

# Elastocolor Flex

Water-Based, 100%-Acrylic, Elastomeric Waterproof Coating



## DESCRIPTION

*Elastocolor® Flex* is an elastomeric, high-build, water-based, 100%-acrylic coating to protect and decorate above-grade, vertical exterior concrete, masonry, stucco and EIFS systems. *Elastocolor Flex* is available in two textures (smooth and fine), in a wide range of standard colors and in an unlimited number of custom colors to increase its design versatility.

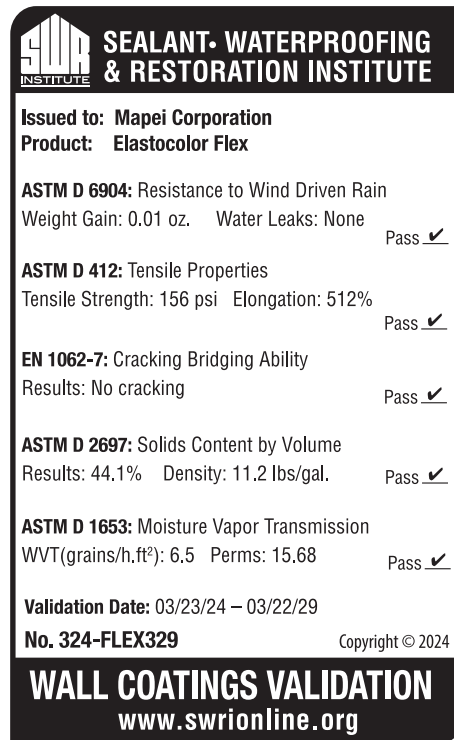
## FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- High elongation for durable performance over dynamic cracks
- Flexible at low temperatures for suitability in most climates
- Effective carbon dioxide diffusion and chloride barrier to protect embedded reinforcing steel from corrosion
- Excellent adhesion to all approved substrates to bond for long-term durability
- Excellent color retention, hiding power and resistance to UV light
- Resists wind-driven rain and helps to prevent water penetration into substrates
- VOC-compliant
- Water-vapor permeable
- Algae-resistant
- BioBlock® technology for mold and mildew resistance
- Freeze/thaw-stable and suitable for cold climates

- Can be applied by roller, brush or sprayer

## INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND APPROVALS

- SWR Institute validated product



## WHERE TO USE

- Concrete, brick, masonry, stucco and EIFS systems
- Above-grade vertical exterior surfaces
- Structures subject to dynamic cracking
- For enhancing aesthetics, waterproofing and general protection
- Over new and existing coatings

## SUITABLE SUBSTRATES

- Clean, sound, stable, frost-free and fully cured concrete, masonry and stucco substrates, as well as brick-mortar and EIFS systems

## SURFACE PREPARATION

- Substrates should be clean and free of dirt, residue, oils, grease, curing compounds, laitance and any contaminant that may interfere with the adhesion of *Elastocolor Flex*.
- Use proper surface-preparation methods to achieve a texture of 100-grit sandpaper, or an International Concrete Repair Institute (ICRI) concrete surface profile (CSP) of #1 to #3.
- Chemical removal may be required on some stains and contaminants. Be sure to neutralize these removal compounds and rinse the treated surface thoroughly with clean water.
- Before application of *Elastocolor Flex*, repair holes, spalls and damaged concrete with appropriate MAPEI concrete repair products. Remove any protruding concrete areas and smooth out any irregularities. Detail cracks with the appropriate surface fillers.
- Apply *Elastocolor Primer WB* or *Elastocolor Primer AR* as required (for example, on new or porous substrates and in hot, windy conditions).

## MIXING

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

- Appropriately mix *Elastocolor Flex* to ensure color uniformity and minimize air entrapment.
- *Elastocolor Flex* is ready to use. No dilution is required.

## PRODUCT APPLICATION

Read all installation instructions thoroughly before proceeding. Contact MAPEI's Technical Services Department for more detailed recommendations.

1. Air, material and substrate temperatures during application must be between 40°F and 95°F (4°C and 35°C).
2. Apply *Elastocolor Flex* by brush, roller or spray onto the prepared surface.
3. Apply to achieve a wet film thickness (WFT) of 12 to 23 mils for *Elastocolor Flex* Smooth, and a WFT of 15 to 27 mils for *Elastocolor Flex* Fine (per coat).
4. Ensure that the application is always worked to a natural break and that a wet edge is maintained throughout the application.
5. a. Brush application: Apply with this method only in small areas.  
  
 b. Roller application: Use a 3/4" to 1-1/4" (19-mm to 3.2-cm) nap roller cover depending on surface texture and desired film build. Maintain a uniform WFT during application, finishing the coated area by lightly rolling the surface in one direction.  
  
 c. Spray application: *Elastocolor Flex* Smooth can be applied by airless spray using a 0.0019 to 0.0021 tip. *Elastocolor Flex* Fine should only be spray-applied using the appropriate texture spray equipment. Spray-apply using a cross-hatch technique to the desired WFT. Back-rolling with a 3/4" to 1-1/4" (19-mm to 3.2-cm) nap roller cover is recommended as necessary to ensure uniform coverage and texture.

