

# Idrosilex

**Powdered or liquid  
waterproofing for  
cementitious mortars**



## WHERE TO USE

- Waterproofing concrete basements, cisterns, and canals, as well as concrete, brick, or stone walls exposed to atmospheric agents.

## Some application examples

- Waterproof screeds and renders in basements, garages and underground areas in general.
- Waterproof rendering for canals, swimming pools, etc.
- Waterproof rendering on building façades.
- Waterproofing of lift wells and underpasses.

## TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Idrosilex** is an admixture with a base of special waterproofing agents manufactured from a formula developed in the Mapei research laboratories.

**Idrosilex** is available in both powder and liquid form.

When mixed with cement, sand, and water, **Idrosilex** produces an extremely compact mortar that is easy to apply with a trowel or rendering machine even on vertical walls.

Mortar prepared with **Idrosilex** has less capillary porosity than conventional cement mortars or lime and cement mortars.

The combination of the product's waterproofing properties with an effective rendering system applied in several layers prevents continuity between pores and ensures thorough waterproofing even in the presence of counter-pressure.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Mortar prepared with **Idrosilex** forms a rigid

waterproofing system and is therefore not recommended for:

- replacing flexible waterproof membranes;
- waterproofing structures subject to severe deformation under stress that may cause cracks to form;
- waterproofing fresh concrete, or concrete still subject to plastic shrinkage.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

### Preparing the substrate

The substrate should be prepared carefully to ensure thorough bonding of the **Idrosilex** to the rendering or screed.

The surface must be thoroughly clean and solid. Remove old plaster, degraded or loose material, encrusted salts, organic residues, oils and grease. Roughen concrete surfaces with a bush hammer. Wet the substrate thoroughly, then remove excess water with compressed air or a cloth so that the substrate is saturated but the surface is dry.

### Preparing mortar for renders

#### Scratch Coat (first and third coat)

Blend the mix as follows:

- 45 litres of sand, screened and washed, graded from 0 to 2 mm (the equivalent of 4.5 bricklayer's pails);
  - 1 bag of CEM II/A-L 32.5 Portland cement;
  - **Idrosilex Powder**: from 1 to 2 kg, the equivalent of a dosage of 2 to 4% by weight of cement.
- Coverage: approx. 16 m<sup>2</sup> in thicknesses of 4 to 5 mm.

**Idrosilex Powder** should preferably be dry-blended with the cement and sand to facilitate its dispersion.

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Preparing waterproof mortar admixed with Idrosilex Powder



Spraying on the first coat of mortar admixed with Idrosilex Liquid



Screeding with mortar admixed with Idrosilex Liquid

However, to simplify preparation of the mortar, the powder can be poured into the mixer together with the other ingredients (cement, sand and water). When using sand containing a large percentage of fine-graded aggregate, the **Idrosilex Powder** should be admixed at a ratio of 4%. For sand with less fine-graded aggregate, the ratio can be reduced to 2%.

Or

- **Idrosilex Liquid:** from 1.5 to 2.5 kg (1.2 to 2 litres), the equivalent of a dosage of 3 to 5% by weight of cement. Coverage: approx. 16 m<sup>2</sup> in thicknesses of 4 to 5 mm.

Pour the **Idrosilex Liquid** into the mixer together with the other ingredients (cement, sand and water). When using sand containing a large percentage of fine-graded aggregate, the **Idrosilex Liquid** should be admixed in a dosage of 5%. For sand with less fine-graded aggregate, the ratio can be reduced to 3%.

Mix the mortar for at least 5 minutes to obtain the best results. The mortar should have a fluid consistency so it can be applied in thin layers with a trowel or with a rendering machine.

### **Brown coat (second and fourth coat)**

Prepare the mix as follows:

- 150 litres of sand, screened and washed, graded from 0 to 5 mm (the equivalent of 15 bricklayer's pails);
- 1 50-kg bag of CEM II/A-L 32.5 Portland cement;
- **Idrosilex Powder:** from 1 to 2 kg, the equivalent of a dosage of 2 to 4% by weight of cement. Coverage: approx. 18 m<sup>2</sup> in thicknesses of 7 to 8 mm.

