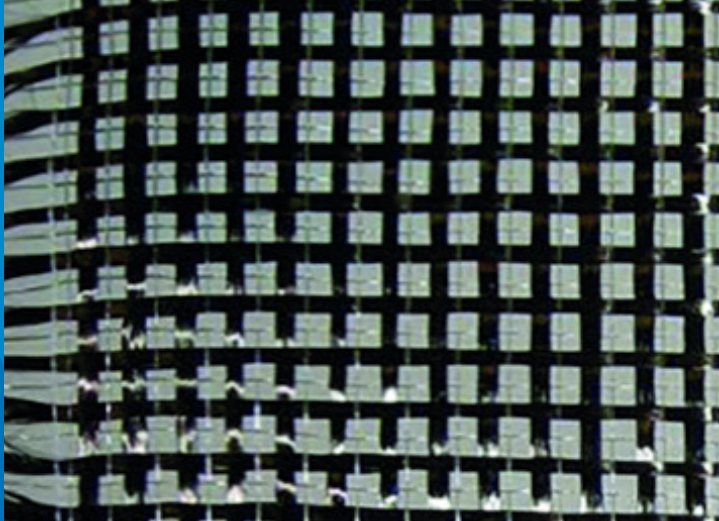


# MAPEGRID C

High-strength carbon fibre mesh for “reinforced” structural strengthening of masonry and concrete structures



## WHERE TO USE

High-strength carbon fibre mesh used in combination with **Planitop HDM Maxi** (two-component, ready-mixed, high ductility, pozzolanic-reaction fibre-reinforced cementitious mortar for reinforced” structural strengthening of masonry) or **Planitop HDM Restauro** (two-component, ready-mixed, high-ductility, fibre-reinforced, natural hydraulic lime (NHL) and Eco-pozzolan based mortar for “reinforced” structural strengthening of masonry) to strengthen masonry and concrete structures in order to increase the strength and overall ductility.

**Mapegrid C** mesh is part of the **Mapei FRG System**, a complete range of composite materials that use an inorganic matrix to guarantee excellent chemical-physical and elastic-mechanical compatibility with masonry substrates.

This type of system offers several important advantages when used on buildings of historical or artistic interest. Rather than replacing existing structures, the system works in parallel to help improve the mechanical characteristics and overall ductility without altering the way the masses and rigidity within the structures are distributed.

The latter is a very important aspect, particularly in the field of seismic design, where stresses are proportional to the masses involved.

**The system follows the approach defined by the guidelines for the approval of FRCM (Fibre Reinforced Cementitious Matrix) systems, which stress the importance of obtaining approval for the entire strengthening package.**

### Some application examples

- Shear/tensile strengthening of bay walls through application to the internal and/or external face.
- Structural strengthening of masonry arches and vaulted roofs through application to both the external and internal faces.
- Strengthening reinforcement for more even distribution of stresses induced by seismic activity.

## TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Mapegrid C** is a special fabric with a square mesh made of high-strength carbon fibres which, thanks to its special weave, when applied on masonry structures makes up for their lack of tensile strength and increases their overall ductility so that stresses are distributed more evenly.

As a result, in the event of movements in the structure, the strengthening system has the ability to distribute stresses and strains over the entire surface of the members and elements strengthened with the mesh so that its failure mode is transformed from fragile type to ductile type.

The system adheres perfectly to the substrate and its mechanical properties are such that localised stresses always provoke a failure in the substrate rather than at the substrate/strengthening system interface.

In the case of strengthening packages applied to arched or vaulted elements, the masonry acquires the ability to resist tensile loads and inhibit the formation of plastic hinge points on the side opposite to where the strengthening package is applied.

## ADVANTAGES

- Excellent tensile strength.
- Stable and resistant to chemical aggression from cement.
- Resistance to atmospheric agents.
- High dimensional stability.
- High durability and stability within the inorganic matrix.
- Limited intrusiveness concerning the aesthetical appearance.
- Does not rust.
- Light and easy to handle.
- Easy to cut and adapt to the shape of the substrate.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

### Preparation of the substrate

Surfaces on which **Mapegrid C** is to be applied must be prepared according to specification.

