TPE tape for flexible sealing and waterproofing expansion joints and over cracks subject to movement

**WHERE TO USE**
Waterproofing expansion joints in road-works, tunnels, hydraulic works and covering areas subject to movement up to 5 or 10 mm, using Mapeband TPE 170 or Mapeband TPE 325 respectively.

Some typical application examples:
- Flexible waterproofing seal of expansion joints subject to large amounts of movement in service.
- Flexible waterproofing seals in tunnels, road-works, etc.
- Sealing expansion joints in prefabricated panels.
- Sealing structural joints in façades.
- Sealing joints in hydraulic works, such as channels, basins, drains, pipe-work, etc.
- Waterproofing joints in road-works.
- Waterproofing expansion joints in flat covering layers.

**TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS**
Mapeband TPE consists of either 17 cm or 32.5 cm wide tape, called respectively Mapeband TPE 170 and Mapeband TPE 325. 1.2 mm thick, sidelong reinforced with polyester non-woven fabric. Mapeband TPE must be applied by bonding with Adesilex PG4 two-component, low viscosity, thixotropic epoxy adhesive.

TPE, short for “Elastomeric Thermoplastic Polyolefine”, is the name given to a special group of polyolefines which combine the best properties of thermoplastic polymers and synthetic elastomer technology.

Mapeband TPE may be hot-welded with a Leister electronic hot air blower.

Mapeband TPE may be also joined by using the “cold-weld” technique by applying a contact adhesive, such as Adesilex LP solvated, poly-chloroprene adhesive, to both surfaces. This technique makes it easy to form linear joints or to create special pieces with the tape, to guarantee the waterproof integrity of the entire system. The tape remains permanently flexible and deformable even at low temperatures and, furthermore, it is resistant to ageing even if exposed to atmospheric agents and UV rays.

The composition of Mapeband TPE gives it excellent resistance to alkalis, bitumen, diluted lye, slightly acidic solutions and salt solutions.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**
- Do not use Mapeband TPE if it will come into contact with mineral oil, petrol or strong solvents (ketones, esters and hydrocarbons).
- Do not lay Mapeband TPE on surfaces which are not perfectly clean, dry or which are irregular.
- Protect Mapeband TPE against perforation.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**
Preparation of the substrate
Surfaces on which Mapeband TPE is to be applied must be free from oil, grease and paint and must be free
from dust and areas which are either uneven or loose.

Paintwork or toppings must be removed by sandblasting or with a sanding disc. This operation is indispensable if the surfaces have been treated with polyester, epoxy or polyurethane resin or if it is made from glassy material.

If Mapeband TPE is to be applied on metallic surfaces, remove all traces of rust, paint, grease, etc. by sandblasting down to bare metal.

When Mapeband TPE is applied, the surface must be perfectly dry.

To obtain a joint with a clean, well-defined profile, apply masking tape around the outside surface of the joint, in order to obtain an area which is 1 cm wider than the width of the TPE tape to be spread with adhesive (fig. 1). After laying, bonding and finishing off with a trowel, remove the masking tape.

**Products to use for bonding**

Adesilex PG4, two component, low viscosity, thixotropic epoxy adhesive.

**Preparation of Adesilex PG4 adhesive**

The two components which make up Adesilex PG4 must be mixed together.

Pour component B (white-coloured catalyst) into component A (grey) and mix together with a low-speed drill fitted with a mixing attachment until a homogenous mix is obtained (uniform grey colour).

The packages are pre-dosed. Therefore, do not use only partial quantities of the two components in order to avoid errors when calculating the mixing ratio; this could lead to poor or incomplete hardening of the product. If only partial quantities of the components are used, use a high-precision electronic balance.

For further details, please consult the relevant technical data sheet.

**Bonding the product**

Firstly apply a 1-2 mm-thick uniform layer of Adesilex PG4 onto the clean, dry substrate with a smooth spatula; avoid applying the adhesive inside the joint (fig. 2).

Lay Mapeband TPE by pressing lightly along the non-woven sides of the tape. Make sure that all wrinkles and creases are eliminated and that air bubbles are not formed (fig. 3).

Apply a second layer of Adesilex PG4 while the first one is still fresh, completely covering the fabric strip with the new layer of adhesive (fig. 4). Smooth off the product with a flat trowel.

Once the second layer of Adesilex PG4 has been applied, sprinkle on a layer of 0.5 Quartz to create a rough surface and slowly remove the masking tape (fig. 5).
Mapeband TPE must be protected against damage (e.g. perforation) during the application process.

If high levels of movement are foreseen, Mapeband TPE must be laid by forming an upside-down “Ω” (omega) shape on the inside of the joint.

Butt joints between two strips of Mapeband TPE must be carried out by overlapping and bonding at least 5 cm of the central part in TPE by either hot-welding or cold-welding, as illustrated previously.

In correspondence with T or cross joints, use the special Mapeband TPE T or Mapeband TPE Cross profiles, available in sizes 17 cm and 32.5 cm.

To make the welding of the parts in TPE easier and firmer, press lightly with a flat carpeting roller (fig. 9).

PACKAGING
Mapeband TPE is supplied in boxes and is available in two sizes:

- Mapeband TPE 170 (width 17 cm): 30 m x 17 cm rolls;
- Mapeband TPE 325 (width 32.5 cm): 30 m x 32.5 cm rolls.

FOR PROFESSIONALS.

WARNING
While the indications and guidelines contained in this data sheet correspond to
the company’s knowledge and wide experience, they must be considered, under all circumstances, merely as an indication and subject to confirmation only after long-term, practical application. Therefore, anybody who undertakes to use this product, must ensure beforehand that it is suitable for the intended application and, in all cases, the user is to be held responsible for any consequences deriving from its use.

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

Fig. 10
Mapeband TPE 325 T