

MAPESTONE PFS 2 VISCO

Pre-mixed, low viscosity, high-strength mortar with good resistance to de-icing salts, seawater and freeze-thaw cycles, exposure class XF4 and XS3, for grouting architectural flagstone and block stone paving.



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Mapestone PFS 2 Visco is a pre-blended cementitious mortar for the grouting of joints of external flagstone, block paving and road finishes suitable for vehicular traffic.

Mapestone PFS 2 Visco is a complementary product of the Mapestone System, that creates architectural stone paving with high durability even in environments subject to rain, to freeze/thaw cycles in the presence of de-icing salts and seawater (environmental conditions classified by EN 206 standard as XF4 and XS3).

Mapestone PFS 2 Visco is available in two versions: NEUTRAL, ideal for architectural flagstone and block paving made with light-colored stones and DARK GREY, ideal for architectural flagstones and block paving made with dark stones.

WHERE TO USE

Mapestone PFS 2 Visco is used for grouting joints in architectural paving and road finishes made from stone and concrete paving blocks.

Mapestone PFS 2 Visco has a low level of viscosity which allows it to grout gaps and joints and to flow easily onto all the contact surfaces between the screed and stone blocks or slabs. In doing so it eliminates any air pocket that forms under the blocks and slabs when they are being installed, thereby improving adhesion between the stones and the screed.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Mapestone PFS 2 Visco is a pre-blended, cementitious mortar made from selected aggregates in a granulometric curve (maximum diameter 2 mm) and special additives.

Joints grouted with **Mapestone PFS 2 Visco** have much better performance characteristics than traditional systems and are resistant to freeze/thaw cycles and to the aggressive action of de-icing salts and seawater.

Mapestone PFS 2 Visco reaches a high level of strength with excellent resistance to abrasion. **Mapestone PFS 2 Visco** is supplied pre-blended and just needs to be mixed with water, which makes it particularly easy to use. This prevents mistakes caused by mixing the wrong amount of binders or aggregates. Such errors could affect the initial and final performance characteristics of the grout.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Only apply **Mapestone PFS 2 Visco** if the temperature of the surrounding air, the substrate and the stone is between +5°C and +30°C.
- **Mapestone PFS 2 Visco** is a pre-mixed powder mortar; never add other binders or aggregates.
- Mix **Mapestone PFS 2 Visco** mechanically using a suitable equipment (such as with a vertical concrete mixer, a mixing drill or in a bucket with a worm-screw mixing attachment) with the recommended amount of water (approximately 2.4 - 2.8 litres per 20kg bag) for at least 3 minutes. Mixing by hand is not recommended.
- Apply **Mapestone PFS 2 Visco** the same day as installing the stone paving before the installation screed has completely set ("fresh on fresh" technique).
- To guarantee the durability of the paving, use **Mapestone TFB 60** pre-blended mortar to create the installation screed for the stones.

Strength	Compressive strength (MPa)	Flexural strength(MPa)
after 1 day	15	3
after 7 days	45	5
after 28 days	55	8



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• We recommend including expansion and perimeter joints, where possible, along kerbs, pavements, around manholes and drains, along the lines of changes in slope and along rainwater run-off troughs. A maximum pitch area of 30 m² is recommended according to UNI 11714-1 standard.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To guarantee the durability of the paving, the substrate on which it is installed must be designed and prepared according to the stresses and loads the paving will have to withstand (e.g. a concrete floor slab with electro-welded reinforcement mesh).

If existing joints have to be re-grouted, a design engineer must first make sure that the cause of deterioration (e.g. subsidence in the substrate, deterioration of the installation mortar, poor quality of the existing grouting) has been eliminated before grouting.

Preparing the joints

- Before pouring in the mortar, the stones must be wet and the joints must be clean and free of stagnant water and any uneven areas.
- Completely fill all the joints between the stones. The size of the joints depends on the size of the stones and must be at least 25 mm deep.

