



WATERPROOFING SYSTEMS

GECOSELF DUO VAPOUR BARRIER

Waterproofing composite self-adhesive membrane for use as a vapour barrier



DESCRIPTION

Pre-fabricated composite waterproofing membrane. The compound is made of distilled bitumen and elastomers (SBS type), reinforced with fiberglass and aluminium metal sheet that allows to obtain a barrier against the passage of vapour. The GECOSELF DUO VAPOUR BARRIER membrane on the exposed side features a series of stripes formed by a special heat activated compound, separated by fine sand, which ensures a strong and durable adhesion to the insulating panels. The advantages of the GECOSELF DUO VAPOUR BARRIER are basically those aimed at avoiding the use of oxidized bitumen and cold bonding substances (mastic, polyurethane glues, etc.) for the application and adhesion of insulating panels. The hot oxidized bitumen, in addition to being extremely dangerous (burns, fumes, etc.), loses in little time its adhesive capacity, exposing the covering to the known dangers due to the strength of persisting wind action and the deformations of the roof covering. In addition, the stripes ensures perfect adhesion on the entire surface of the insulating panel. In case of application on roofs with slopes higher than 15% or in a particularly windy area, it is necessary to integrate the bonding with suitable mechanical fasteners and/or strips inside in the stratigraphy. Particularly suitable for high thickness panels and/or sloped.

APPLICATION OF THE INSULATION

After applying GECOSELF DUO VAPOUR BARRIER, proceed with the application of insulating panels by torching the striped surface with a special propane or hot air gas burner. The special strips made with heat-activated compound will guarantee good adhesion to the different types of insulating panels. In case of integration of the insulating package with mechanical fixing, when choosing the method of fixing the insulation of the roof system applied on top of the vapour barrier, the following factors must be considered:

- type of insulation (characteristics of stability, compression, etc.),
- compatibility between the fixing, the insulation and the waterproofing membrane,
- the factor of possible wind uplift,
- the type of substrate.

Where application of the panels with mechanical fixing is required, these must be applied side by side making sure that they are also staggered and properly fixed to the GECOSELF DUO VAPOUR BARRIER with suitable fixings to the type of substrate and of the correct length based on the thickness, these should be at least 10 cm from the edges and along the diagonals. The total resistance of the fixing elements of the panel, to wind uplift (Wh), should in any case be superior to ≥ 400 N per fixing. For the application of the insulation it is suggested to follow the indications of the manufacturer and eventual indications in the specification. For further information and indications it is recommended to consult GECO's technical literature.

Technical Characteristics	Measure units	Reference norm	V	Tolerance
Type of compound			SBS	
Type of reinforcement			Fiberglass+Aluminium	
Upper face finish			PE film	
Lower face finish			Silicon release film	
Length	m	EN 1848-1	8 -1%	
Width	m	EN 1848-1	1,08 -1%	
Thickness	mm	EN 1849-1	3,5*	±5%
Cold flexibility	°C	EN 1109	NPD	
Flow resistance	°C	EN 1110	100	
Tensile strength L/T	N/5 cm	EN 12311-1	450/350	-20%
Elongation at break L/T	%	EN 12311-1	2/2	-2
Nail tear strength L/T	N	EN 12310-1	100/100	-30%
Static puncture resistance	kg	EN 12730	5	
Dynamic puncture resistance	mm	EN 12691-B	500	
Dimensional stability	%	EN 1107-1	NPD	
Fire resistance		EN 13501-5	F ROOF	
Fire reaction		EN 13501-1	F	
Watertightness	kPa	EN 1928	60	
Vapour permeability	μ	EN 1931	1500000	

* thickness measured on heat activated strip.

NPD = No Performance Declared in accordance with the EU Construction Products Directive.

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET



APPLICATION

- Position, without flame, the rolls on the application surface; the adhesion will be further promoted by using the primer PRIMERSINT.
- Provide for side & head laps respectively of 10 & 15 cm between the sheets.
- The height of the verticals must be equivalent to the thickness of the insulation panel plus 5 cm.
- Remove the thermoplastic film on the lower face of the membrane.
- With a torch or hot air gun weld the side and head laps; during this stage the overlaps should be pressed by using a roller (15 kg).
- With a torch or hot air gun burn the polyethylene film on the upper face of the membrane, taking particular care in the activation of the strips on the upper face.
- Position the insulation panel over the heated area, simply apply pressure with the hands.


RECOMMENDATIONS

To best use the technical characteristics of bituminous membranes and guarantee the maximum performance and durability of the jobs where they are used, some simple but fundamental rules must be respected.

- The rolls are to be stored in an upright position, indoors in a dry and ventilated area, away from heat sources. Absolutely avoid the stacking of rolls and pallets for storage or transport to avoid possible deformations which may compromise a perfect installation. It is recommended to store the product at temperatures above 0°C.
- The rolls shall be kept in a warm or heated storage area during application, should the workability of the material deteriorate or become stiff and difficult to install during application, these should be returned to the heated storage area and substituted with new rolls. The rolls that are temporarily stored on the roof before application, shall be kept elevated by being left on their own pallets and shall be covered and protected from the weather.
- The application surface must be smooth dry & clean.
- The application surface must be previously treated with a suitable bituminous primer to eliminate dust and enhance the adhesion of the membrane.
- **The application surface must not have any depressions to avoid the risk of ponding water, the slope must be at least 1.5% on concrete decks and 3% for steel or wooden ones, this to guarantee a proper run off of rainwater.**
- The application must be done at temperature higher than +5°C.
- The application must be interrupted in adverse weather conditions (high humidity, rain, etc.).
- The pallets on which the rolls are packaged are intended for normal warehouse use.
- The materials on stock should be rotated following a first in first out rotation.
- For information concerning storage and application of Geco membranes, please refer to the "Installation manual".

FIELDS OF USE

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CERTIFICATION 	N. LAYERS			METHOD OF APPLICATION						TYPE OF APPLICATION			TYPE			
	SINGLE LAYER	DOUBLE LAYER	MULTILAYER	TORCH	HOT AIR	MIXED (TORCH/AIR)	COLD BOND GLUE	MECHANICAL FIXING	THERMOADHESIVE / SELF-ADHESIVE	FULLY BONDED	PARTIALLY BONDED	LOOSE LAID	COMPLEMENTARY LAYER	TOP LAYER	HEAVY PROTECTION	ANTI-ROOT
GECOSELF DUO VAPOUR BARRIER V 3,5 MM	X	X	X	X					X	X			X			