



Mapegrout Easy Flow

One-component sulphate-resistant, fibre-reinforced, shrinkage-compensated, thixotropic mortar especially suitable for repairing concrete structures by using a spray rendering machine



WHERE TO USE

Repair of deteriorated concrete structures by using a spray rendering machine. The product is especially suitable when easy pumping is required even over long distances and under constant high heads.

Some application examples

- Repair of highway viaduct pillars by using a spray rendering machine.
- Repair of hydraulic works such as canals, dams, spillways, basins, etc.
- Repair of road and railway tunnels.
- Repair of precast concrete structures.
- Structural repair of concrete structures which have been deteriorated by sulphate salts in the water or ground.
- Repair of concrete structures damaged by corroded reinforcing bars.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Mapegrout Easy Flow is a one-component pre-blended packed thixotropic cement based mortar composed of sulphate-resistant hydraulic binders, synthetic polyacrylonitrile fibres, organic corrosion inhibitors, special water-retaining, expansive admixtures and selected aggregates prepared according to a formula developed in the MAPEI Research & Development laboratories. Due to its composition, **Mapegrout Easy Flow** is especially suitable for repairing, by spraying, concrete structures where the technical characteristics (considerable heights that need to be repaired, e.g.

viaduct pillars, cooling towers, etc), the job-site logistics (e.g. lack of available space for mixing and pumping equipment near the structure to be repaired) and the organisational needs require easy pumping over long distances and constant high head.

Once mixed with water, **Mapegrout Easy Flow** acquires a thixotropic consistency and extended workability. The mortar does not harden in the pump's pipes. Thanks to this property, it is possible to safely repair even extended vertical surfaces.

After hardening, **Mapegrout Easy Flow** resists sulphate salt attack, is watertight and adheres perfectly to concrete surfaces provided they have been well prepared.

To have a correct and complete development of the expansive properties, **Mapegrout Easy Flow**, prepared by adding only water, must cure in a moist environment, a difficult condition to guarantee on site.

In order for the expansive properties to develop in open air, **Mapegrout Easy Flow** can be admixed with **Mapecure SRA**.

Mapegrout Easy Flow's performances greatly improve if admixed with 0.25% **Mapecure SRA**, a special admixture that can reduce both plastic and hydraulic shrinkage.

Mapecure SRA in fact, carries out a very important function ensuring an improved curing of the mortar.

Mapegrout Easy Flow mixed with **Mapecure SRA** can be considered as a technologically advanced system because the admixture can reduce the rapid evaporation of the mixing water and to help the development of the hydration reactions.

Mapecure SRA acts as an interior curing agent and,

thanks to the interaction with several main cement components, final shrinkage from 20 to 50% less with respect to standard values of the product that has not been admixed can be obtained. The possibility of cracking also is reduced.

Mapegrout Easy Flow fulfils all the main criteria for the EN 1504-9 Standards (*"Products and systems for the protection and repair of concrete structures: definitions, requirements, quality control and conformity assessment. General principles for the use of products and systems"*) and the minimum requirements for EN 1504-3 Standards (*"Structural and non-structural repairs"*) for class R4 structural mortar.

If the surrounding weather conditions are such as to guarantee good curing, this product may also be used without adding **Mapecure SRA**.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Do not apply **Mapegrout Easy Flow** on smooth surfaces. Roughen the surface well and add reinforcing for thicknesses more than 3 cm.
- Do not use **Mapegrout Easy Flow** to repair by pouring into forms (use **Mapegrout Hi-Flow**).
- Do not use **Mapegrout Easy Flow** for anchoring (use **Mapefill** or **Mapefill R**).
- Do not use **Mapegrout Easy Flow** at temperatures lower than +2°C or if the temperature could drop below 0°C immediately after its application.
- Do not add cement or admixtures to **Mapegrout Easy Flow**.
- Do not mix **Mapegrout Easy Flow** with other mortars from the **Mapegrout** range. Refer to the MAPEI Technical Services Department.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Preparing the substrate

