



Keraply®

Professional Latex Additive for Tile Mortar



DESCRIPTION

Keraply is a professional-grade, acrylic latex admixture used to enhance the performance of MAPEI's non-modified, dry-set mortars as well as *Adesilex™ P10* glass tile mortar. As a highly recommended admixture, *Keraply* enhances bond strength, flexural strength, elongation and freeze/thaw durability.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Improves the bond strength of mortar
- Enhances mortar performance and allows use with a wider range of tile and stone types over additional substrates
- Good for most difficult tiles and interior/exterior surfaces
- When a dry-set mortar is mixed with *Keraply* rather than water, the mixture is ideal for setting tile in areas subject to severe climate swings (ranging from high to below-freezing temperatures, and from dry to wet conditions).

INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND APPROVALS

- ANSI: Exceeds ANSI A118.4 and ANSI A118.11 bond strength requirements
- ISO 13007: See the Technical Data Sheet (TDS) of the mortar that *Keraply* is mixed with.

WHERE TO USE

- Interior/exterior, residential/commercial wet and dry installations
- Installation of ceramic and porcelain tile, quarry tile, pavers, Saltillo tile, and most types of marble, granite, glass tile and natural stone

LIMITATIONS

- Install only at temperatures between 40°F and 95°F (4°C and 35°C).
- Do not use for moisture-sensitive stone (green marble, some limestone and some granite), agglomerate tiles made of moisture-sensitive stone pieces, or resin-backed tiles. Instead, use suitable epoxy or urethane adhesives (see the respective TDS for details).
- For resin-backed tiles, contact MAPEI's Technical Services Department.
- For light-colored and translucent natural stone, as well as transparent and translucent glass, a white mortar is recommended.
- Do not use over dimensionally unstable substrates such as hardwood flooring, oriented strand board (OSB), substrates containing asbestos, or metal. See the respective TDS of the mortar used for more information.
- To use directly over gypsum-based patching or leveling substrates, apply a suitable sealer/primer before use. See the technical bulletin "Tiling over gypsum" in the Related Documents section of the Tile & Stone Installation Systems page on MAPEI's Website.
- Do not dilute with any other liquids.
- Cure for 28 days before water immersion.
- Installations over nonporous surfaces, such as waterproofing membranes and existing tile, may require extended setting/curing times.
- For large-format glass tile, see the technical bulletin "Installing large-format, opaque glass tiles" in the Related Documents section of the Tile & Stone Installation Systems page on MAPEI's Website.
- Follow the glass tile manufacturer's recommendations regarding limitations and appropriate use.



SUITABLE SUBSTRATES

- Concrete (cured for at least 28 days)
- Masonry cement block, brick, cement mortar beds, render coats and leveling coats
- Properly prepared, existing ceramic and porcelain tile, cement terrazzo, quarry tile and pavers (interior in dry conditions only)
- Properly prepared vinyl composition tile (VCT) and cutback adhesive residue
- Cement backer units (CBU) – see manufacturer's installation guidelines (interior only)
- APA Group 1 and CANPLY 0121 exterior-grade plywood (interior, residential and light commercial floors and countertops in dry conditions only)
- Gypsum wallboard and plaster – interior walls in dry areas only (priming may be required). See the "Surface preparation requirements" reference guide in the Related Documents section of the Tile & Stone Installation Systems page on MAPEI's Website.
- MAPEI's waterproofing, crack-isolation, sound-reduction and uncoupling membranes

Consult MAPEI's Technical Services Department for installation recommendations regarding substrates and conditions not listed.

Note that glass tile may not be suitable over some of the above substrates, such as plywood. Consult the TCNA and glass tile manufacturer regarding installation recommendations over these substrates or membranes.

SURFACE PREPARATION

- All substrates should be structurally sound, stable, dry, clean and free of any substance or condition that may reduce or prevent proper adhesion.

See the "Surface preparation requirements" reference guide in the Related Documents section of the Tile & Stone Installation Systems page on MAPEI's Website.

MIXING

Before product use, take appropriate safety precautions. Refer to the Safety Data Sheet for details.

