

Mapesil Z Plus

**Acetic silicone
sealant for
sanitary fittings**



WHERE TO USE

Mapesil Z Plus is used to form waterproof seals and joints between construction elements in the building, mechanical, naval, automobile and industrial sectors, including when elements are permanently exposed to damp. After polymerisation has taken place, it forms a perfect, flexible seal which bonds well to glass, ceramic and painted metal surfaces and which is highly resistant to the formation of mould.

Some application examples

- Mould resistant seals in bathrooms, kitchens, laundry rooms and damp environments.
- Sealing sanitary fittings, bath-tubs, shower booths and saunas.
- Sealing greenhouses.
- Sealing glass with a U profile (U-glass).
- Sealing between glass and window frames.
- Sealing air and water vents.
- For making general seals in the building, automobile, naval and industrial sectors (portholes, window frames, etc.).

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Mapesil Z Plus is an acetic-reticulation silicone sealant with mould-resistant agents. It is supplied in soft, thixotropic paste form and is easy to apply on vertical and horizontal surfaces. Reticulation takes place at

room temperature through the humidity present in the air to form a flexible sealant which allows joints to expand and contract by up to 20% of their original size.

Mapesil Z Plus offers permanent resistance to inclement weather, industrial environments, temperature changes, immersion in water and exposure to damp environments. It adheres perfectly to glass, ceramic, enamelled surfaces, aluminium, certain types of plastic and impregnated, coated and varnished wood without the use of primer.

Mapesil Z Plus also bonds well to concrete, wood, metal, a wide range of plastics, rubber etc. after treating them with **Primer FD**. Our Technical Assistance Department is also available for further details.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Do not apply **Mapesil Z Plus** on alkaline substrates without treating them beforehand with **Primer FD**.
- Do not use **Mapesil Z Plus** for joints between light-coloured external coatings (ceramic, natural stone, etc.); dirt may accumulate at the edges of joints exposed to atmospheric agents and dust.
- Do not apply **Mapesil Z Plus** on rubber, heavily-plasticised plastics or bitumen. The oil and plasticisers may migrate to the surface and compromise the bond, and penetrate into the sealant leading to a change in its colour and mechanical characteristics.
- Do not use **Mapesil Z Plus** to seal aquariums or other types of container used to house aquatic life.

Reticulation

When **Mapesil Z Plus** is exposed to the air, the surrounding humidity sets off the reticulation reaction. This reaction also takes place at low temperatures. The temperature of the surrounding air only has a slight influence on the reticulation rate of **Mapesil Z Plus**, while reticulation depends heavily on the level of humidity in the air. The graph in Fig. 1 illustrates the reticulation rate at +23°C and 50% humidity.

N.B. When reticulation takes place, 4.0% of acetic acid is given off (TLV: 25 mg/m³), which then evaporates. Do not inhale the vapours given off for long periods or in high concentration levels. Always make sure the environment where it is used and applied is well ventilated. Non-vulcanised silicone rubber may irritate the eyes and breathing passages. If the product comes into contact, wash off with plenty of clean water and seek medical attention.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Preparation and correct dimensioning of the joint

Surfaces to be sealed must be clean, dry, sound and free of dust, loose parts, oil, grease, wax, rust and old paint. In order to function correctly, the sealant must be able to expand and contract freely once it has been applied in the joint. It is important, therefore, that:

- it only bonds 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 expand more than 20% of the initial width of the joint (at +23°C);
- the thickness of the **Mapesil Z Plus** seal is less or, at most, equal to the width of the joint. The depth of the joint is regulated to avoid **Mapesil Z Plus** sticking to the bottom by inserting **Mafoam** special closed-cell, expanded polyethylene cord in the joint.

