

MAPEKER RAPID SET FLEX

Cement-based rapid-setting adhesive for interior and exterior floor and wall installations of ceramic and porcelain tiles and non-moisture sensitive natural stone



CLASSIFICATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH EN 12004

Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex is an improved (2), fast setting (F) cementitious (C) adhesive classified as C2F. Available in grey or white.

*Conformity of **Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex** is declared in TT certificates n° 25050215/Gi (TUM) issued by the Technische Universität München laboratory (Germany).*

WHERE TO USE

Interior and exterior bonding of ceramic and porcelain tiles and mosaics and natural stone materials that are not sensitive to moisture. Use **Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex** white for the installation of light coloured natural stone. Spot bonding of insulating materials such as expanded polystyrene and polyurethane, gypsum board, glass and rock wool, wood-cement panels, formed-concrete blocks, sound-deadening panels etc.

Some application examples

- Rapid installation or renovation in areas subjected to pedestrian traffic.
- Rapid repair work in bathrooms, showers, kitchens, terraces and balconies.
- Installing marble and other natural stone not sensitive to moisture.
- Rapid installation onto rigid plywood overlaid floors (min. 18 mm ply).
- Underfloor Heating Installations (suitably encapsulated).

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex is a powder composed of a mixture of special cements, selectively-graded aggregates, synthetic resins and setting accelerators that develop high bond strength only 3 hours after setting. For this reason floor and wall installations can be completed very quickly. Floors can be walked on after only 3 hours and are ready for general traffic after 24 hours.

Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex when hardened is frost-proof and water resistant.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- On walls or floors subject to flexing or vibration (wooden or cement-fibre boards, gypsum boards, cement boards etc.) use a highly flexible adhesive (for example **Keraquick SI Zero** mixed with **Latex Plus**).
- Mechanically abrade anhydrite screeds and prime with **Eco Prim T Plus** or **Primer G**.
- On gypsum boards use flexible adhesives (for example **Keraquick SI Zero / Keraflex Maxi SI Zero**).
- On gypsum walls or gypsum plasters, apply a coat of Primer G before fixing with cement-based adhesives.
- On metal surfaces use **Keralastic**.
- Plywood overlaid floors must use a minimum of 18 mm exterior grade plywood and be fixed at maximum 300 mm centres in all directions to provide a rigid substrate.
- Not suitable for use on plywood direct to joists or for floating floors.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Preparing the substrate

Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex can be applied to all stable substrates that are free of oils, grease, waxes and that are sound and free of loose plaster, laitance and crazing. Damp cement screeds can noticeably prolong the setting time of **Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex**.

Plywood overlaid floors must use a minimum 18 mm exterior grade plywood and be fixed at maximum 300 mm centres in all directions to provide a rigid substrate. While **Mapeker Rapid-set Flex** will bond tiles to plywood surfaces, it must be noted that British Standards BS 5385 Part 1 and Part 3 advise, best practice is for the plywood to be further protected by a suitable waterproofing membrane or anti-fracture membrane, such as products from the **Mapeguard** range.

Preparing the mix

Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex should be mixed with clean water and stirred continuously until it becomes a smooth lump-free paste. It is preferable to use a mechanical mixer. The mix must be used within 15-20 minutes, after which it begins to set.

A 20 kg bag of **Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex** should be mixed with about 4.6-5 litres of water and a 10-kg bag with about 2.3-2.5 litres of water. Allow the mix to stand for a few minutes then mix again briefly before applying.

Applying the mix

Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex is applied to the substrate with a notched trowel to a max of 6 mm thick. When selecting the trowel, choose one that transfers the adhesive to at least 65% to 70% of the back of the tiles for interior dry walls and 100% coverage for floor areas, exterior and wet wall areas:

- for mosaics up to 50x50 mm, a 3mm notched mosaic trowel is recommended;
- for normal ceramic wall tiles in dry areas, a 6 mm notched trowel is recommended;
- for floors, use a trowel appropriate to tile size, substrate regularity etc. to achieve a solid bed fix.
- for very demanding applications such as exteriors subject to freezing, floors subject to loads, large-size tiles, **Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex** should also be applied to the backs of the tiles (back-buttering). Large format includes tiles over 300x300 mm;
- for very absorbent substrates or during hot weather, the substrate should be dampened to extend the open time of the adhesive.

