

# MAPESIL TILE MATT

Neutral mould-resistant silicone sealant with matt finish and very low emission level of volatile organic compounds (VOC), for ceramics and sanitary ware



## BENEFITS AND FEATURES

- It can be used on different materials
- Matt effect with attractive finish
- Easy to shape and smooth
- Excellent resistance to atmospheric agents
- High flexibility
- Delays the formation of mould in damp environments
- MEKO-free silicone: no hazard or warning labels required

## WHERE TO USE

**Mapesil Tile Matt** is a solvent-free sealant with low modulus of elasticity, specifically formulated for sealing ceramics and sanitary ware. Suitable also for the most common absorbent and non-absorbent substrates such as cementitious materials, brickwork, wood, metal, painted surfaces and glass.

The product generally has a good bond strength on these substrates also without primer (consult MAPEI Technical Services Department beforehand).

**Mapesil Tile Matt**, unlike traditional silicone sealants, features a matt surface finish after polymerisation, for a further aesthetic value in specific architectural works.

Thanks to its low modulus of elasticity, **Mapesil Tile Matt** is suitable for sealing expansion and fillet joints also in case of great movements both in interior and exterior, such as:

- Ceramic tiles and coverings, thin porcelain tiles
- Sanitary ware
- Rainscreens
- Prefabricated panels
- Door and window fittings
- Similar and/or different covering elements

## TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Mapesil Tile Matt** is a one-component, solvent-free, neutral-crosslinking silicone sealant in a thick paste, to be applied both on horizontal and vertical surfaces. The product can be easily smoothed and trimmed also in case

of complex joints shapes.

**Mapesil Tile Matt** cures reacting to humidity in the air at environmental temperature, forming an adhesive and flexible final product.

Seals obtained with **Mapesil Tile Matt** do not alter over time, even when exposed to weather, industrial environments, thermal shocks or water; the seals remain flexible at a temperature from -40°C up to +200°C.

**Mapesil Tile Matt** delays the formation of surface moulds if exposed to damp environments.

The resistance of **Mapesil Tile Matt** to chemicals is good; however, due to the variety of products and working conditions under which it can be used, it is necessary to carry out preliminary tests in cases of doubt.

**Mapesil Tile Matt** bonds perfectly to most of the substrates used in building industry without the need for a primer (glass, ceramic, aluminium, galvanized steel sheets, concrete, stainless steel, PVC).

In case of prolonged immersion in water or severe mechanical stresses, use **Mapei Primerseal A** on absorbent substrates and **Mapei Primerseal M** on non-absorbent substrates.

In case of doubt, please consult MAPEI Technical Services Department or carry out preliminary tests.

**Mapesil Tile Matt** complies with EN 15651-1 standard ("Sealants for internal and external façade elements") with performance rating F-EXT-INT-CC, with EN 15651-2 standard ("Sealants for glazing") type G-CC, with EN 15651-3 standard ("Sealants for sanitary joints") type XS1 and EN 15651-4 standard ("Sealants for pedestrian walkaways") with performance rating PW-INT-CC.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Do not apply **Mapesil Tile Matt** on rubber, heavily-plasticised plastics or bitumen. The oil and plasticising agents in the substrate may migrate to the surface and compromise the bond or penetrate into the sealant leading to a variation in colour and mechanical characteristics.
- Do not smooth **Mapesil Tile Matt** with wet tools or sealants smoothers, so that its natural matt finish is not affected.
- During reticulation **Mapesil Tile Matt** gives off a characteristic smell: if used in interior, always apply in suitably ventilated areas.
- Do not use **Mapesil Tile Matt** for sealing floors with high level of traffic (use more suitable products such as **Mapeflex PU 45 FT**, **Mapeflex E-PU 21 SL**, **Mapeflex Xpress 80/400**).

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All the surfaces to be sealed must be dry, sound and free of dust, crumbling parts, oil, grease, wax, old paint and rust.

To guarantee that the sealant works correctly, it needs to be free to expand and contract in the joint.

Therefore, it is necessary that:

- it only bonds perfectly to the side walls of the joint, and not to the bottom;
- the width of the joint is calculated correctly so that the product does not extend more than 25% of the initial width of the joint;
- the thickness of seals using **Mapesil Tile Matt** is as indicated in the following table.

Joint width (mm)	5	7.5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40
Depth of sealant (mm)	5	7.5	10	10	10	12.5	15	17.5	20
300 ml cartridge yield (linear metres)	12.0	5.3	3.0	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.4
pre-filler Mapefoam (Ø mm)	6	10	15	20	25	30	40	40	40

Also, to protect the substrate from staining, apply masking tape along the edges of the joint before extruding and smoothing **Mapesil Tile Matt**.