- Remove deteriorated and loose concrete until the substrate is sound, strong and rough. Any previous restoration work which is not soundly bonded should be removed.
- Once ready, the concrete surface that needs repair should have at least 5 mm roughness.
- Clean the concrete and reinforcing rods until free of dust, rust, cement laitance, grease, oils and previously applied paints by sandblasting.
- Treat the reinforcing rods with **Mapefer** or **Mapefer 1K** following the application procedure described on the relevant technical data sheets.
- Wait until **Mapefer** or **Mapefer 1K** has dried.
- Saturate the substrate with water.
- Wait for the excess water to evaporate before applying **Mapegrout Easy Flow**. If it is necessary to facilitate the elimination of free water, use compressed air.

Preparing the mortar

- Pour into the mixer 90% of the amount of water required for the application:

APPLICATION METHOD	LITRES OF WATER PER 25 KG BAG
Trowel	approx. 4.1-4.3
Spray	approx. 4.2-4.4

- Start the concrete mixer and slowly add **Mapegrout Easy Flow** to the water in a continuous flow.
- If improved curing of the mortar in open air is required, add **Mapecure SRA** 0.25% by weight of the mortar (0.25 kg per 100 kg of **Mapegrout Easy Flow**).
- Mix for 1-2 minutes, then make sure the mix is well blended. Scrape any unblended powder from the bottom and the sides of the mixer. Mix again for another 2-3 minutes.
- Depending on the amount needed, a drill fitted with a paddle may also be used. Mix at a low speed to avoid entraining air.

Mapegrout Easy Flow remains workable for approximately 1 hour at +20°C.

The expansion of **Mapegrout Easy Flow** is calculated to compensate the hydraulic shrinkage. In order to be effective, the substrate needs to be adequately reinforced with rebars and/or roughened.

Layers of **Mapegrout Easy Flow** in thicknesses of more than 3 cm, should be carried out only after reinforcing and roughening the concrete surface making sure the reinforcement is covered with concrete at least 2 cm thick. Thinner thicknesses can be applied without reinforcing provided that the substrate has been substantially roughened to restrain the expansion. The expansion phase is completed during the first days of curing.

Applying the mortar

Application is usually carried out by spraying using a piston or worm screw rendering machine for example Turbosol, Putzmeister, except continuous mixing machines.

Mapegrout Easy Flow can also be applied with a trowel without formwork even on vertical surfaces or ceilings.

The recommended maximum thickness per layer is approximately 35 mm.

If more layers of **Mapegrout Easy Flow** are necessary, it is recommended to leave the surface of the prior hardened layer rough and wet the substrate with water.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN DURING AND AFTER THE APPLICATION

- To prepare the mix, only use **Mapegrout Easy Flow** bags stored in the original packaging.
- In warm weather, store the product in a cool place and use cold water to prepare the mortar.
- In cold weather, store the product protected from frost at +20°C and use lukewarm water to prepare the mortar.
- After application, **Mapegrout Easy Flow** must be carefully cured. To prevent the mix water from evaporating too quickly, (particularly in warm weather and on windy days, which can cause surface cracks due to plastic shrinkage), nebulize water on the surface 8-12 hours after the application of

TECHNICAL DATA (typical values)

PRODUCT IDENTITY

Class according to EN 1504-3:	R4
Type:	CC
Consistency:	powder
Colour:	grey
Maximum aggregate size (mm):	2.5
Bulk density (kg/m ³):	1,350
Dry solids content (%):	100
Chloride ions content: – minimum requirement ≤ 0.05% according to EN 1015-17 (%):	≤ 0.05

PRODUCT APPLICATION DATA (at +20°C - 50% R.H.)