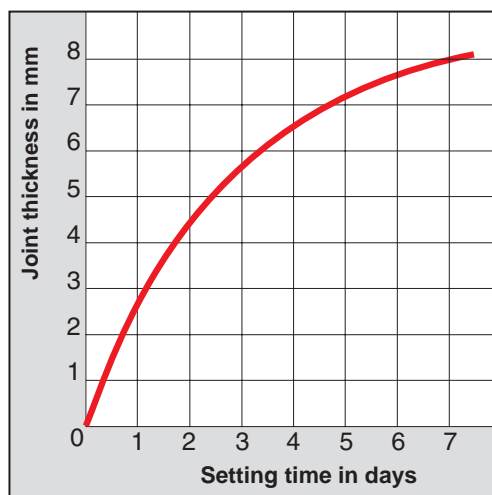


Fig. 1

Application of Primer FD

In those cases where **Primer FD** is required, it must be applied on the areas where it is required with a small brush. Leave it to dry so that the solvent evaporates off and then apply the **Mapesil Z Plus**.

Application of Mapesil Z Plus

Mapesil Z Plus is available in 280 ml cartridges. Cut off 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 extrusion gun. Apply masking tape along the edges of the joint to get a perfect finish and use the gun to apply the sealant in the joint. After applying **Mapesil Z Plus**, smooth over the sealant with a suitable tool dipped in soapy water before a skin forms on the surface.

Cleaning

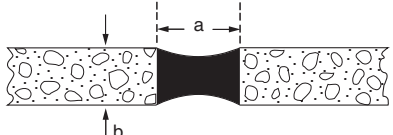
Traces of **Mapesil Z Plus** may be removed from tools while it is still fresh using a normal solvent such as ethyl acetate, benzene or toluene. Once the product has completely reticulated, the silicon rubber it forms may only be removed mechanically.

PACKAGING

Mapesil Z Plus is available in transparent and white in 280 ml cartridges.

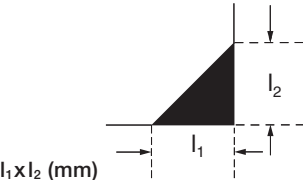
CONSUMPTION TABLE (metres of product per cartridge)

BUTT JOINT



size of joint mm (a x b)	metres of product per cartridge
5x5	11
10x5	5.5
10x10	2.8
15x10	1.8
20x10	1.4
25x10	1.1
30x15	0.6
40x20	0.4

TRIANGULAR JOINT



size of joint (mm)	metres of product per cartridge
5	22
10	5.5
15	2.4
20	1.4

TECHNICAL DATA (typical values)	
PRODUCT IDENTITY	
Consistency:	thixotropic paste
Colour:	transparent or white
Density (g/cm³):	1.00
Storage:	18 months in its original, unopened cartridges
Hazard classification according to EC 1999/45:	none. Before using refer to the "Safety instructions for preparation and application" paragraph and the information on the packaging and Safety Data Sheet
Customs class:	3214 90 00
APPLICATION DATA (at +23°C and 50% R.H.)	
Application temperature range:	from +5°C to +40°C
Extraction rate from a 3.5 mm nozzle at a pressure of 0.5 MPa:	80-130 g/min.
Open time (formation of skin):	25 minutes
Reticulation rate:	1 day: 3 mm 28 days: 8 mm
FINAL PERFORMANCE	
Tensile strength (N/mm²):	0.6 (according to ISO 8339)
Elongation at breakage (%):	200 (according to ISO 8339)
Tear strength ISO 34-1 mould C (N/mm):	4.0
Maximum permitted movement in service (%):	20
Shore A hardness (ISO 868):	18
Modulus of elongation at 100% (N/mm²):	0.36 (according to ISO 8339)
Density at 23°C (DIN 53 476) (g/cm³):	1.01
Resistance to water:	excellent
Resistance to ageing:	good
Resistance to atmospheric agents:	good
Resistance to temperatures:	from -30°C to +120°C
Resistance to the formation of mould:	good

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STORAGE

18 months in its original packaging in a dry place.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION AND APPLICATION

Mapesil Z Plus is not considered a hazardous substance according to current norms and guidelines regarding the classification of mixtures. However, we recommend the use of protective gloves and goggles, and to take the usual precautions for handling chemical products. For further and complete information about a safety use of our product please refer to our latest version of the 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 web site www.mapei.com

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

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