Preparation of the mix

- Mix the **Mapestone PFS 2 Visco** pre-blended mortar with 2.4 - 2.8 litres of water per 20kg bag (according to the surrounding temperature) in a vertical concrete mixer, with a mixing drill or in a bucket with a worm-screw mixing attachment for at least 3 minutes until it forms a fluid, well-blended slurry.
- Never mix the product by hand.
- Apply the mortar within 40 minutes of mixing at +20°C. At higher temperatures, workability times are considerably reduced.

Application of the mix

- Apply the mix at a temperature of between +5°C and +30°C.
 - Grout the joints the same day as installing the stone paving (using the “fresh on fresh” technique) before the installation screed has completely set.
 - Pour over the damp stones into the joints using a suitable container.
 - Joints deeper than 25 mm may be filled in a single application.
 - Clean the stone using conventional techniques before **Mapestone PFS 2 Visco** has completely hardened: residues of mortar may be removed by using a wet sponge. Then clean the paving with a light and steady jet of water or with a cleaning machine.
 - Protect the grout for at least 12 hours after application from: – high temperatures with damp jute sacks; – rain and freezing weather with non-woven fabric or sawdust under thick nylon sheets.
- The grout sets to foot traffic after 12-24 hours and to vehicle traffic after just 7 days at +20°C. If the temperature is lower than +15°C, times may be considerably longer.

CONSUMPTION

The consumption of **Mapestone PFS 2 Visco** for installing architectural stone paving depends on the size and thickness of the stones and the width and depth of the joints.

Cleaning

Clean tools and stones with water before the product has completely hardened.

PACKAGING

Mapestone PFS 2 Visco is supplied in 20 kg bags, and is available in two colors: NEUTRAL and DARK GREY.

STORAGE

Mapestone PFS 2 Visco remains stable for 12 months if stored in a dry place protected from damp.

TECHNICAL DATA (typical values)	
PRODUCT IDENTITY	
Consistency:	powder
	neutral
Colour:	dark grey
Maximum grain size:	2 mm
pH value:	approximately 12 at +20°C in saturated solution
Bulk density (kg/m ³):	approximately 1,750
Modulus of elasticity:	approximately 30 GPa
APPLICATION DATA (+20°C - 50% R.H.)	
Mixing ratio:	2.4 - 2.8 litres per 20kg bag according to surrounding temperature
Bulk density of blend (kg/m ³):	2,000
Mixing time:	3 minutes
Application temperature range:	from +5°C to +30°C

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION AND APPLICATION

Mapestone PFS 2 Visco contains cement which, in contact with sweat or other body fluids, causes an irritant alkaline reaction and allergic reactions to those predisposed. It can cause damage to the eyes. During use, wear protective gloves and goggles and take the usual precautions for handling chemicals. In case of contact with the eyes or the skin, wash immediately with plenty of water and seek medical attention. For further and complete information about the safe use of our product please refer to the latest version of our Safety Data Sheet available for download from www.mapei.com.au.
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WARNING

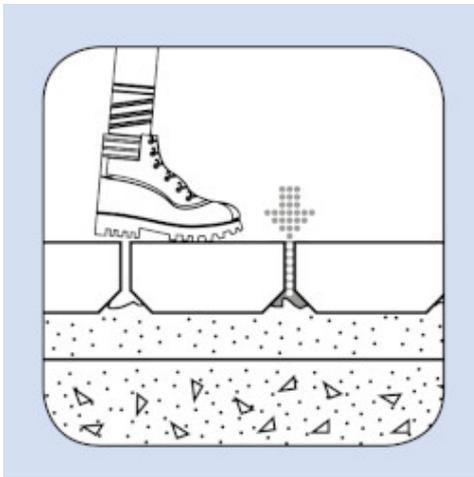
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Mix Mapestone PFS 2 Visco with water only using a mixing attachment or cement mixer



An example of flagstone grouted with PFS 2 Visco



An example of how to protect the paving

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