

# KERAFLEX MAXI S1 ZERO

High-performance, deformable cementitious grey or ultra white adhesive, with extended open time and no vertical slip, with Low Dust technology, very low emission of volatile organic compounds and with fully offset Greenhouse Gas emissions. Especially suitable for the installation of large-size porcelain tiles and natural stone



## CO<sub>2</sub> FULLY OFFSET PRODUCTS

**Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** is part of the CO<sub>2</sub> Fully Offset in the Entire Life Cycle line of products. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions measured throughout the life cycle of products from the Zero line in 2025 using Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) methodology, verified and certified with EPDs, have been offset through the acquisition of certified carbon credits in support of forestry protection projects. A commitment to the planet, to people and to biodiversity. For more details on how emissions are calculated and on climate mitigation projects financed through certified carbon credits, visit the webpage [zero.mapei.com](https://zero.mapei.com).

## CLASSIFICATION ACCORDING TO EN 12004

**Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** is a C2TES1 class cementitious (C), improved (2), non-slip (T), extended open time (E) deformable (S1) grey or ultra white adhesive.

Conformity of **Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** is certified according to certificates TT No. 14-83310-551 (LGA) for the grey version and n°14-83310-550-S (LGA) for the white one issued by the APPLUS laboratory, LGA Technological Center Bellaterra (Spain).

## WHERE TO USE

- Bonding all types and sizes of ceramic tiles (double-fired, single-fired, porcelain tiles, klinker, terracotta, etc.) on irregular internal and external substrates and render without skimming the surface prior to bonding (maximum bed depth 15mm).
- Bonding stone on internal and external surfaces (moisture stable stone, not sensitive to humidity).
- Bonding all types of mosaic on interior and exterior surfaces, also in swimming pools.

## Some application examples

- Bonding ceramic tiles (double-fired, single-fired, porcelain, klinker, etc.), ceramic and glass mosaic and stone (if stable in damp environments) on the following substrates:
  - "damp earth" consistency and self-levelling cementitious screeds and anhydrite screeds (after priming the surface with a suitable acrylic primer such as **Primer G** or **Eco Prim T Plus**);
  - heated floors;
  - sound, well cured concrete floors;
  - cementitious render and lime-mortar render;
  - gypsum-based render (after the application of an acrylic primer such as **Primer G** or **Eco Prim T Plus**);
  - plasterboard, walls made of fibre cement panels, precast wall panels;
  - waterproofing membranes made from **Mapelastic Zero**, **Mapelastic Smart**, **Mapelastic Turbo**, **Mapelastic AquaDefense** or **Mapegum WPS**;
  - uncoupling, anti-fracture waterproofing membrane such as **Mapeguard UM 35** or **Mapeguard WP 200**.
- Overlaying ceramic and stone on existing floors (ceramic, marble, etc.).
- Bonding floors subjected to intense traffic.
- Bonding ceramic in areas with poor ventilation close to homes where the amount of dust given off must be reduced to a minimum during mixing operations and when moving the bags.
- Bonding tiles and strips with profiled or hollow backs (porcelain tiles, klinker, single-fired, and terracotta) on internal and external surfaces.
- Installing tiles on precast concrete walls and concrete substrates (provided any release agents or sealant are mechanically removed).
- Bonding tiles in swimming pools and tanks.

## TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** is a grey or white-coloured powder made from cement, selected graded sand, a high amount of synthetic resins and special admixtures according to a formula developed in the MAPEI research laboratories.

