

Geberit Mapress pressfittings with innovative added value at first sight

Added Features – Added Value

Geberit International Sales AG, Rapperswil, 10 March 2009

As of now Geberit Mapress pressfittings are not only recognisable at first glance, they also offer even more safety: a high-tech product will become available to plumbers in 2009 which offers everything that was previously absent from day-to-day construction site work, from pressing indicator to plugs, through to the unambiguous identification of dimensions and product material.

Geberit Mapress pressing connection system – proven a million times over

Every day, pressing systems from Geberit Mapress prove a million times over that pipe joints are permanently leak-proof in all kinds of applications in energy and building engineering. Professional pressfitting results in permanent connections for pipes made of stainless steel, copper or carbon steel. Should the plumber happen to overlook a pressing operation, then a clearly detectable leak on the contour seal ring that has not been pressfitted will call attention to this deficiency. Is there anything left at all to improve with this kind of a product family? Skilled tradesmen will appreciate the innovative pressfitting modifications which Geberit Mapress has now implemented on the basis of wide experience in daily practice.

Pressing indicator identifies unpressed connections at a glance

Even just the first glance at the 2009 line of pressfittings makes it clear that the value of a product that is already good and reliable can still be improved even further. With Geberit Mapress, a readily recognisable pressing indicator now surrounds each of the pressing zones on a fitting. The narrow plastic seal does not loosen enough to be removed easily from the pressing zone by hand until the pressing jaws or collars have finished their job completely. This then gives a signal to the plumber: no pressing indicator remaining – pressing operation complete. This is, however, not intended as a substitute for the obligatory pressure test. It is far more the case that each existing pressing indicator makes it clear to the fitter where the pressing tool still needs to be applied as installation work progresses. This makes both tedious finishing work and the inconvenience of water leaks things of the past.

Colour of pressing indicator and plug indicates the application

Just one glance at the pressing indicator indicates the application: blue indicates stainless steel, while white indicates copper. Carbon steel is indicated by the red pressing indicator. A transparent plug indicates all standard applications such as drinking water and heating. Yellow plugs on the gas fittings, with their prescribed yellow printing, now signal their special intended use. Anthracite-coloured plugs are found on pressfittings which are reserved for special applications (for example with a red seal ring for industrial use).

Plugs protect the supply network from dirt

Nevertheless, this added security is not the only new plus: Every press fitting made by Geberit Mapress is now also even more valuable because all of the pressing ends are sealed with plugs

during transport to the installation site to maintain good hygiene. Even when fittings need to be removed from the packaging unit and – typical in everyday construction site practice – repacked and stored together with other implements, this alters no aspect of their perfect quality. The plugs can seal off the pressing zones effectively until the time of final installation, thus preventing any dirt from entering unnoticed. Resealing is also possible should work need to be interrupted or if branch lines cannot yet be completed.

Dimension on pressing indicators and protection plugs

Each of the pipe dimensions of the entire range (12 to 108 mm) is now displayed as a number, both on the pressing indicator as well as on the plug. This prevents mix-ups. The removed plugs and pressing indicators can be turned in as recyclable material.

Know-how instead of no-name

The Geberit trademark on the pressing indicator makes it clear that you are unmistakably dealing with the familiar brand-name product. You are obviously getting what you have ordered and paid for – a plus in terms of good characteristics, thanks to the brand-name merchandise of Geberit Mapress.

At a glance:

- The pressing indicator signals unpressed connections even before the pressure test and can be removed easily by hand after the correct pressing operation.
- The colour of the pressing indicator enables clear identification of the material at a glance – a blue pressing indicator indicates stainless steel, red indicates carbon steel, and white indicates copper.
- Transparent plugs protect standard applications (such as drinking water and heating). Gas fittings with their prescribed yellow printing are also indicated by a yellow plug. Anthracite-coloured plugs are used for special applications.
- All Mapress pressfittings have plugs to protect them from dust and dirt.
- Dimensions are shown as numbers on the pressing indicator and plug.
- Removed plugs and pressing indicators can be turned in as recyclable material.
- The plugs promote drinking-water hygiene.

Captions:

[120095.jpg]

The new pressing indicator identifies unpressed connections even before the pressure test and can be removed easily by hand after the pressing operation.

[120100.jpg]

The colour of the pressing indicator enables the material to be identified clearly at a glance (blue = stainless steel, white = copper, red = carbon steel).

[120101.jpg]

The pressing ends of Geberit Mapress fittings are sealed with plugs that protect the supply network from dust and dirt.

[120092.jpg]

The dimension is now printed as a number on the pressing indicator and on the plug.

Press contact:

Geberit International AG
Schachenstrasse 77
CH – 8645 Jona
Switzerland

Mr. Roman Sidler
Head Corporate Communications

Tel.: +41 55 221 66 24
Fax.: + 41 55 221 67 47

roman.sidler@geberit.com