Colour of the mix:	grey
Mixing ratio:	100 parts of Mapegrout Easy Flow with 16.5-17.5 parts of water (approx. 4.1-4.4 litres of water per 25 kg bag) and 0.25% of Mapecure SRA (1 x 0.25 kg canister every 4 bags of Mapegrout Easy Flow)
Consistency of the mix:	thixotropic
Density of the mix (kg/m ³):	2,200
pH of the mix:	> 12.5
Recommended application temperature range:	from +5°C to +35°C
Pot life of the mix:	approx. 1 hour
Waiting time between each layer:	max 1-2 hours

FINAL PERFORMANCE (with 17% mixing water)

Performance characteristic	Test method	Requirements according to EN 1504-3 Standards for R4 class mortar	Performance of product
Compressive strength (MPa):	EN 12190	> 45 (after 28 days)	> 20 (after 1 day) > 45 (after 7 days) > 60 (after 28 days)
Flexural strength (MPa):	EN 196/1	not required	> 4 (after 1 day) > 7 (after 7 days) > 8 (after 28 days)
Compressive modulus of elasticity (GPa):	EN 13412	≥ 20 (after 28 days)	27 (after 28 days)
Adhesion to concrete (MC 0.40 type substrate - water/cement ratio = 0.40) according to EN 1766 (MPa):	EN 1542	≥ 2 (after 28 days)	> 2 (after 28 days)
Impeded expansion (µm/m):	UNI 8147 Method A	not required	400 after 1 day
Crack resistance:	“O Ring Test”	not required	no cracks after 180 days
Resistance to accelerated carbonation:	EN 13295	depth of carbonation ≤ to reference concrete (MC 0.45 type - water/cement ratio = 0.45) according to UNI 1768 Standards	test passed
Water impermeability - depth of penetration - (mm):	EN 12390/8	not required	< 5
Capillary absorption (kg/m ² ·h ^{0.5}):	EN 13057	< 0.5	< 0.25
Resistance of reinforcement rods to slipping - adhesion stress (MPa):	RILEM-CEB-FIP RC6-78	not required	> 25
Thermal compatibility measured as bonding according to EN 1542 (MPa): – freeze-thaw cycles with deicing salts: – storm cycle: – dry thermal cycle:	EN 13687/1 EN 13687/2 EN 13687/4	≥ 2 (after 50 cycles) ≥ 2 (after 30 cycles) ≥ 2 (after 30 cycles)	> 2 > 2 > 2
Reaction to fire:	EN 13501-1	Euroclass	A1

If 30% in weight of gravel is added to **Mapegrout Easy Flow**, the strength value is the same compared with mortar prepared as is (as long as the amount of mixing water used is the same).

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the grout and repeat every 3-4 hours, for at least the first 48 hours. Alternately, after the grout has been floated, apply **Mapecure E**, an anti-evaporation compound in water emulsion using a low pressure pump or **Mapecure S**, solvent film-forming curing compound for mortars and concrete or **Elastocolor Primer**, solvent-based fixing primer with high penetration properties for porous substrates and curing agent for repair mortars. Like all the best products of their kind on the market, **Mapecure E** and **Mapecure S** prevent the adhesion of the following coverings.

If smoothing or painting is required, **Mapecure E** and **Mapecure S** must be completely removed by sandblasting. If **Elastocolor Primer** is used as an anti-vapour agent, **Elastocolor Paint** or **Elastocolor Rasante** can be applied as a final protection directly over the treated surface.

Cleaning

While still wet, the grout can be cleaned from tools with water.

After setting, cleaning can only be carried out mechanically.

CONSUMPTION

18.5 kg/m² per cm of thickness, if used pure and 14.5 kg/m² if mixed with 30% aggregate from 3 to 6-8 mm.

PACKAGING

25 kg bags. 1000 kg big-bags.

STORAGE

Mapegrout Easy Flow may be stored up to 12 months in its original packaging.

The product complies with the conditions of Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) N° 1907/2006 (REACH), item 47.

The special packaging, made from 25 kg vacuum-packed polyethylene bags, allows the product to be stored outside for the entire duration of the site. Rain has no effect on its characteristics.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION AND APPLICATION

Mapegrout Easy Flow contains cement that when in contact with sweat or other body fluids causes irritant alkaline reaction and allergic reactions to those predisposed. It can cause damage to eyes.

In case of contact with eyes or skin wash immediately with plenty of water and seek medical attention. It is recommended to use protective gloves and goggles and to take usual precautions for handling chemical products.

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 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



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