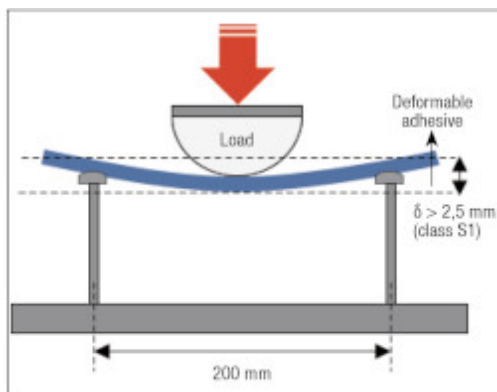
The environmental impacts during the entire life cycle of **Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** have been assessed through the LCA (Life Cycle Assessment) methodology and reported in EPD n° S-P-00907 for the grey version and n° S-P-09631 for the white one (Environmental Product Declaration) in accordance with ISO 14025 standard, certified and published by The International EPD System.

**Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** is a product with very low emission of volatile organic compounds (VOC), which safeguards the health and safety of installers and final users. It is certified as EC1 Plus by the German association GEV.

**Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** helps earn important LEED credits.

The innovative **Low Dust** technology which characterises this adhesive considerably reduces the amount of dust given off during mixing compared with conventional MAPEI adhesives to make floor layers work easier and safer. When mixed with water, **Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** forms a mortar with the following characteristics:

- low viscosity and, therefore, good workability;
- high thixotropy; **Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** may be applied on vertical surfaces without slumping and without allowing tiles to slip, even large, heavy tiles. Tiles may be bonded in place starting from the upper part of surfaces, working downwards without having to place spacers;
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## RECOMMENDATIONS

Do not use **Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** in the following cases:

- on not sufficiently cured concrete;
- on wooden conglomerates (such as chipboard, MDF etc);
- on metal, rubber, PVC, and linoleum surfaces;
- for slabs of marble and natural stone which are subject to efflorescence or staining;
- with natural stone or composite slabs subject to movements caused by dampness;
- when floors need to be put back into service quickly.
- do not add water to the mix once it starts to set.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

### Preparation of the substrate

Substrates must be cured, sufficiently dry, strong and have no crumbling areas or traces of grease, oil, varnish or wax.

Cementitious substrates must not shrink after bonding tiles. Therefore, in good weather, render must be cured for at least one week per cm of thickness and cementitious screeds must be cured for at least 28 days, unless they are made using special MAPEI screed binders such as **Mapecem**, **Mapecem Pronto**, **Topcem** or **Topcem Pronto**. If the surface is too hot due to direct sunlight, cool it down with water.

Gypsum substrates and anhydrite screeds must be perfectly dry (maximum moisture content of 0.5%w/w or 75%RH), strong and free of dust. They must also be treated with an acrylic primer such as **Primer G** or **Eco Prim T Plus**.

### Preparation of the mix

Blend **Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** with clean water to obtain a smooth, lump-free mix. Let the mix stand for approximately 5 minutes, then blend again.

Use approximately 5.0 - 5.4 litres of water for each 20 kg bag of powder of grey **Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** and approximately 5.2 - 5.6 litres of water per 20 kg bag of white **Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero**. When mixed as described above, the mix lasts approximately 8 hours.

### Spreading the mix

To guarantee a good bond, apply a thin layer of **Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** on the substrate using the smooth side of a spreader and then immediately apply a further layer of **Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** in the thickness required using a suitable spreader, depending on the type and size of the tiles being applied.

If cementitious substrates are very absorbent and in the presence of high temperatures it is advisable, before laying the mix of **Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero**, to moisten the substrate in order to prolong the open time of the adhesive.

In case of exterior installation, installation of large format tiles, all floor applications, application in water tanks or swimming pools, apply the back-buttering technique by spreading the adhesive on the back of the tiles to

ensure 100% coverage.

## Bonding tiles

Tiles do not need to be wet before they are laid. However, if the backs of the tiles are particularly dusty, wash them by dipping them in clean water.

When applying the tiles, press down firmly using a twisting/sliding motion to guarantee complete coverage.

The open time for **Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** is at least 30 minutes in normal weather and humidity conditions.

When bonding conditions are not ideal (direct sunlight, dry wind, high temperatures, etc.), or if the substrate is particularly absorbent, this time may reduce to only a few minutes.

