



# Keracaulk® S / U



## Premium, Sanded and Unsanded Siliconized Acrylic Caulks



### DESCRIPTION

*Keracaulk S* (sanded) and *Keracaulk U* (unsanded) are premium-grade, easy-to-use, easy-to-clean siliconized acrylic caulks formulated to match all of MAPEI's grout colors.

### FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Water cleanup while fresh
- Paintable
- BioBlock® technology for mold and mildew resistance
- Packaged in gun-grade tubes for easy application
- VOC-compliant

### INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND APPROVALS

- ASTM: Meets C834 for low-movement sealant

#### LEED v3 Points Contribution

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MR Credit 5, Regional Materials\* ..... Up to 2 points

IEQ Credit 4.1, Low-Emitting Materials – Adhesives & Sealants ..... 1 point

IEQ Credit 4.3, Low-Emitting Materials – Flooring Systems..... 1 point

*\* Using this product may help contribute to LEED certification of projects in the categories shown above. Points are awarded based on contributions of all project materials.*

### WHERE TO USE

- For gaps up to 1/4" (6 mm)
- As a flexible barrier/filler between horizontal and vertical surfaces to prevent cracked tile due to expansion
- For filling joints where tile abuts dissimilar surfaces
- For caulking around sinks, tubs, showers, countertops and ceramic tile floors

- For interior use only
- For restoring cracked or worn grout joints

### LIMITATIONS

- Do not install over substrates containing asbestos.
- The application temperature range is 50°F to 90°F (10°C to 32°C).
- Apply only to clean, dry surfaces.
- For both *Keracaulk S* and *Keracaulk U*, joints should not exceed 1/4" (6 mm) in width.
- Do not use for exterior projects or applications subject to constant water immersion.
- Do not use in areas where joints will be subject to heavy abrasion or wear.
- Allow new concrete to cure for 30 days before caulking.
- Although *Keracaulk S* and *Keracaulk U* are color-matched to MAPEI's grouts, expect a slight variation in color due to the difference in composition between materials.
- For applications beyond 1/4" (6 mm) in depth, the caulking depth must be controlled by a closed-cell backer rod.
- To ensure product effectiveness, do not apply *Keracaulk S* or *Keracaulk U* thinly, as with a paint.
- *Keracaulk S* and *Keracaulk U* may stain porous materials. Test on a separate area before final application.
- Refer to the project's ASTM requirements before commercial use of *Keracaulk S* and *Keracaulk U*.

### SURFACE PREPARATION

- Surfaces must be structurally sound, stable, clean and free from dust, oil, grease, paint, gypsum patch, flooring adhesive, tar, wax, sealers, curing



compounds, form release agents, laitance, loose particles and foreign substances that could reduce or impair adhesion.

- Remove all traces of paint, loose particles, residue and cement particles by mechanical means.
- Remove mildew by scrubbing with a mixture of 4 U.S. oz. (118 mL) of trisodium phosphate (TSP), 1 U.S. qt. (946 mL) of liquid bleach and 3 U.S. qts. (2,84 L) of warm water. Protect eyes and hands by wearing goggles and water/chemical-resistant gloves. Thoroughly rinse and allow surface to dry completely before caulking and painting.
- Vacuum out joints and wipe them clean with a damp rag.

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

## PRODUCT APPLICATION

Read all installation instructions thoroughly before installation.

1. Tile should be firmly set before caulking. Typically, this is 24 to 48 hours after tile installation.
2. Caulking may be done either before or after grouting.
3. For a clean, straight and neat caulk joint, mask both sides of the joint with masking tape.
4. *Keracaulk S* and *Keracaulk U* come ready to use. Apply with a caulking gun. Do not open cartridges until preparatory work has been completed.
5. Cut the nozzle tip to the desired bead size at a 45-degree angle.
6. Completely fill joints with sealant and smooth over with a wet, gloved finger.
7. Excess caulk should be removed with a damp cloth before the caulk skins over.
8. Immediately wash hands and tools with warm water and soap.

## PROTECTION

1. Allow 24 hours of drying time before painting.
2. Protect from water exposure until fully cured for at least 72 hours.

Note: Large beads of caulk and cool, humid conditions will require a longer drying time.

## Shelf Life and Product Characteristics\*

at 73°F (23°C) and 50% relative humidity

Drying time	24 to 48 hours
Shelf life	1 year when stored in original, unopened packaging
VOCs (Rule #1168 of California's SCAQMD)	< 25 g per L
Colors	Available in MAPEI's palette of 40 colors (plus Clear for <i>Keracaulk U</i> only), organized into 5 color collections. Refer to MAPEI's grout/caulk color chart. Sample color chips are available upon request.

\* Cold temperature or high humidity may alter these properties.

## Packaging

Size
<i>Keracaulk S</i> : 10.5 U.S. oz. (311 mL) tube
<i>Keracaulk U</i> : 10.5 U.S. oz. (311 mL) tube

## Approximate Coverage\*\* per 10.5 U.S. oz. (311 mL)

Joint Size	Coverage
1/16" (1,5 mm)	48 to 50 lin. ft. (14,6 to 15,2 m)
1/8" (3 mm)	24 to 25 lin. ft. (7,32 to 7,62 m)
3/16" (4,5 mm)	15 to 17 lin. ft. (4,57 to 5,18 m)
1/4" (6 mm)	11 to 13 lin. ft. (3,35 to 3,96 m)

\*\* Coverages shown are for estimating purposes only. Actual jobsite coverages may vary depending on the joint size and application procedures.

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

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