Or

- **Idrosilex Liquid:** from 1.5 to 2.5 kg (1.2 to 2 litres), the equivalent of a dosage of 3 to 5% by weight of cement. Coverage: approx. 18 m<sup>2</sup> for thicknesses of 7 to 8 mm.

The dosage depends on the grading of the sand, as indicated in the instructions for the scratch coat.

Mix the mortar in the mixer for at least 5 minutes to obtain the best results. The mortar should have a plastic consistency so it can be applied vertically in thicknesses of 7 to 8 mm.

### **Preparing mortar for screeds First coat (primer)**

Prepare the mix as follows:

- 45 litres of sand, screened and washed, graded from 0 to 2 mm (the equivalent of 4.5 bricklayer's pails);
- 1 50-kg bag of CEM II/A-L 32.5 Portland cement;
- **Idrosilex Powder:** from 1 to 2 kg, the equivalent of a dosage of 2 to 4% by weight of cement. Coverage: approx. 25 m<sup>2</sup> in thicknesses of 2 to 3 mm.

Or

- **Idrosilex Liquid:** from 1.5 to 2.5 kg (1.2 to 2 litres), the equivalent of a dosage of 3 to 5% by weight of cement. Coverage: approx. 25 m<sup>2</sup> in thicknesses of 2 to 3 mm.

Mix the mortar in a mixer for at least 5 minutes. The mortar should have a fluid consistency so it can be brushed on in thicknesses of 2 to 3 mm.

### **Second coat**

Prepare the mix as follows:

- 45 litres of sand, screened and washed, graded from 0 to 2 mm (the equivalent of 4.5 bricklayer's pails);
- 1 50-kg bag of portland cement CEM II/A-L 32.5;
- **Idrosilex Powder:** from 1 to 2 kg, the equivalent of a dosage of 2 to 4% by weight of cement. Coverage: approx. 10 m<sup>2</sup> for thicknesses of 7 to 8 mm.

Or

- **Idrosilex Liquid:** from 1.5 to 2.5 kg (1.2 to 2 litres), the equivalent of a dosage of 3 to 5% by weight of cement. Coverage: approx. 10 m<sup>2</sup> in thicknesses of 7 to 8 mm.

Mix the mortar in a mixer for at least 5 minutes. The mortar should have a plastic consistency.

### **Third coat**

Prepare the mix as follows:

- 150 litres of sand, screened and washed, graded from 0 to 5 mm (the equivalent of 15 bricklayer's pails);
- 1 50-kg bag of Portland cement CEM II/A-L 32.5;
- **Idrosilex Powder:** from 1 to 2 kg, the equivalent of a dosage of 2 to 4% by weight of cement. Coverage: approx. 5 m<sup>2</sup> in thicknesses of 30 mm.

Or

- **Idrosilex Liquid:** from 1.5 to 2.5 kg (1.2 to 2 litres), the equivalent of a dosage of 3 to 5% by weight of cement. Coverage: approx. 5 m<sup>2</sup> in thicknesses of 30 mm.

Mix the mortar in a mixer for 6 to 7 minutes, adding only enough water to obtain mortar with a damp earth consistency.

### **APPLYING THE MORTAR Renders**

Using a trowel or rendering machine, apply the mortar in layers as follows:

- 1) scratch coat, approx. 4 to 5 mm thick;
  - 2) brown coat, approx. 7 to 8 mm thick;
  - 3) scratch coat, approx. 4 to 5 mm thick;
  - 4) brown coat, approx. 7 to 8 mm thick.
- Total thickness: approx. 25 mm.

## TECHNICAL DATA (typical values)

### PRODUCT IDENTITY

<b>Consistency:</b>	powder	liquid
<b>Colour:</b>	white	clear
<b>Density (kg/l):</b>	0.50	1.20 ± 0.02 at +20°C
<b>Dry solids content (%):</b>	100	25
<b>Inflammability:</b>	no	no