## CLEANUP

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

## LIMITATIONS

- Do not apply *Elastocolor Flex* when ambient or substrate temperatures are below 40°F (4°C) or expected to fall below 40°F (4°C) within 24 hours, or when these temperatures are higher than 95°F (35°C).
- Do not apply *Elastocolor Flex* if the relative humidity (RH) is higher than 90%.
- Do not apply *Elastocolor Flex* on horizontal traffic-bearing surfaces.
- Do not apply *Elastocolor Flex* when inclement weather is expected or when rain is expected within 24 hours following application.
- Do not use *Elastocolor Flex* where hydrostatic pressure from the underside of the substrate may be present.
- Protect *Elastocolor Flex* from freezing and discard it if it freezes.
- Do not use *Elastocolor Flex* in total immersion or when subject to migrating moisture or rising dampness.
- Substrates must be dry before application of *Elastocolor Flex*. Allow substrates sufficient time to dry after rain; if it rains, at least 24 hours of drying time is recommended.

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

## Product Performance Properties

Laboratory Tests	Results
Appearance – ASTM D523	Flat < 5 @ 60
Density	
Smooth texture	11.2 lbs. per gal. (1.34 g per cm <sup>3</sup> )
Fine texture	11.4 lbs. per U.S. gal. (1.37 g per cm <sup>3</sup> )
Solids, by weight	
Smooth texture	58.5%
Fine texture	62.5%
Solids, by volume – ASTM D2697	
Smooth texture	44.1%
Fine texture	48.6%
Carbon dioxide diffusion – EN 1062-6, Method A	
CO <sub>2</sub> resistance coefficient	445,109
R (equivalent air layer thickness)	394 ft. (120 m)
Sc (equivalent concrete thickness)	11.8 in. (30 cm)
Water vapor transmission – ASTM D1653	6.5 grains (15.7 perms)

Weathering – ASTM D6695 (Xenon Arc: 10,000 hours)	Passed
Salt spray (fog) resistance – ASTM B117	Passed
Resistance to wind-driven rain – ASTM D6904	Passed (0.01 lbs. [4.5 g] of weight gain)
Fungal resistance – ASTM D3273	No growth
Elongation (at break) at 73°F (23°C) and 50% RH	
ASTM D638	825%
ASTM D412	512%
Tensile strength	
ASTM D638	65 psi (0.45 MPa)
ASTM D412	156 psi (1.08 MPa)
Mandrel bend test – ASTM D522	Passed (no cracking)
Crack bridging – EN 1062-7, Method A	Class A5 up to 2500µ at 0.5 mm/min

### Shelf Life and Product Characteristics

Shelf life	2 years in original, unopened container in a dry, covered location at 73°F (23°C) and 50% RH
Consistency	Thick liquid
Color	3 bases (pastel, medium and transparent) and 25 standard colors available – or a broad range of colors using the ColorMap™ automatic coloring system
VOC content (SCAQMD Rule 1113)	< 50 g per L
Typical VOC content per SCAQMD Rule 1113 testing methods	44 g per L

Protect containers from freezing in transit and storage. Provide for heated storage on site and deliver all materials at least 24 hours before work begins.

### Application Properties

Drying time at 70°F (21°C) and 50% RH	
Dry to the touch	6 hours
Before recoating or applying topcoat	12 to 24 hours
Until full cure	7 days

## CSI Division Classifications

Painting and Coatings	09 90 00
Elastomeric Coatings	09 96 53

## Packaging

Size (plastic bucket with tint included)
<u>Smooth texture</u> Pastel base, 5 U.S. gals. (18.9 L) Medium base, 5 U.S. gals. (18.9 L) Transparent base, 5 U.S. gals. (18.9 L)
<u>Fine texture</u> Pastel base, 5 U.S. gals. (18.9 L) Medium base, 5 U.S. gals. (18.9 L) Transparent base, 5 U.S. gals. (18.9 L)

## Approximate Coverage\*

Smooth texture, per coat	
Thickness (wet film and dry film) – ASTM D2393	Coverage
12 mils WFT or 5 mils dry film thickness (DFT)	140 sq. ft. per U.S. gal. (3.44 m <sup>2</sup> per L)
18 mils WFT or 8 mils DFT	90 sq. ft. per U.S. gal. (2.20 m <sup>2</sup> per L)
23 mils WFT or 11 mils DFT	70 sq. ft. per U.S. gal. (1.71 m <sup>2</sup> per L)
Fine texture, per coat	
Thickness (wet film and dry film) – ASTM D2393	Coverage
15 mils WFT or 7 mils DFT	110 sq. ft. per U.S. gal. (2.69 m <sup>2</sup> per L)
20 mils WFT or 10 mils DFT	80 sq. ft. per U.S. gal. (1.96 m <sup>2</sup> per L)
27 mils WFT or 14 mils DFT	60 sq. ft. per U.S. gal. (1.47 m <sup>2</sup> per L)

\* Coverage varies depending on the surface porosity and texture of the surface as well as on job requirements.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for specific data related to health and safety as well as product handling.

For information on MAPEI's commitment to sustainability and transparency, as well as how MAPEI products may contribute to green building standards and certification systems, contact sustainability\_USA@mapei.com (USA) or sustainability-durabilite@mapei.com (Canada).

## WARNING

The test results shown in the TECHNICAL DATA table were obtained in compliance with test methods and curing cycles, if applicable, defined in the industry standards referenced on the Technical Data Sheet. Please note that the use of test procedures or methods other than those indicated in the table could lead to different values and that, in such cases, any liability of our company is excluded.

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