Regulate the depth of the joint to avoid **Mapesil Tile Matt** sticking to the bottom by inserting **Mapefoam** polyethylene foam cord in the joint.

### Application of the primer

Where the use of **Mapei Primerseal A** or **Mapei Primerseal M** is necessary, they must be applied with a brush on the relevant areas of the joints and left to dry for some minutes to allow the solvent to evaporate. Then apply **Mapesil Tile Matt**.

## Application of Mapesil Tile Matt

**Mapesil Tile Matt** is available in 300 ml cartridges. Cut the tip of the cartridge near the thread and screw on the nozzle. Trim the tip of the nozzle at 45° according to the width of joint required and insert the cartridge into a suitable **Mapei Gun**.

Finish the surface of **Mapesil Tile Matt** with a dry suitable tool before the skin forms on the surface.

## Crosslinking

When **Mapesil Tile Matt** is exposed to the air, the surrounding humidity sets off the crosslinking reaction and the sealant becomes flexible.

The surrounding temperature only has a small impact on the crosslinking rate of **Mapesil Tile Matt**, while the level of humidity in the surrounding air has the most influence. We highly recommend that the product is never applied if the temperature is below 0°C.

## CLEANING

Traces of partially cured **Mapesil Tile Matt** may be removed from tools and the surface of the substrate with common solvents such as ethyl acetate or benzene. Once the product has completely cured, the sealant may only be removed mechanically.

## PACKAGING

**Mapesil Tile Matt** is supplied in 300 ml cartridges in the following colours in matt version:

100 white, 103 moon white, 110 grey manhattan, 112 medium grey, 113 cement grey, 114 anthracite, 120 black, 130 jasmine, 132 beige 2000, 133 sand, 999 transparent.

The product is packed in 12 cartridge boxes.

## STORAGE

**Mapesil Tile Matt** cartridges may be stored for up to 18 months in a dry, cool area at a temperature between +5°C and +25°C.

## 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.com](http://www.mapei.com).

PRODUCT FOR PROFESSIONAL USE

## TECHNICAL DATA (typical values)

### PRODUCT IDENTITY

Classification according to EN 15651-1:

F-EXT-INT-CC 25 LM

Classification according to EN 15651-2:

G-CC 25 LM

Classification according to EN 15651-3:

class XS1

Classification according to EN 15651-4:

PW-INT-CC 20 LM

Consistency:

highly thixotropic paste

Colour:

100 white, 103 moon white, 110 grey manhattan, 112 medium grey, 113 cement grey, 114 anthracite, 120 black, 130 jasmine beige, 132 beige 2000, 133 sand, 999 transparent.

Density (ISO 1181):

1.23 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

EMICODE:

EC1 Plus – very low emission

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

Application temperature:

from +5°C to +40°C

Time to form surface skin:

10 minutes

Reticulation rate from outside to the inside:  
- 1 day:

2.5-3.0 mm

#### FINAL PERFORMANCE

Tensile strength according to ISO 37:

1.6 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

Elongation at failure according to ISO 37-1:

500%

Shore A hardness (ISO 868):

28

Modulus of elasticity at 100% according to ISO 37:

0.4 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

Maximum movement allowed when in service:

25%

Resistance to water:

excellent

Resistance to ageing:

excellent

Resistance to atmospheric agents:

excellent

Resistance to chemicals, acids and diluted alkalis:

good

Resistance to soap and detergents:

excellent

Resistance to solvents:

limited

Service temperature:

from -40°C to +200°C

## COLOURS

#### Mapesil Tile Matt

100	WHITE	
103	MOON WHITE	
112	MEDIUM GREY	
113	CEMENT GREY	

114	ANTHRACITE	
110	MANHATTAN 2000	
132	BEIGE 2000	
130	JASMINE	
133	SAND	
120	BLACK	
999	TRANSPARENT	

N.B.: Due to the printing processes involved, the colours should be taken as merely indicative of the shades of the actual product

## WARNING

Although the technical details and recommendations contained in this product data sheet correspond to the best of our knowledge and experience, all the above information must, in every case, be taken as merely indicative and subject to confirmation after long-term practical application; for this reason, anyone who intends to use the product must ensure beforehand that it is suitable for the envisaged application. In every case, the user alone is fully responsible for any consequences deriving from the use of the product.

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