Mapedrain 20 is a high-strength, three-dimensional drainage composite. It consists of a nonwoven filter fabric bonded to individual dimples of a molded polypropylene core, minimizing fabric intrusion into the drainage channels caused by overburden pressure. The filter fabric allows water to pass freely into the drainage core, which provides hydrostatic relief while preventing the passage of soil or sand particles that might clog the core.

**FEATURES AND BENEFITS**

- Lightweight and easy to install, Mapedrain 20 provides cost savings and eliminates the need for aggregate backfill.
- Mapedrain 20 also serves as a protection course for MAPEI waterproofing membranes. Contact a MAPEI representative for specific guidelines.
- Mapedrain 20’s high-flow drainage provides up to three times the flow capacity of aggregate or sand.
- Mapedrain 20’s high compression strength withstands backfill pressure.
- Mapedrain 20 channels water away from installed waterproofing systems.
- Native soils can be used over Mapedrain 20.
- Geotextile filter fabric ensures no-clog drainage by preventing intrusion of soil, concrete or construction grout into the flow channels.
- Unaffected by permanent immersion in water, bacteria, dilute acids and alkalis, Mapedrain 20 will not deteriorate when exposed to these conditions.
- Mapedrain 20 offers below-grade relief of hydrostatic pressure against foundation and retaining walls, when connected to a passive gravity drain or operational sump pump.
- The drain core is 40% post-industrial recycled polypropylene material.

**WHERE TO USE**

- Mapedrain 20 is designed for use in vertical and horizontal applications requiring single-sided subsurface drainage from a high-flow composite with high compressive strength.
- Use with Mapedrain TD drainage composite and related accessories.
- For below-grade vertical foundation structures, retaining walls and blindside applications
- For underground tunnels with earth-covered roofs
- For planters
- For applications under slabs, between split slabs and on plaza decks

**LIMITATIONS**

- Mapedrain 20 is not designed or intended to be used as a waterproofing membrane. Rather, it is an accessory for waterproofing systems.
- Do not leave Mapedrain 20 permanently exposed to ultraviolet (UV) light. Backfill must be uniformly compacted in lifts and must consist of clean, compactible soil. If angular aggregate is desired, it must be 3/4” (19 mm) or less, and free of debris, sharp objects and stones larger than 3/4” (19 mm).

**SUITABLE SUBSTRATES AND SURFACE PREPARATION**

- Before installation of Mapedrain 20, the substrate must be properly prepared or the waterproofing membrane completely installed, except in blindside waterproofing applications.
• **Horizontal:** Substrates may be concrete, earth, sand, pea gravel or crushed stone. Earth and sand substrates should be compacted. Crushed stone must be compacted, smooth and not larger than 3/4" (19 mm). Concrete should be solid and smooth without ridges, sharp corners or honeycombing. Any voids and aggregate pockets exceeding 1" (2.5 cm) in diameter or a depth greater than 3/4" (19 mm) should be filled with a non-shrinking cement-based grout. Concrete or subgrade should have a minimum slope of 2%.

• **Vertical (general):** Substrates may be concrete, shotcrete, wood lagging, steel sheet piling or secant piles. Substrates should be smooth and uniform without sharp protrusions or pockets. Fill tie-rod holes, honeycombs and voids with a non-shrinking cement-based grout. Grind all form fins, ridges and sharp corners, and remove excess concrete.

• **Wall lagging:** Mapedrain 20 can be installed over wood lagging gaps up to 2-1/2" (6.3 cm) to provide a uniform surface for waterproofing membranes. Gaps larger than 2-1/2" (6.3 cm) should be completely filled with construction grout, wood or extruded polystyrene (at a minimum of 40 psi [0.28 MPa]). Do not use plywood or any other surface treatment that leaves voids in the lagging gaps.

