

### WHERE TO USE

- Sealing joints in vertical concrete structures, both interior and exterior.
- Abrasion resistant sealing of joints in industrial floors subject to heavy traffic, both interior and exterior.
- Sealing joints in rubber and PVC floors.

# Some application examples

- Sealing flexible joints in concrete walls. More in general, for all vertical structures, both interior and exterior, where a thixotropic product with high resistance to chemical agents, waterproof and vapour permeability is required.
- Sealing joints in ceramic tile floors in areas subject to heavy traffic such as supermarkets, industrial buildings with fork lift truck traffic, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, arcades, squares, etc.
- Sealing movement joints in concrete floors in car parks and industrial buildings subject to vehicle traffic or where a high resistance to chemicals is required.
- Sealing rubber and PVC flooring by filling the joints between each single tile or the sheets.
- Elastic fillet seals for machine beds.
- Elastic fillet seals for pipe-work, drains, man-hole covers, etc.

### **TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Mapeflex PU30 is a two-component thixotropic sealant consisting of devoid isocyanate free polyurethane polymer (component A) and a special hardener (component B). Mixing the two components produces a uniformly coloured thixotropic paste, easily workable with a flat trowel.

Mapeflex PU30 can be used on both vertical and horizontal surfaces. After hardening by chemical reaction alone, which takes place in approximately 24 hours without shrinkage, Mapeflex PU30 becomes elastic, resistant to water and heat, with high mechanical strength and abrasion-resistant properties, and a good adhesion to almost all materials that are commonly used in building.

Mapeflex PU30 cannot undergo work elongation above 10%. It is therefore necessary that the concrete has completed the shrinkage phase before sealing the joints (whether the joints are expansion or distribution joints). The resistance of Mapeflex PU30 to chemicals is good; however, due to the variety of products and working conditions under which it can be used, it is advisable to carry out preliminary tests in cases of doubt. The temperature resistance of Mapeflex PU30 is between -30°C and +80°C.

**Mapeflex PU30** complies with Euronorm EN 15651-1 ("Sealants for external and internal façades") with performance rating F-EXT-INT.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

 Do not use on substrates that are subject to rising damp



- Do not use on damp surfaces.
- Do not use if the concrete has not cured completely and has not completed the shrinkage phase.
   It is not advisable to seal during the summer season; joints are at their maximum expansion. It is preferable to seal during the autumn.
- Before sealing make sure the expansion of the joints do not exceed 10% of the initial width. If otherwise, prefer sealants that have higher elongation properties or increase the width of the joint (refer to our Technical Services Department).
- Do not use on bituminous surfaces where the bleeding of oils may take place.
- The product may change colour if exposed to UV rays without losing any of its properties.
- Do not apply Mapeflex PU30 at temperatures below +10°C.

# APPLICATION PROCEDURE Preparing the surface for sealing

If substantial contamination of cement laitance due to cutting, form release oils and grease are present, accurately clean the surface with high pressured water. If this operation is not necessary, accurately clean the internal sides of the joint that needs to be sealed. Use a metal brush to remove loose parts and then compressed air to remove dust. Before sealing, make sure the joint is perfectly dry.

Apply **Primer EP** on the edges of the joints and left to dry for 3-4 hours before sealing with **Mapeflex PU30** or epoxy solvent-free primers, such as **Primer MF** and **Primer MF EC Plus**.

To avoid dirtying the concrete adjacent to the joint, apply adhesive paper along the edges. The tape can be removed immediately after sealing.

#### **Preparing the product**

The two components of **Mapeflex PU30** are supplied in the correct proportions. They must be accurately and completely mixed together until a thixotropic paste is obtained and the colour of the mix is uniform. Avoid partial quantities. If necessary dose the components by weight keeping in mind that the mix ratio of component A to component B is 94:6. Mixing must be carried only out with a low speed mechanical stirrer fitted with a whip to avoid the entrapment of excess air. The setting and working time are strictly tied to the ambient temperature; at +23°C approximately 1 hour.

