

# Mapelay

**PVC waterproofing and uncoupling sheet, for internal laying of resilient and carpet flooring on cracked or particularly dirty or damp or subject to rising damp substrates**



## WHERE TO USE

Laying, floating resilient floorings (if dimensionally stable) and carpet floorings on cracked or dirty or damp substrates or substrates subject to rising damp. Temporary protection of floors that must not be damaged so they may be used again a later date.

### Some application examples

- Laying resilient or carpet floorings on screeds which are not completely dry or which are subject to rising damp.
- Laying resilient floorings on old industrial floors where the screed is impregnated with oil or waste process material, which proves difficult to remove.
- Laying resilient or carpet floorings on cracked screeds, where it is not possible to repair the cracks because they may be subject to movement.
- To temporarily protect all types of new floors while normal site operations are being carried out.
- Laying a temporary playing surface in areas where the old flooring needs to be used again immediately after an event (e.g. sports arenas).
- Laying resilient or carpet floorings for a set time to avoid damaging the underlying floor in marble, wood, rubber, etc.
- Confining and neutralising vinyl-asbestos floor coverings by overlaying with new floor coverings in carpet, rubber or PVC (after application of the **Aquaflex System**).

## TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Mapelay** is a very stable support material in PVC reinforced with fibreglass. It is 1.5 mm thick and is available in rolls 25 m long and 2 m wide, weighing approximately 1.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. The position and shape of the special dimples on the underside allow the air to move around constantly.

**Mapelay** is extremely flexible and will adapt perfectly to the underlying substrate, it is easy to cut, does not absorb damp, is perfectly stable and is practically impervious to changes in temperature. **Mapelay** also improves the thermal insulation and soundproofing characteristics of the substrate on which is laid.

**Mapelay** is dimensionally stable; floor coverings bonded to it remain stable over long periods of time (as long as the floor covering itself is not subject to excessive movement) and will withstand any kind of traffic, except vehicles and other heavy traffic.

**Mapelay** may be removed together with the floor covering (if it is flexible enough) and rolled up to leave the substrate in its original condition without having to carry out any special cleaning operations.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Contact the producer of the floor covering to verify that the system is suitable.
- **Mapelay** is a poor conductor of heat and is not suitable, therefore, for laying on heated screeds, even though it is not subject to significant dimensional variations.



Laying Mapelay and formation of a 5-10 mm joint in correspondence with the constraints of the floor



Overlapping adjacent sheets of Mapelay



Cutting the joint between sheets of Mapelay

## TECHNICAL DATA (typical values)

### PRODUCT IDENTITY

Length (m):	25
Width (m):	2
Thickness (mm):	1.5
Weight per surface unit (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ):	1.5
Weight of roll (including packaging) (kg):	approx. 75
Colour:	anthracite

- **Mapelay** is not suitable for outdoor applications.
- Do not use **Mapelay** in areas subject to heavy traffic, for example cars or fork-lift trucks.
- Do not lay **Mapelay** if the temperature is lower than +15°C.
- Do not bond **Mapelay** to the substrate.
- Do not place **Mapelay** in direct contact with perimeter walls.
- Anhydrite screeds or gypsum-based smoothing compounds must be perfectly dry before laying **Mapelay**.

### HOW TO USE

#### Preparation of the substrate

Cementitious screeds must be stable, sound, relatively flat and free of loose and irregular parts. Substances which are liable to ferment or give off unpleasant odours in the presence of damp must be eliminated before application.

Any cracks which are present in the substrate must not form steps or gaps, and must not be larger than 3 mm. Existing wood, ceramic, natural stone floors etc. must be well bonded to the substrate. To level cementitious screeds which are still damp or subject to rising damp, use **Adesilex P4**, **Planex HR** or **Planex HR Maxi**.

If they are dry, uneven cementitious screeds or ceramic surfaces with large joints may be smoothed off and repaired with a suitable MAPEI product (refer to the general products catalogue).

#### Laying Mapelay

Before laying the floor covering, make sure that **Mapelay**, the floor and the room or area involved are at the temperature

recommended by the manufacturer. The temperature must not be lower than +15°C. **Mapelay** and the floor covering to be laid must be removed from their packaging a few hours before laying. The sheets must be loosely laid out and lined up in the same direction in which they are to be laid. The joints between the sheets of **Mapelay** and the joints in the flooring (PVC, rubber, etc.) must not coincide (overlap by at least 10-20 cm).

Leave an isolating joint of 5-10 mm between the sheets of **Mapelay** and the perimeter walls or columns. Adjacent sheets of **Mapelay** must overlap by approximately 10 mm. The sheets must be cut and trimmed while carrying out the final laying operations. Make sure that the sheets of **Mapelay** do not move while carrying out this operation.

When laying **Mapelay**, it is necessary to stagger the head joints of the sheets.

If a water dispersion adhesive is used, we recommend the application of a 10 mm wide self-bonding waterproofing tape over the joints between the sheets of **Mapelay**.

#### Laying the floor covering

Rubber, PVC, linoleum and carpet flooring must be laid so that their joints do not coincide with those in the sheets of **Mapelay**. They must be staggered by at least 10-20 cm, and there must also be a gap of 5-10 mm between the floor covering and the walls and columns. The floor covering must be laid according to the recommendations of the manufacturer. The adhesive must be applied uniformly with a MAPEI N°1 notched trowel. Make sure that the adhesive does not accumulate, and that the quantity applied is 250-300 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

The most suitable adhesive for laying rubber, PVC or linoleum floorings is **Ultrabond Eco MS 4 LVT Wall**,

**Adesilex G20** or **Adesilex G19**, according to the thickness and the type of backing on the floor covering. Carpet and nonwoven floorings may be laid with any one of the suitable adhesives in water dispersion.

To make sure that a good bond is obtained and to eliminate any air bubbles, rub down well the floor covering with a smooth trowel, working from the middle towards the outside. Do not use a roller. Do not kneel directly on the floor when rubbing down the sheets (use pieces of polystyrene or plywood).

#### **Cleaning**

Clean traces of adhesive from the surface of the floor covering before it starts to set (while still fresh). Use ethanol to remove **Ultrabond Eco MS 4 LVT Wall**, **Adesilex G20** or **Adesilex G19**.

#### **PACKAGING**

25 m rolls. Weight of roll: approx. 75 kg.

#### **SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION AND APPLICATION**

**Mapelay** is an article and referring to the current European regulations (Reg. 1906/2007/EC - REACH) does not require the preparation of the safety data sheet. During use it is recommended to wear gloves and goggles and follow the safety requirements of the workplace.

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.*

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**Removal of the cutted portion of Mapelay**



**Laying rubber floor covering on Mapelay sheets using Adesilex G19. Note: the joints between the sheets of rubber floorings are staggered with respect to the joints in the sheets of Mapelay**



**Smoothing the floor; avoid imprints by kneeling on a rigid panel**

**Mapelay**



*Tiled floor laid on  
Mapelay*



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