**PRODUCT APPLICATION**

Mapedrain 20 prefabricated drainage composite panels can be installed against retaining walls, foundation walls (both waterproofed and non-waterproofed), lagging and landfills; under slabs; between split slabs; in planters; and on plaza decks and roof decks. Mapedrain 20 can be cut to fit the application with a utility knife or scissors. Backfill, gravel, slurries, shotcrete or concrete may be placed directly onto membranes, and attach the panel to the wall. Attach subsequent panels can be installed in columns or rows starting at the low point of the wall and attach the panel to the wall. Adjacent panels should be joined together with the fabric side toward the soil. Each installation should be sealed by wrapping the filter fabric around to the flanged edge of the previous panel. For standard installation details, follow the Mapedrain detail drawings at www.mapei.com. For non-standard installation instructions, contact a MAPEI representative.

**Attachment Methods for Waterproofing Systems**

Attaching to walls that have adhered waterproofing membranes

Mapedrain 20 should be attached using a Mapebond™ contact adhesive, or an approved sealant or adhesive. Apply a Mapebond contact adhesive over the entire surface of the waterproofing membrane and to the back (plastic) side of Mapedrain 20. Allow the adhesive to dry and then apply Mapedrain 20 to the membrane. Mapedrain 20 will be permanently secured upon installation of backfill. Backfill should be placed as soon as possible and extended to about 4" to 6" (10 to 15 cm) above the termination edge of Mapedrain 20.

**Attaching to soil retention systems for blindside applications**

Mapedrain 20 should be secured with fasteners compatible with the substrate (concrete, masonry, wood or soil) and 1" (2.5 cm) washers. Prevent concrete from flowing behind the Mapedrain 20 core by sealing the back side of the panel joints with a strip of Mapethene™ sheet membrane (or duct tape). Sealing the back side of the panel is not necessary if a Mapeproof waterproofing membrane is applied over Mapedrain 20 before pouring concrete or applying shotcrete.

Attaching to walls with no waterproofing membrane

When Mapedrain 20 is to be attached to walls that lack a waterproofing membrane, use a Mapebond contact adhesive, approved sealant or adhesive, or fasteners compatible with the substrate and 1" (2.5 cm) washers. Mapedrain 20 will be permanently secured upon installation of backfill. Backfill should be placed as soon as possible and extend to about 4" to 6" (10 to 15 cm) above the termination edge of Mapedrain 20.

**Foundational Walls and Vertical Applications**

1. **Installation in columns or rows**

Mapedrain 20 panels can be installed in columns or rows with the fabric side toward the soil. Each installation method is acceptable and has its advantages depending on the specific project conditions.

   **In columns:** Start at the end of the wall and align the edge of Mapedrain 20 with the corner. Install Mapedrain 20 starting at the low point of the wall and attach the panel to the wall. Adjacent panels should be joined together with the lateral edge of the connecting panel placed over the flanged edge of the previous panel.

   **In rows:** Place the longitudinal edge of the core against the wall so that it is flush with the wall footing and attach the panel to the wall. Attach subsequent panels in shingle fashion with fabric overlap at the bottom, placing the longitudinal edge of the upper panel over the flanged longitudinal edge of the lower panel and lap fabric from upper panel over lower panel.

2. **Mapedrain 20 laps**

a. Overlap the flange of the plastic core from panel to panel and in shingle fashion to shed water, where water flow is a concern.

b. The fabric from the adjacent panels should overlap the preceding panel. The fabric can be adhered with a Mapebond contact adhesive, Mapeflex™ P1, Mapeflex P2 NS or Mapethene Mastic, or duct tape.

3. **Mapedrain 20 termination**

a. Terminate Mapedrain 20 about 4" to 6" (10 to 15 cm) below the finished grade.

b. The termination edge of Mapedrain 20 should be sealed by wrapping the filter fabric around to the back side of the panel. If there is insufficient fabric, cut and remove 3 to 4 rows of dimples from the core to provide excess fabric for wrapping behind the core. Wrapping the fabric around to the...
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### Storage

Protect product from UV light exposure. Store on a skid or pallet, and cover with polyethylene or tarp. Do not double-stack pallets.

