



# Mapecrete<sup>TM</sup> Hard LI

## Lithium Silicate Densifier and Sealer for Concrete



### DESCRIPTION

*Mapecrete Hard LI* is a water-based, VOC-free, lithium silicate solution used to densify, seal and dustproof horizontal, hard-troweled concrete surfaces. It penetrates the concrete surface, chemically reacts with the free lime and produces a dense, hard matrix within the concrete and a more durable surface on top.

### FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Environmentally friendly with a VOC-free and odorless formula
- Effective against acids, alkalis, salts, oils and water
- Densifies, dustproofs and seals concrete surfaces in one operation
- Improves old, worn concrete that is carbonated, soft and powdery

### WHERE TO USE

- Industrial floors, such as warehouses, distribution centers, manufacturing plants and transportation terminals
- Concrete floors in medical buildings, institutions, "clean rooms," mechanical rooms, and commercial and retail stores
- Effective on horizontal, interior concrete surfaces

### SUITABLE SUBSTRATES

- New, cured (at least 7 days old) and existing Portland-cement concrete surfaces, structurally sound and stable

Consult MAPEI's Technical Services Department for installation recommendations regarding any substrates and conditions not listed.

### SURFACE PREPARATION

#### For new concrete

- After final troweling, moisture-cure or sheet-membrane-cure in accordance with ASTM C171, or use a clear, dissipating curing compound in accordance with ASTM C309. Cure for 7 days or longer for best results.
- Concrete should be clean and free of dirt, residue and any contaminants that may interfere with the penetration of *Mapecrete Hard LI*.
- Completely remove any curing compound. Before applying *Mapecrete Hard LI*, allow the floor slab to air-dry for at least 24 hours after the removal of the curing compound.

#### For existing/older concrete

- Concrete should be clean and free of any dirt, residue, debris, curing compounds, cure and seals, paint, coatings, oil and wax that could prevent the penetration of *Mapecrete Hard LI*.

### MIXING

Before product use, take appropriate safety precautions. Refer to the Safety Data Sheet for details.

- *Mapecrete Hard LI* requires no pre-mixing or blending. Use directly from the container.

### PRODUCT APPLICATION

Read all installation instructions thoroughly before installation.

1. Pre-dampen concrete when ambient temperatures are greater than 80°F (26°C). Apply *Mapecrete Hard LI* after all standing water has disappeared.



2. Apply *Mapecrete Hard LI* to the concrete surface with a low-pressure sprayer at a spread rate of 250 to 800 sq. ft. per U.S. gal. (6.12 to 19.6 m<sup>2</sup> per L). Apply uniformly without producing puddles on the surface.
3. Using a microfiber pad or soft-bristle push broom, redistribute the product evenly over the concrete floor, keeping the surface wet for 5 to 10 minutes.
4. Do not allow excess *Mapecrete Hard LI* to dry on the surface.
5. Any areas showing patches of white on the floor should be immediately flooded with water and scrubbed.

## CLEANUP

- Clean tools and equipment immediately after use with soap and water.
- Dried material may require mechanical means for removal.

## LIMITATIONS

- Protect *Mapecrete Hard LI* from freezing.
- For optimum installation, apply when surface temperatures are at least 40°F (4°C) and rising.
- If ambient temperature is 70°F (21°C), allow *Mapecrete Hard LI* to dry for 4 to 6 hours before exposure to foot traffic or water.
- Do not use *Mapecrete Hard LI* on textured concrete.
- Excess *Mapecrete Hard LI* may result in white residue where the product has puddled and dried.
- Protect adjacent surfaces – including metals, glass and wood – from overspray. Immediately wash off any overspray with potable water.
- Do not dilute.
- The air temperature during application must be between 35°F and 40°F (2°C and 4°C).

**Product Performance Properties**

Laboratory Tests	Results
VOCs	0 g per L
Density	9.3 lbs. per U.S. gal. (4.22 kg per 3.79 L)
Solids content	16%
Specific gravity	1.12
pH	12.3

**Shelf Life and Application Properties**

Shelf life	2 years in original, unopened container
Consistency	Clear, thin liquid
Drying time at 70°F (21°C)	
Foot traffic/rain	4 to 6 hours
Wheel traffic	24 hours

**CSI Division Classification**

Concrete Finishing	03 35 00
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**Packaging**

Size
Pail: 5 U.S. gals. (18.9 L)
Pail: 55 U.S. gals. (208 L)

**Approximate Coverage\*** per 1 U.S. gal. (3.79 L)

Substrate Type	Coverage
Typical concrete substrate	250 to 800 sq. ft. (23.2 to 74.3 m <sup>2</sup> )

\* Coverage varies depending on the surface porosity.

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Refer to the SDS for specific data related to health and safety as well as product handling.

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