

Bitustick ALE

Aluminum surfaced solar reflective self adhesive waterproofing membrane

CHARACTERISTICS

- ▶ Good resistance to water & vapor
- ▶ Aluminum surfacing, Excellent solar reflectance
- ▶ Specially formulated for tropical climates
- ▶ Self adhesive. Requires peeling off of the silicone film and sticking to the surface
- ▶ Excellent adhesion to vertical and horizontal surfaces



DESCRIPTION

Bitustick ALE is a tropical grade polymer modified bituminous self adhesive waterproofing membrane. The bitumen compound is laminated onto an impervious, non-perforated, solar reflective aluminum surfaced film.

FIELDS OF APPLICATION

Bitustick ALE is a multi purpose waterproofing membrane which may be used for mobile homes, small commercial roofs, residential porches and dormers, farm buildings, roof and gutter patching and on profile sheets. It can also be used as a flashing on up-stands.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application temperature should be between 5°C to 55°C. Application procedures may vary slightly depending upon site conditions. The general recommended guidelines for the application of the self adhesive waterproofing system is as follows:

Surface preparation

The surface shall be cleaned thoroughly of all contaminants like dust, traces of curing compound, oil and grease. All surface imperfections, protrusions, structurally unsound and friable concrete must be removed and repaired with a suitable Polycrete* concrete repair mortar.

Priming

Apply Polyprime SB* (Solvent based primer) @ 4- 6m²/L to a clean smooth and dry surface by brush, roller or spray. Allow the primer to dry prior to the application of the membrane. As the viscosity of the primer is low, it easily



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penetrates into the concrete pores which in turn promotes the adhesion between the membrane and the concrete surface. In addition, the primer also acts as a binder for the dust which gets accumulated on the surface even after cleaning.

Alignment

Start the installation of all membrane plies from the low point or drains, so the flow of water is over or parallel to the plies, but never against the laps. All overlaps at the membrane seams shall be installed so as to have "up" slope laps over "down" slope laps. Begin membrane application by unrolling the roll of Bitustick ALE membrane and aligning the side laps .

Application

Peel off the release film from the self adhesive side and start unrolling the membrane and press it to the surface. Smoothen the membrane from the center to the edges with a wooden press in order to remove any entrapped air. Furthermore, an iron roller shall be used for rolling on top of the applied membrane to ensure a proper and strong adhesion of the bitumen compound with the base surface. Side overlaps shall be a minimum of 50mm on the selvedge and end overlaps 100mm. When used as a

flashing membrane on up-stands and parapets, Bitustick ALE membrane will be lapped with the base membrane and taken up on the up-stand and tucked inside the groove cut along the parapet wall. The tucked membrane will be sealed with a bitumen mastic sealant (Bitumastic)*.

HANDLING

Bitustick ALE membranes are packed in loose corrugated boxes to avoid any damage during transit or during storage at sites. Care should be taken when storing the membranes on sites and should not be kept within close proximity of any sharp or protruding edges to avoid puncturing or damaging the membrane.

STORAGE & SHELF LIFE

Bitustick ALE membranes must be stored in a shaded area on wooden pallets neatly covered by a thick fabric and tied securely. The shelf life is 12 months if stored as per recommendations. Excessive exposure to other sources of heat will result in considerable deterioration of the product and reduce its shelf life.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Bitustick ALE contains a tacky bitumen compound which can stick to human skin during application. Bitumen stains can be removed by using a cloth dipped in a suitable cleaner.

SUPPLY

Bitustick ALE 1.2 mm	1 m x 10 m, wt 12kg#
Polyprime SB	20L pail & 200L drum
Wooden Press	140mm x 210mm
Iron Roller	Head Dia 38mm, wt 1.5 kg# (recommended Width 100mm specification) Length 350mm

Approximate weight

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

PROPERTIES	VALUES	TESTSTANDARDS
Thickness, [mm]	1.2	DIN EN 1849-1
Mass per unit area, [kg/m ²]	1.2	DIN EN 1849-1
Softening point (R&B), [°C]	>105	ASTM D 36
Adhesion strength, [N/mm]		
Primed substrate	1.8	ASTM D 1000
Self	2.0	
Reflectance, [%]	> 60	EN 410
Water absorption [Film] @24 hrs, [%]	0.14	ASTM D 570
VOC [g/l]	<50	ASTM D3960/ D2369

All values given are subject to 5-10% variation

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