WHERE TO USE
The product is added during mixing to repair mortars from the Mapegrout range (Mapegrout T40, Mapegrout T60, Mapegrout Thixotropic, Mapegrout Hi-Flow, Mapegrout BM, Mapegrout FMR and Mapegrout Easy Flow), to binders, such as Stabilcem and Stabilcem SCC, and to all types of concrete, to allow them to expand during the first few days of curing, including during air curing. This property helps reduce the formation of micro-cracks and also guarantees that the final level of hydraulic shrinkage is extremely low.

Some typical application examples
Construction and repair of:
• floor joists and motorway viaduct piers;
• industrial floors;
• multi-storey car parks;
• hydraulic works, such as canals, overflow channels, tanks, etc.;
• prefabricated concrete elements such as cupolas, beams, pillars, buffer panels, etc.;
• lining road and railway tunnels.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS
Mapecure SRA is a special, chloride-free liquid admixture specially developed in MAPEI’s own Research & Development laboratories, to reduce final hygrometric shrinkage of mortar, ordinary and self-compacting concrete, to make them less prone to cracking problems. Mapecure SRA works by reducing the surface stresses of the water present in the capillary pores and as a result, the forces which act upon the walls of the pores is greatly reduced. Thanks to this phenomenon, the reduction in shrinkage is clearly visible (Fig. 1).

The best results are obtained when Mapecure SRA is mixed with controlled-shrinkage repair mortars or in combination with concrete which contains Expancrete, in that it allows these systems to expand even further during the first few days of hardening, whether they are damp-cured or air-cured.

When Mapecure SRA and Expancrete (Mapecrete System) are used together, the advantages of each single product combine and are greatly enhanced, to guarantee that the properties of mortar and concrete reach levels which would normally be impossible with traditional cementitious systems.

As a result of this technology and according to the composition of the concrete, the final expansion and shrinkage levels may be programmed to guarantee that the structure acquires higher durability (Fig. 2). According to the doses used, Mapecure SRA reduces the final mechanical strength by 5-6% (Figs. 3 and 4). Mapecure SRA is compatible with all traditional, naphthalene sulphonate-based super-plasticising admixtures from the Mapefluid range, the new acrylic admixtures from the Dynamon range and with all types of cement according to UNI EN 197/1 Standards.
TECHNICAL DATA (typical values)

PRODUCT IDENTITY

Consistency: liquid
Colour: transparent
Density (g/cm³): 0.91

FIG. 1 - Values obtained with mortar containing CEM I 52.5 R cement, normalised sand and water, according to the composition indicated in the EN 196-1 Standards

Hygrometric shrinkage according to UNI 6678

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FIG. 2 - Values obtained with mortar containing CEM I 52.5 R cement, normalised sand and water, according to the composition indicated in the EN 196-1 Standards, and 7% of Expancrete admixture

Contrasted-expansion air curing (+20°C and 50% R.H.) according to UNI 8147

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• start up the concrete mixer and mix the contents for a few minutes;
• add **Mapecure SRA** at a rate of 0.25-0.5% by weight of the mix;
• continue mixing until a lump-free, homogenous mix is obtained.

**Concrete:**
• add **Mapecure SRA** to the mix at a rate of 5-8 l/m³ after adding the cement, aggregates and 70% of the mixing water required;
• then add the remaining water and mix until the required consistency is obtained.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**
• Mortar and concrete which contain **Mapecure SRA**, especially in hot, windy climates, must be cured under damp conditions or protected with an anti-evaporation film, such as **Mapecure S** or **Mapecure E**, to avoid rapid evaporation of water due to the high surrounding temperature.
• Only add **Mapecure SRA** to the concrete once all the other components have been added.

**HOW TO USE**
**Repair mortar:**
• pour the amount of water recommended in the Technical Data Sheet for the product to be used into a concrete mixer;
• start up the concrete mixer and mix the contents for a few minutes;
• add **Mapecure SRA** at a rate of 0.25-0.5% by weight of the mix;
• continue mixing until a lump-free, homogenous mix is obtained.

**Mapecure SRA** complies with Italian standard UNI 11641:2016 concerning the shrinkage reducing agent.

**FIG. 3 - Values obtained with mortar containing CEM I 52.5 R cement, normalised sand and water, according to the composition indicated in the EN 196-1 Standards**

**FIG. 4 - Values obtained with mortar containing CEM I 52.5 R cement, normalised sand and water, according to the composition indicated in the EN 196-1 Standards, and 7% of Expancrete admixture**
CONSUMPTION
Mortar:
0.25-0.5% by weight of the mix.

Concrete:
5-8 l/m³.

PACKAGING
Mapecure SRA is supplied in:
– 900 kg tanks;
– 20 kg drums;
– 0.25 kg cans.

STORAGE
Mapecure SRA may be stored for up to 12 months in its original packaging in a dry place.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION AND APPLICATION
Mapecure SRA is not considered dangerous according to current norms and regulations regarding the classification of mixtures. However, the use of protective gloves and goggles and the application of the usual precautions taken when handling chemical products are recommended. 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.

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