WHERE TO USE
Mapetex is a synthetic, non-woven fabric that may be used as an anti-fracture system or, when used in combination with Mapetex-Strip (adhesive hi-tack tape), as a removable floor-laying system.

Some application examples
• Anti-fracture or isolating layer:
  – laying floors on cementitious substrates that are either cracked or that have not been cured correctly and are unable to prevent cracks in the substrate damaging the finished floor;
  – laying tiles on screeds without having to copy the layout of the existing distribution joints, particularly when in difficult laying situations such as in diagonal or on cracked screeds.

• As a removable system for laying internal ceramic and stone floors that also protects the substrate (such as chipboard, parquet, PVC, linoleum, ceramic, stone and cementitious and heated screeds) so that tiling can be removed and replaced quickly.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS
Mapetex is made by means of a special manufacturing technique which, thanks to the special properties and characteristics of the fibres that form the fabric, produces a strong, highly elastic layer of non-woven fabric that protects the flooring by preventing cracks in the substrate being transmitted into the new tiling.

RECOMMENDATIONS
When used as a removable system:
• Mapetex must always be laid with the printed side facing the substrate;
• absorbent substrates must be treated with Primer G or Eco Prim T diluted 1:1 with water before applying Mapetex-Strip. Particularly rough substrates must be smoothed over before applying any primer.

When used as an anti-fracture or isolating layer:
• when used as an isolating layer, tiles may be laid if the screed or concrete surfaces are not dry enough or completely cured;
• if Mapetex overlaps a distribution joint make sure this is not also in the same position as a structural joint and that there is no shear movement between the two screeds.

HOW TO USE
Application as an anti-fracture and isolating layer
Bond Mapetex directly to the cementitious substrate with a MAPEI highly deformable adhesive (class S2) such as Keraquick S1 + Latex Plus, Elastorapid, Ultralite S2 or Ultralite S2 Quick applied with a 5 mm notched spreader.
Once the surface has been prepared as specified, lay the Mapetex fabric (with the printed side facing the substrate) and fasten in place by pressing it down onto the pieces of adhesive tape (Mapetex-Strip). Position the Mapetex-Strip so that joints between adjacent lengths of Mapetex run along the centre of the hi-tack strips. To prevent adhesive seeping into the joints, seal all the joints between adjacent lengths of Mapetex with adhesive tape.

When laying flooring, which adhesive to use will depend on the type of flooring chosen. Floors installed with Mapetex System Mapetex System

### MAPETEX: TECHNICAL DATA (typical values)

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### MAPETEX-STRIP: TECHNICAL DATA (typical values)

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Lay Mapetex over the wet adhesive and press it down evenly.

Once the adhesive has set, ceramic and stone tiles may be laid using the same adhesive.

While laying the fabric, the pattern of distribution joints in the substrate does not necessarily need to be copied; the position of structural joints, however, must be copied.

**Application as a removable system**

Substrates must be dry, perfectly clean, flat, strong and compact. Existing flooring must be well bonded to the substrate, otherwise it must be removed.

Mapetex fabric is available in 1 m and 2 m wide rolls. For large areas of flooring we recommend using the 2 m wide rolls.

Bond pieces of Mapetex Strip at least 10 cm long to the clean substrate as follows:

- 3 pieces per edge for every metre of 1 metre wide Mapetex fabric.
- 3 pieces per edge and three pieces along the centre line of each length of fabric for every metre of 2 metres wide Mapetex fabric.

Once the surface has been prepared as specified, lay the Mapetex fabric (with the printed side facing the substrate) and fasten in place by pressing it down onto the pieces of adhesive tape (Mapetex-Strip).

Position the Mapetex-Strip so that joints between adjacent lengths of Mapetex run along the centre of the hi-tack strips.

To prevent adhesive seeping into the joints, seal all the joints between adjacent the lengths of Mapetex with adhesive tape.

When laying flooring, which adhesive to use will depend on the type of flooring chosen.

Floors may be laid on Mapetex without copying the position of the distribution joints in the substrate. The position of structural joints, however, must be copied.

**GROUTING AND SEALING**

Grout flooring with Ultracolor Plus or Keracolor mixed with Fugolastic.

Seal elastic joints with Mapesil AC and stone flooring with Mapesil LM.

**REMOVING SURFACES LAID ON MAPETEX**

Use a suction cup, flat chisel or spreader to detach one of the tiles from the
Mapetex-Strip (preferably in one of the corners) and the underlying length of Mapetex; starting from this area, lift and remove the flooring.

If you need to lay new flooring immediately, the strips of Mapetex-Strip still attached to the substrate may be used again.

Try to prevent dust, dirt and any other material going on to Mapetex-Strip, it could make it less tacky.

Lay new flooring following the same procedure as before. If, on the other hand, the substrate needs to be used again, remove the Mapetex-Strip and all traces of adhesive with alcohol.

PACKAGING
Mapetex:
- rolls of 50 m long by 200 cm wide;
- rolls of 50 m long by 100 cm wide.

Mapetex-Strip:
- rolls of 25 m long by 50 mm wide.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION AND APPLICATION
Mapetex is an article and referring to the current European regulations (Reg. 1906/2007/CE - REACH) does not require the preparation of the material 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
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