### APPLICATION DATA

#### MIX FOR RENDERS

<b>Scratch coat:</b>	45 litres of sand, screened and washed, graded from 0 to 2 mm (4.5 bricklayer's pails) 50 kg of cement 1 to 2 kg <b>Idrosilex Powder</b>	45 litres of sand, 0 to 2 mm (4.5 bricklayer's pails); 50 kg of cement 1.5 to 2.5 kg of <b>Idrosilex Liquid</b>
<b>Consistency:</b>	fluid	fluid
<b>Brown coat:</b>	150 litres of sand, 0 to 5 mm (15 bricklayer's pails) 50 kg of cement 1 to 2 kg of <b>Idrosilex Powder</b>	150 litres of sand, 0 to 5 mm (15 bricklayer's pails) 1.5 to 2.5 kg of <b>Idrosilex Liquid</b>
<b>Consistency:</b>	plastic	plastic
<b>MIX FOR SCREEDS</b>		
<b>First coat:</b>	45 litres of sand, 0 to 2 mm (4.5 bricklayer's pails) 50 kg of cement 1 to 2 kg <b>Idrosilex Powder</b>	45 litres of sand, 0 to 2 mm (4.5 bricklayer's pails) 50 kg of cement 1.5 to 2.5 kg of <b>Idrosilex Liquid</b>
<b>Consistency:</b>	fluid	fluid
<b>Second coat:</b>	45 litres of sand, 0 to 2 mm (4.5 bricklayer's pails) 50 kg of cement 1 to 2 kg <b>Idrosilex Powder</b>	45 litres of sand, 0 to 2 mm (4.5 bricklayer's pails) 50 kg of cement 1.5 to 2.5 kg of <b>Idrosilex Liquid</b>
<b>Consistency:</b>	plastic	plastic
<b>Third coat:</b>	150 litres of sand, 0 to 2 mm (15 bricklayer's pails) 50 kg of cement 1 to 2 kg <b>Idrosilex Powder</b>	150 litres of sand, 0 to 2 mm (15 bricklayer's pails) 50 kg of cement 1.5 to 2.5 kg of <b>Idrosilex Liquid</b>
<b>Consistency:</b>	damp earth	damp earth
<b>Application temperature range:</b>	from +5°C to +35°C	from +5°C to +35°C
<b>Density of the mixes (kg/l):</b>	2.2 + 0.02	2.2 ± 0.02
<b>Workability of the mixes:</b>	not more than one hour at +23°C	not more than one hour at +23°C



Applying mortar admixed with Idrosilex over concrete roughened with a bush hammer



Column waterproofed with Idrosilex



Screed admixed with Idrosilex

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Each coat should be applied before the preceding one has finished setting. When there are prolonged interruptions between coats, freshen the surface by applying fresh mortar over the joint for 10 to 15 cm. To waterproof a room thoroughly, before applying the rendering, reinforce the joint between the wall and the floor (the weakest point in the structure) with a mortar composed of 1 part by volume of sand graded from 0 to 2 mm mixed with a solution of 1 part **Planicrete** and 1 part water. The mortar must have a plastic consistency.

## Screeds

Trowel on the first coat of mortar with a fluid consistency in a thickness of 2 to 3 mm, then immediately apply the second coat of mortar with a plastic consistency in a thickness of 7 to 8 mm, giving it a rough float finish.

Within approx. two hours, before the preceding coat has finished setting, apply the third (and final) coat of mortar with a damp earth consistency approx. 30 mm thick.

Tamp the fresh mortar vigorously until bleeding occurs and finish with a float. In case of prolonged interruptions, start up again by overlapping one coat over the other for 10 to 15 cm.

Total screed thickness: approx. 40 mm.

## Cleaning

Fresh mortar admixed with **Idrosilex** can be cleaned from tools with water. After setting, cleaning can only be done mechanically.

## COVERAGE

### Renders 25 mm thick

Dosage 2%: 250 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Dosage 3%: 350 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Dosage 4%: 500 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Dosage 5%: 600 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

### Screeds 40 mm thick

Dosage 2%: 400 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Dosage 3%: 500 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Dosage 4%: 700 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Dosage 5%: 850 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

## PACKAGING

### Idrosilex Powder

25 x 1-kg boxes.

### Idrosilex Liquid

6-kg and 25-kg drums.

## STORAGE

Store in closed containers. Protect from frost and sunlight.

– **Idrosilex Powder**: 12 months.

– **Idrosilex Liquid**: 24 months.

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION AND APPLICATION

**Idrosilex** is irritant for the eyes. It is recommended to use protective gloves and goggles and to take the usual precautions for handling chemicals. If the product comes in contact with the eyes or 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 Material Safety Data Sheet.

PRODUCT FOR PROFESSIONAL USE.

## WARNING

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