# Applying the product

The sealant can carry out its sealing function well and last in time only if the expansion joints are correctly sized.

As a general rule, sealing must be carried out as follows:

JOINT WIDTH	SEALANT DEPTH	
Up to 10 mm	Equal to the width	
From 11 to 20 mm	Always 10 mm	
Over 20 mm	Equal to the half the width	

In order to easily fix the depth (following the above indicated) and prevent **Mapeflex PU30** from adhering to the bottom of the joint, a **Mapefoam** closed cell polyethylene foam strip must be inserted first. Apply slight pressure with a proper sized trowel or with a wooden strip.

Seal the joint using a small flat trowel making sure the product adheres to the sides of the joint.

Remove the excess **Mapeflex PU30** and finish the fresh surface with a clean trowel slightly moistened with a water and soap solution.

#### Cleaning

Mapeflex PU30 can be removed from surfaces, tools, cloths, etc., with toluol or alcohol before it has hardened; after hardening it can be cleaned mechanically or with Pulicol 2000.

### CONSUMPTION

The consumption varies according to the size of the joint. For example, bearing in mind that the density of **Mapeflex PU30** is 1.48 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, for a 10x5 mm joint, the consumption is approximately 75 g/m.

#### COLOURS

Mapeflex PU30 is available in grey 113.

Special colours are available only on request and for an amount of at least 1000 kg.

#### **PACKAGING**

**Mapeflex PU30** is available in 10 kg (component A = 9.4 kg + component B = 0.6 kg) and 5 kg (component A = 4.7 kg + component B = 0.3 kg) units.

#### STORAGE

**Mapeflex PU30** is stable for at least 2 years if stored in a dry place at temperatures between +10°C and +35°C.

# SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION AND APPLICATION

Mapeflex PU30 component B is corrosive and may cause burns: moreover, it is harmful if swallowed and if it comes in contact with the skin. Both components A and B may cause sensitisation if they come into contact with the skin.

When applying the product, we recommend the use of protective gloves and goggles and to take the usual precautions for handling chemical products. If the product comes

# **TECHNICAL DATA (typical values)**

In compliance with:

ISO 11600 F 7.5 P

PRODUCT IDENTITY			
Classification according to EN 15651-1:	F-EXT-INT		
	component A	component B	
Consistency:	thick paste	fluid liquid	
Colour:	grey	straw-coloured transparent	
Density (g/cm³):	1.5	0.92	
Dry solids content (%):	96.5	100	
Brookfield viscosity (mPa·s):	1,250,000 (rotor F - 5 revs)	250 (rotor F - 5 revs)	
APPLICATION DATA (at +23°C - 50% U.R.)			
Mix ratio:	component A : component B = 94 : 6		
Consistency of mix:	paste		
Density of mix (kg/m³):	1,480		
Pot life (workability):	30-40 minutes		
Application temperature range:	from +10°C to +35°C		
Initial setting time:	8 hours		
Final setting time:	9 hours		
Set to light foot traffic:	after 24-36 hours		
Final cure time:	3 days		
FINAL PERFORMANCE			
Shore-A-hardness:	65		
Tensile strength (acc. to DIN 53504S3A):	2.5 N/mm²		
Elongation at break (acc. to DIN 53504S3A):	100%		
Resistance to abrasion:	excellent		
Resistance to moisture:	excellent		
Resistance to ageing:	excellent		
Resistance to solvents and oils:	good		
Resistance to acids and alkalis:	good	good	
Resistance to temperature:	from –30°C to +80°C		
Flexibility:	yes		
Maximum elongation in operation:	max 10%		





into contact with the eyes or skin, wash immediately with plenty of clean water and seek medical attention.

**Mapeflex PU30** components A and B are hazardous for aquatic life. Do not dispose of this product in the environment.

For further and complete information about the safe use of our product please refer to the latest version of our Material Safety Data Sheet.

PRODUCT ONLY FOR PROFESSIONAL USE.

#### **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.

Please refer to the current version of the Technical Data Sheet, available from our website www.mapei.com

All relevant references for the product are available upon request and from www.mapei.com