Keep checking the adhesive to make sure skin does not form on the surface and that it is still wet. If the adhesive is no longer wet, run the notched trowel over the adhesive again to re-activate open time, or, if the adhesive has already start to set, remove it and spread a new layer of fresh adhesive. Do not wet the surface of the adhesive if skin forms. Water does not dissolve the skin and creates instead a film that impedes a good bond. Final adjustment of the tiles must be carried out within 45 minutes of bonding.

Floor and wall coverings bonded with **Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** must be protected from water and rain for at least 24 hours and from freezing weather and direct sunlight for at least 5 to 7 days.

While laying tiles, it is recommended to use levelling systems of **MapeLevel** line to maintain the correct size of grouts and reduce height unevenness between tiles.

## GROUTING AND SEALING

Tile joints may be grouted after 4 to 8 hours on walls and after 24 hours on floors. Use a MAPEI cementitious or epoxy grout, available in a wide variety of colours.

Seal expansion joints using a special MAPEI sealant.

If necessary, clean, maintain and protect the surfaces with the products from the **UltraCare** range.

## SET TO LIGHT FOOT TRAFFIC

Floors set to foot traffic after approximately 24 hours.

## READY FOR USE

Surfaces may be put into service after 14 days. Basins and swimming pools may be filled up 21 days after the application of **Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero**.

## CLEANING

Clean tools and containers with water while **Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** is still wet.

Clean the surface of wall and floor coverings with a damp cloth before the adhesive hardens.

## CONSUMPTION

- 1.2 kg/m<sup>2</sup> per mm of thickness.

### Bonding panels

- Applied with a trowel approx. (rounded notch): 6-7 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Spot-bonding (with a trowel): 4-6 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

## PACKAGING

**Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** Grey and White are available in 20kg paper bags.

## STORAGE

**Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero** may be stored for 12 months in its original packaging in a dry place.

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION AND APPLICATION

Instructions for the safe use of our products can be found on the latest version of the Safety Data Sheet, available from our website [www.mapei.co.uk](http://www.mapei.co.uk).

PRODUCT FOR PROFESSIONAL USE.

## TECHNICAL DATA (typical values)

Complies with the following standards:

- Euronorm EN 12004 (C2TES1)
- ISO 13007-1 (C2TES1)

### PRODUCT IDENTITY

Consistency:	powder
Colour:	grey and white
Bulk density:	1400 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Dry solids content:	100%
EMICODE:	EC1 Plus - very low emission

### APPLICATION DATA (at +23°C and 50% R.H.)

Mixing ratio:	100 parts in weight of grey <b>Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero</b> with 25-27 parts in weight of water 100 parts in weight of white <b>Keraflex Maxi S1 Zero</b> with 26-28 parts in weight of water
Consistency of mix:	paste
Density of mix:	1500 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
pH of mix:	more than 12
Pot life of mix:	more than 8 hours
Application temperature:	+5°C to +35°C
Open time:	> 30 minutes
Adjustment time:	approximately 60 minutes
Grouting joints in wall tiles:	after 4-8 hours
Grouting joints in floor tiles:	after 24 hours
Set to foot traffic:	24 hours
Ready for service:	14 days (basins and swimming pools may be filled after 21 days)

## FINAL PERFORMANCE

### Adhesion:

- initial adhesion (after 28 days):
- adhesion after application of heat source:
- adhesion after immersion in water:
- adhesion after freeze-thaw cycles:

3.0 N/mm<sup>2</sup>  
2.5 N/mm<sup>2</sup>  
1.1 N/mm<sup>2</sup>  
1.5 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

### Resistance to alkalis:

excellent

### Resistance to oils:

excellent (poor for vegetable oils)

### Resistance to solvents:

excellent

### In-service temperature range:

-30°C to +90°C

### Deformability according to EN 12004:

S1 - deformable (> 2.5 mm, < 5 mm)

## 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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