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### Packaging and Coverage

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Panel’s back side prevents soil or construction debris from clogging the core.

c. Secure the fabric with a Mapebond contact adhesive, Mapellex P1, Mapellex P2 NS or Mapethene Mastic, or duct tape.

4. **Wall setback or ledge conditions, if present**

a. Mapedrain 20 panels should be installed beginning at the bottom of the wall and ending at the ledge.

b. Subsequent courses of Mapedrain 20 should be installed flat against the upper wall portion and placed so that 4” to 6” (10 to 15 cm) extend down and over the lower edge.

c. The overlapping Mapedrain 20 sections will be pushed flush against the wall when the backfill is installed.

5. **Foundation drainage collector/discharge system**

a. Place Mapedrain TD as required in design details. Mapedrain TD should be installed adjacent to Mapedrain 20. Care must be taken to ensure a continuous drainage path between Mapedrain TD and the Mapedrain 20 panels.

b. Determine the locations for Mapedrain TD fittings (end outlet, side outlet, splice and corner).

c. Cut Mapedrain TD to the proper length between fittings, allowing for extra length for insertion into fittings. Insert Mapedrain TD completely into fittings. Tape the fittings with duct tape.

c. Secure the fittings and Mapedrain TD accessories to the base of the wall with soil, a Mapebond contact adhesive, Mapellex P1 or Mapellex P2 NS. If no waterproofing was used, secure the fittings and Mapedrain TD with 1” (2.5 cm) washers and fasteners that are compatible with the substrate.

d. Connect the base fittings to 4” (10 cm) corrugated plastic drain pipe and run it to a sump pump or daylight. Special care should be taken to properly compact soil under the drain pipe to prevent settling of the drain pipe.

e. Backfill and compact the soil in lifts.

6. **Collector pipe**

a. Install Mapedrain 20 as specified in the installation instructions above.

b. Place the collector pipe as required in the design details.

c. Encapsulate the collector pipe in a gravel bed with a supplemental section of a filter fabric as a separator/filter.
Horizontal Applications
Under floor slabs and other concrete slabs
1. Install Mapedrain 20 with the fabric side toward the soil.
2. Place the flange of the second and subsequent panels over the back side of the preceding dimpled core and butted as close as possible to the preceding panel.
3. The longitudinal and transverse panel joints of the Mapedrain 20 core should be sealed with a strip of Mapethene sheet membrane or duct tape, except where a Mapeproof waterproofing membrane is installed on top of Mapedrain 20. This will aid in preventing concrete or soil from intruding into the Mapedrain 20 core during subsequent construction phases.
4. Construction traffic should be minimized over the installed Mapedrain 20.
5. Sand, gravel and/or concrete may be poured directly over the Mapedrain 20 core.

Plaza decks/split slabs
1. Install Mapedrain 20 with fabric side up over a properly waterproofed substrate. The panels should be placed so that water does not run against the overlap.
2. Secure Mapedrain 20 to the waterproofing membrane with ballast or a Mapebond contact adhesive. The first panels should be placed with the flanged edge uphill.
3. Place the flange of the second and subsequent panels over the flange of the preceding core and butted as close as possible to the preceding panel.
4. Overlap the fabric of the second and subsequent panels over the flange of the preceding panel and secure.

Planters
1. Place Mapedrain 20 in the planter so that the fabrics on the vertical and horizontal surfaces face the soil.
2. Utilize the installation procedures and attachment method appropriate for the type of waterproofing that is used.
3. Overlap the fabric of the vertical panel onto the horizontal panel at the transition point and secure.
4. If cutting of a panel is required, the exposed cut must be covered with a supplemental piece of filter fabric to prevent soil intrusion. A minimum overlap of 6” (15 cm) onto the panel at each side of the cut will be required.

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

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