

## Specification: Tile backer board inside a concrete swimming pool

**Product Ref:** Marmox Multiboard (*used with Mapei's waterproofing system*)

**Product Use:** Thermally insulating intermediate decoupling substrate to ceramic tiles within the inside of a concrete swimming pool.

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**Description:** Extruded polystyrene covered on both sides with fibreglass mesh encased in a c.1mm layer of polymer modified concrete permanently bonding the mesh to the polystyrene.

<b>Dimensions Suitable:</b>	Width = 600mm, Length = 1200mm, Thickness = 12.5mm or thicker
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**Properties:** Waterproof and freeze-thaw resistant  
Low thermal conductivity (0.034W/mK) so acts as a thermal break.  
Dimensionally stable irrespective of temperature and humidity conditions.  
Absorbs lateral movement from the ground before it reaches the tiling thereby reducing the risk of cracking in the paved/tiled surface.

**Authorities:** ISO9001, ISO14001 (*Bureau Veritas*)

**CE/UKCA:** EN13164 – T1 – CS(10\Y)400 – CC(2/1/10)115 – WL(T)3

<b>Fixing Method:</b>	Marmox Multiboard is fixed to the concrete base with continuous flat layer of tile adhesive which are sealed at junctions using the waterproof sealant MSP-360.
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### Specification – substrate preparation

- 1) The concrete base onto which the tile backer boards are to be fixed should be designed to EN1992-3 and must be dimensionally stable (*if fresh, at least 21 days old*), relatively flat (<3mm over a 2m length) and without any voids.
- 2) If the flatness, integrity and durability concrete substrate cannot be guaranteed, apply a levelling render *Mapei Planitop Fast 330* giving a thickness of between 3 -30mm.

### Specification – fixing the Marmox boards

- 1) Minimum Marmox board thickness is 12.5mm but thicker boards can be used (upto 60mm) to provide greater thermal insulation.
- 2) Using a 6 to 8mm notched trowel, apply a continuous layer of 'flexible grade' cement-based tile adhesive *Mapei Keraflex Maxi S1* to a the Marmox board to give a compressed adhesive thickness of 3 to 4mm.
- 3) Press the boards evenly to the concrete walls and base making sure that there are no voids between the concrete and the Marmox boards.
- 4) At wall junctions corners, leave a 5mm gap and fill this with Marmox sealant: MSP-360
- 5) When movement joints are necessary (*as required by BS5385: 2015*), these must not be covered with the Marmox boards - these movement joints must be continued in the Marmox layer. MSP-360 can be used to seal these joints.

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### Specification – waterproofing the joints

- 1) Apply the first layer of waterproofing coating: *Mapei Mapeilastic*, applied with a roller to give a thickness of c.1.5mm
- 2) Whilst this coating is still wet, press into its surface the Mapei flexible tape + internal corners over ALL board joints and corners (*Mapei Mapeiband*)
- 3) When cured, apply a second coating of the waterproofing material (*Mapei Mapeilastic*) giving a total thickness of c.3.0mm

### Specification – tiling

- 1) When cured, fix the tiles to this surface using the same flexible cement-based tile adhesive (*Mapei Keraflex Maxi S1*) as was used to fix the Marmox boards down with. Again, it is essential that there are no voids between the tiles and the Marmox board.
- 2) Finally, grout the tiles using an epoxy grout: *Mapei Kerapoxy*

- Limitations:**
- 1) Compounds containing organic solvents must not come into contact with Marmox board.
  - 2) Temperatures in excess of 75°C are not appropriate.
  - 3) Boards should, when possible, be laid in a staggered format.