of **Mapegum WPS** with a trowel, roller, brush or spray to form a thick, elastic, seamless film. Waterproof the fillets between the horizontal/vertical surfaces and the joints with **Mapeband PE 120** and install a floor drain using a **Drain Vertical/Lateral** kit.



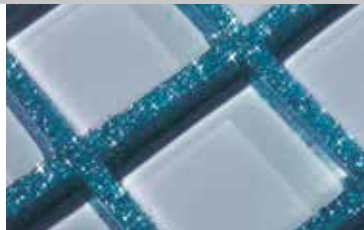
BONDING the TILES and MOSAIC

Bond the porcelain tiles with cementitious adhesive such as **Ultralite Flex** and the glass mosaic with **Adesilex P10** cementitious adhesive mixed with **Isolastic** latex diluted at a ratio of 1:1 with water.



GROUTING the TILES

When the adhesive has hardened, grout the tiles with **Kerapoxy CQ**, two-component, easy-to-apply, anti-acid epoxy filler with excellent cleanability. In damp environments we recommend grouting the glass mosaic with **Kerapoxy Design** decorative, anti-acid, translucent epoxy grout.

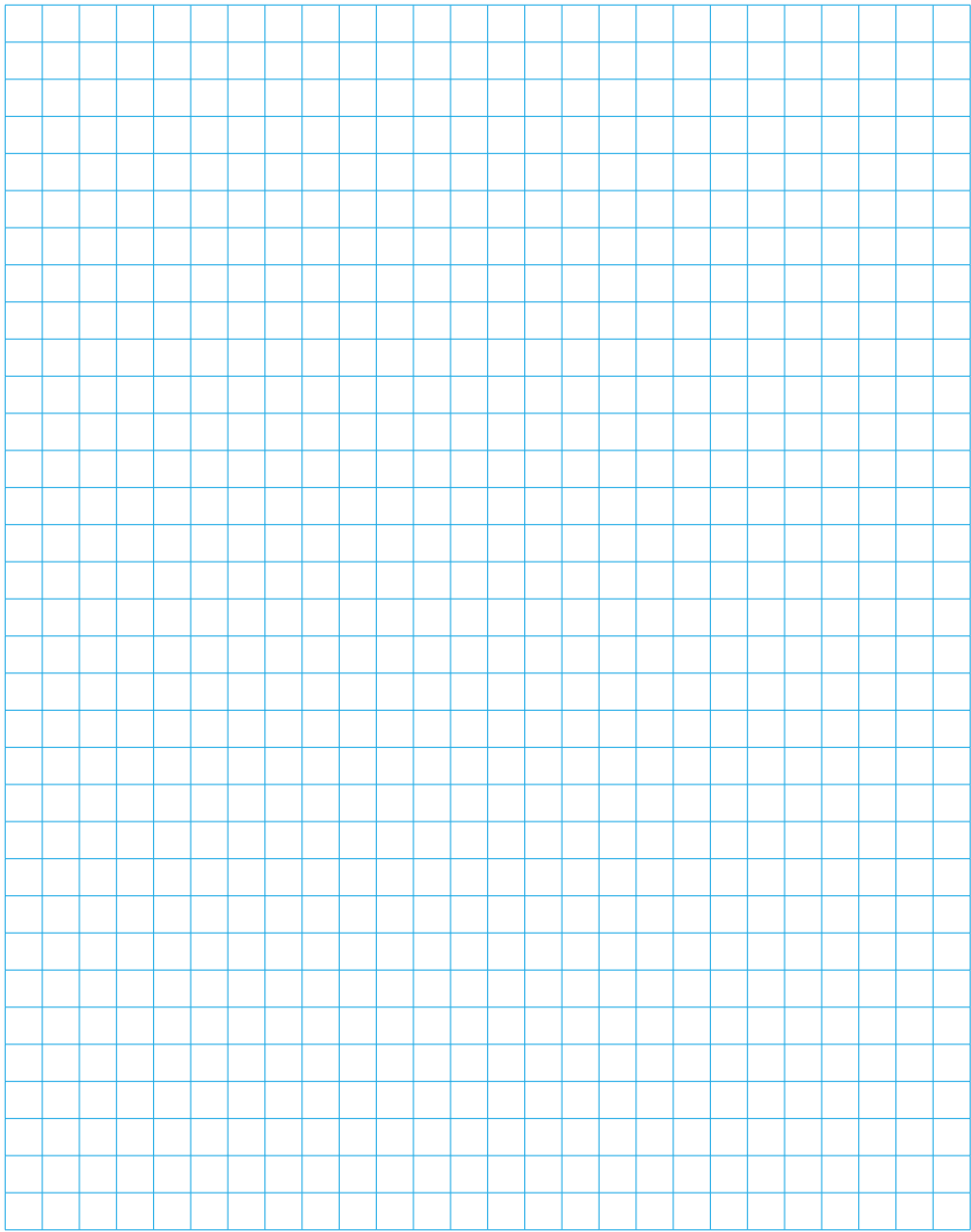


SEALING the JOINTS

Seal the joints, corners and edges with a suitable elastic sealant such as **Mapesil AC** after setting the depth of the sealant with **Mapefoam**.



Notes





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