Laying the tiles

It is not necessary to wet the tiles before fixing; if, however, the backs are very dusty, they should be wiped over with a wet sponge. **Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex**'s open time in normal temperature and humidity is about 10

minutes; unfavourable weather conditions (strong sun, drying wind, high temperature), or a highly absorbent substrate will shorten this open time, sometimes to just a few minutes.

For this reason, there must be constant checks to see whether the adhesive has formed a surface skin or is still fresh to the touch.

Should a surface skin have formed, the adhesive should be removed and fresh adhesive applied. Do not wet the adhesive when it has formed a skin because, a non-adhesive film will be formed. Adjustment of the tiles, if necessary, should be carried out within 5-10 minutes after placing the tiles.

Tiling fixed with **Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex** must not be subjected to washout or rain for at least 3 hours and must be protected from frost and strong sun for at least 24 hours after laying.

Grouting

Tile joints can be grouted 2-3 hours after application with MAPEI products (**Keracolor** and **Ultracolor Plus**).

If the joints need to have good chemical resistance or where hygiene is of importance, use products from the **Kerapoxy** grout range, a two-component acid-resistant epoxy grouting compound.

Expansion joints should be filled with **Mapesil AC**, **Mapesil LM** or **Mapeflex PU21**.

Spot-bonding insulating materials

Spot bonding to sound-deadening or insulating panels should be applied using a float or trowel, the trowel type and size to be determined by the flatness of the surface and the weight of the panels.

In these cases, the open time must also be observed, bearing in mind that a few spots of adhesive on heavy panels may require temporary shoring which should then only be removed after the **Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex** has begun to set.

Cleaning

Tools and hands can be cleaned with water, tiled surfaces should be cleaned with a damp cloth; water should be used only in moderate quantities and after a few hours.

CONSUMPTION

Ceramic-tiling mosaics and small size tiles (3 mm notched mosaic trowel): 2 kg/m²;

normal size tiles (6 mm notched trowel): 2.5-3 kg/m²;

large sizes, floors, exteriors (8 mm - 10 mm notched trowel): 4-5kg/m²;

Spot-bonding foamed materials etc.: 0.5-0.8 kg/m²;

gypsum wallboard, foamed concrete: 1.5 kg/m²;

full-bonding on rough surfaces: 2.5 kg/m².

PACKAGING

Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex grey is supplied in 20 and 10 kg paper bags.

Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex white is supplied in 20 kg paper bags.

STORAGE

Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex should be stored in a dry place, where it will have a maximum shelf life of 12 months in the original unopened packaging.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION AND APPLICATION

Instructions for the safe use of our products can be found on the latest version of the Safety Data Sheet, available from our website **www.mapei.co.uk**.

PRODUCT FOR PROFESSIONAL USE.

TECHNICAL DATA (typical values)

In compliance with:

- European EN 12004 as C2F
- European UEAtc directive
- DIN 18156 – Part 2
- American ANSI A 118.4 – 1992
- Canadian 71 GP 30 M type 2

PRODUCT IDENTITY

Type:	powder	
Colour:	dark grey and white	
Bulk density (kg/m ³):	1,400 grey	1,400 white
Dry solids content (%):	100	
Inflammability	no	

APPLICATION DATA (at +23°C - 50% R.H.)

Mixing ratio:	Mapeker Rapid-Set Flex Grey and White 100 parts of powder with 23-25 parts by weight of water	
Consistency of mix:	very viscous paste	
Density of mix (kg/m ³):	1,500	
pH of mix:	over 12	
Setting time:	45 minutes	
Application temperature range:	from +5°C to +35°C	
Pot life of mix:	20 minutes	
Open time:	10 minutes	
Adjustability time:	about 5-10 minutes	
Ready for traffic on dry support:	3 hours	
Cure time on dry support:	24 hours	
Grouting on dry support:	2-3 hours	

FINAL PERFORMANCE

Damp resistance:	excellent	
Ageing resistance:	excellent	
Resistance to solvents and oils:	excellent	
Resistance to acids and alkalis:	poor	
Resistance to temperature:	from -30°C to +90°C	
Flexibility:	moderate	
Bond strength EN 1348 (N/mm ²):	grey	white
– after 28 days +23°C - 50°C R.H.:	1.5	1.5
– after heat ageing:	1.3	1.3
– after water immersion:	1.0	1.0
– after freeze-thaw cycles:	1.2	1.2

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