When used to strengthen bay walls or the internal face of arched or vaulted members and elements, the render must be completely removed either manually or with suitable power tools, along with any deteriorated or detached areas until the substrate is sound, compact, and strong so that the strengthening package itself does not detach.

This operation must be carried out until the underlying masonry is exposed.

While the render is being removed, if new stones, bricks, and/or tuff are required to fill large gaps in the wall, use material with characteristics as similar as possible to the material originally used to build the wall.

When used to strengthen the external face of masonry vaulted members and elements, remove all the flooring and spandrels and any deteriorated or detached areas until the substrate is sound, compact, and strong so that the strengthening package itself does not detach.

It is recommended to hydro-clean the surfaces with low-pressure water jets. Leave surface water to evaporate off so that the masonry is saturated, and the surface is dry (s.s.d. condition). Compressed air may be used to speed up this process.

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### Application of the first layer of mortar

Prepare **Planitop HDM Maxi** or **Planitop HDM Restauro** (see the relevant Technical Data Sheet).

Apply an even layer around 5-6 mm thick of **Planitop HDM Maxi** or **Planitop HDM Restauro** with a flat metal trowel or by spray.

Level off the surface of the wall to form a sufficiently flat surface.

### Application of Mapegrid C

After applying the first layer of mortar and while it is still wet, place **Mapegrid C** mesh over the entire surface and press it down lightly with a flat trowel so that it adheres perfectly to the mortar.

Impregnate the mesh with component B of the mortar so that it keys better in the mortar.

Overlap adjacent pieces of **Mapegrid C** by at least 15 cm both lengthways and widthways.

### Application of the second layer of mortar

Apply a second even layer of **Planitop HDM Maxi** or **Planitop HDM Restauro** approx. 5-6 mm thick so that it completely covers the mesh.

We recommend folding the strengthening package over the imposts by at least 40 cm, especially when working on the internal or external face of arched and vaulted elements and members.

### Protecting the strengthening system

In order to improve the anchoring mechanism of the strengthening system, strategically placed connectors made from **MapeWrap FIOCCO** may also be applied (see relevant Technical Data Sheet) on the facing wall or on the imposts, keystones and around the springers of arched or vaulted members.

The connectors eliminate any “de-bonding” phenomenon and increases the static efficiency of the

strengthening package applied. The number and pitch of the connectors are defined during the design phase.

## CLEANING

The epoxy systems described form an extremely strong bond, so it is recommended to clean all work tools with solvent (such as ethanol, toluene, etc.) before the products harden.

## PACKAGING

Mapegrid C is supplied in 1 m wide by 50 m long rolls packed in cardboard boxes.

## STORAGE

Store in a covered dry area.

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION AND APPLICATION

Mapegrid C is an article and referring to the current European regulations (Reg. 1906/2007/CE - REACH) does not require the preparation of the Safety Data Sheet. During use, it is recommended to wear gloves and goggles and follow the safety requirements of the workplace.  
PRODUCT FOR PROFESSIONAL USE.

## TECHNICAL DATA (typical values)

### PRODUCT IDENTITY

Type of fibre:	high-strength carbon fiber
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### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF DRY FABRIC

Weight (g/m <sup>2</sup> ):	≥ 170 (fibres only)	200 (fibres only)
Mesh size (mm):	10 x 10	10 x 10
Density of fibres fibre (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ):	1.83	1.83
Tensile strength (kN/m):	> 240	> 260
Modulus of elasticity (GPa):	252 ± 2%	252 ± 2%
Load-resistant area per unit of width (mm <sup>2</sup> /m):	48.00	55.00
Equivalent thickness of dry fabric (mm):	0.048	0.055
Elongation at break (%):	2	2

## 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.

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