1. Into a clean mixing container, pour about 1.8 U.S. gals. (6.81 L) of *Keraply* for the desired consistency.
2. While slowly mixing, gradually add 50 lbs. (22.7 kg) of a dry-set mortar or 43 lbs. (19.5 kg) of *Adesilex P10* glass tile mortar.
3. Use a low-speed mixing drill (at about 300 rpm), with an angled cross-blade mixer or auger mixer. Mix thoroughly until mixture becomes a smooth, homogenous, lump-free paste. Avoid prolonged mixing.
4. Let the mixture stand ("slake") for 5 minutes.
5. Remix.

6. If the mixture becomes heavy or stiff, remix it without adding more liquid or powder.

PRODUCT APPLICATION

Read all installation instructions thoroughly before installation

1. Choose a typical notched trowel (see the respective mortar's TDS) with sufficient depth to achieve more than 80% mortar contact to both the tile and substrate for all interior applications, and greater than 95% for exterior installations, commercial floors and wet applications. It may be necessary to back-butter tiles in order to reach these requirements. (Refer to ANSI A108.5 specifications and TCNA Handbook guidelines.)
2. With pressure, apply a coat by using the trowel's flat side to key mortar into the substrate.
3. Apply additional mortar, combing it in a single direction with the trowel's notched side.
4. Spread only as much mortar as can be tiled before the product skins over. Open time can vary with jobsite conditions. For glass tile and mosaics, knock down the trowel ridges to ensure that they do not show through translucent tiles.
5. Place the tiles firmly into the wet mortar. Push the tiles back and forth in a direction perpendicular to trowel lines, to collapse the mortar ridges and to help achieve maximum coverage. Ensure proper contact between mortar, tile and substrate by periodically lifting a few tiles to check for acceptable percentage of contact.
6. Remove excess mortar from the joint areas so that at least 2/3 of the tile depth is available for grouting (see ANSI A108.10 guidelines)

EXPANSION AND CONTROL JOINTS

- Provide for expansion and control joints as specified per TCNA Method EJ171, or TTMAC Specification Guide 09 30 00, Detail 301MJ. Do not cover expansion joints with mortars.
- Glass tiles exhibit more dimensional change due to temperature fluctuations than do ceramic or porcelain tiles. Joint spacing recommendations in EJ-171 (301-MJ) give a range for interior and exterior applications. For glass-tile installations, add additional movement joints in order to reduce stresses.

CLEANUP

- Use water only to clean tools and tiles while the mortar is fresh.

PROTECTION

- Protect from traffic for 24 to 48 hours, so that the mortar is sufficiently set. See the TDS of the mortar being used for additional instructions.

Product Performance Properties

See the TDS of the mortar being used.

Shelf Life and Product Characteristics before mixing

Shelf life	2 years when stored in original, unopened packaging at 73°F (23°C) and 50% relative humidity
Physical state	Liquid latex
VOCS (Rule #1168 of California's SCAQMD)	0 g per L

Protect containers from freezing in transit and storage. Provide for heated storage on site and deliver all materials at least 24 hours before work begins.

Packaging

Size
Jug: 54.4 U.S. oz. (1.61 L)
Jug: 2 U.S. gals. (7.57 L)
Pail: 5 U.S. gals. (18.9 L)
Drum: 55 U.S. gals. (208 L)

Approximate Coverage

See the TDS of the mortar being used.

The logo for Keraply, featuring the brand name in a bold, italicized, sans-serif font with a registered trademark symbol, set against a blue background that tapers to a point on the right.

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RELATED DOCUMENTS

Reference guide: "Surface preparation requirements" for tile and stone installation systems*

Technical bulletin: "Tiling over gypsum"*

Technical bulletin: "Installing large-format, opaque glass tiles"*

* At www.mapei.com

Refer to the SDS for specific data related to health and safety as well as product handling.

For information on MAPEI's commitment to sustainability and transparency, as well as how MAPEI meets the health and well-being requirements of product certification programs, contact the MAPEI Sustainability Team at 1-800-992-6273.

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