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# BITUSTICK XLS

## Cross laminated white solar reflective self adhesive waterproofing membrane

**BITUSTICK XLS** is a solar reflective self adhesive waterproofing membrane manufactured out of a tropical grade of polymer modified bitumen. The bitumen compound is laminated onto a white Solar Reflective, cross laminated HDPE film. **BITUSTICK XLS** conforms to the requirements of BS 8102.

### **CHARACTERISTICS**

- ▶ Can be left exposed temporarily without losing its adhesion and prevents formation of bubbles
- ▶ Cold applied, self-adhesive and easy to apply.
- Excellent adhesion to vertical and horizontal surfaces
- Excellent resistance to chlorides, sulphates, alkalis and acids
- ▶ Excellent tear and tensile strength
- Significant reduction in surface temperature over standard black membrane

## FIELDS OF APPLICATION

- ▶ Concrete foundations & footings
- Basements
- ▶ Pile heads
- Swimming pools & water retaining structures (Externally)
- ▶ Subways and retaining walls
- ▶ Inverted Roofs & parapets
- ▶ Terraces, balconies & patios
- ▶ Sunken slabs

## **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:

## <u>Surface Preparation</u>

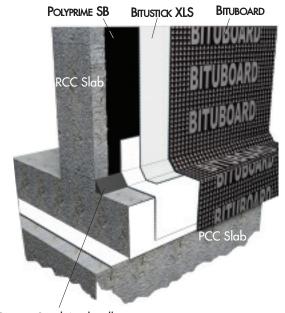
The surface shall be cleaned thoroughly of all contaminants like dust, traces of curing compound, oil and grease. All surface imperfections, protrusions, structurally unsound and friable concrete must be removed and repaired with a suitable POLYCRETE\* concrete repair mortar.

#### **Priming**

Apply POLYPRIME SB\* (Solvent based primer) @ 4-6 m²/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 penetrates into the concrete pores which promotes the adhesion between the membrane and the concrete surface. In addition to that the primer also acts as a binder for the dust which gets accumulated on the concrete surface even after cleaning.

#### <u>Alignment</u>

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 XLS membrane and aligning the side laps. Re-roll the roll halfway and stand on the unrolled portion to prevent shifting.



Cement Sand Angle Fillet For illustration purpose only

#### **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 in order to drive out entrapped air with a wooden press. 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 base surface. Side overlaps shall be a minimum of 50mm on the selvedge and end overlaps 100mm.

#### Protection

Due to its white reflective film, the applied membrane can be left exposed for a maximum period of 7 days, after which it has to protected with a tough, weather, warp and rot proof asphaltic protection board (BITUBOARD)\* to prevent any damage from backfilling and mechanical damage. Alternatively, on horizontal areas the membrane can also be protected by laying a cement sand screed (50mm). BITUBOARD can be fixed with a double sided adhesive bitumen tape (BITUTAPE TS)\*.

## **HANDLING**

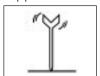
BITUSTICK XLS membranes are packed in loose corrugated boxes to avoid any damage during transit or during storage at sites. Care should be taken when storing the membranes at sites and should not be kept within close proximity of any sharp or protruding edges to avoid puncturing or damaging the membrane.

## **STORAGE & SHELF LIFE**

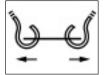
BITUSTICK XLS membranes must be stored in a shaded area on wooden pallets neatly covered by a thick fabric and tied securely in a manner that will minimize exposure to sunlight & UV. The membrane shall be protected from all sources of heat. The shelf life is 12 months if stored as per recommendations. Excessive exposure to sunlight, UV and other sources of heat will result in considerable deterioration of the product and reduce its shelf life.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

BITUSTICK XLS contains a tacky bitumen compound and during application can adhere to human skin. Bitumen stains can be removed by using a cloth dipped in a suitable cleaner.







Puncture resistant Cros

Cross laminated

Tear resistant

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION					
PROPERTIES	VALUES		TEST STANDARDS		
Thickness, [mm]	1.6	2.1	DIN EN 1849-1		
Mass per unit area, [kg/m²]	1.6	2.1	DIN EN 1849-1		
Color [Backing film]	White		-		
Softening Point (R&B),	>105°C		ASTM D 36		
Tensile strength [Film], [N/mm²]	Long Trans		ASTM D 882		
Tear strength [Film], [N/mm]	Long Trans	280 280	ASTM D 1004		
Elongation [Film], [%]	Long Trans	210 160	ASTM D 882		
Adhesion strength, Primed substrate [N/mm] Self [N/mm]	1.8 2.2		ASTM D 1000		
Puncture resistance,[N]	>2	220	ASTM E 154		
Solar Reflectance, [%]	>	80	EN 410		
Water absorption, [Film][%] @ 24 hrs	0.14		ASTM D 570		
Chemical Resistance [pH]	2.5 -11.5		ASTM D 543		
Cold temp flexibility,	<u>&lt;</u> -15 °C		ASTM D 1970		
Crack bridging ability,	1.5 mm		ASTM C 836		
Hydrostatic pressure	No		BS EN 12390		

All values given are subject to 5 -10% variation

leakage

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SUPPLY				
BITUSTICK XLS	1.6 mm 2.1 mm	1m x 20m,	wt 16kg# wt 32kg# wt 21kg#	
POLYPRIME SB	2.1 111111	20L pail & 200L drum		
Bituboard	3.2 mm 6.0 mm	2m x 1m, 2m x 1m,	wt 7.7kg# wt 14.0kg#	
BITUTAPE TS		50mm x10m,	wt 0.6kg#	
Wooden Press		140mm x 210mm		
Iron Roller (recommended specification)		Head Dia 38mm, wt 1.5kg <sup>#</sup> Width 100mm Length 350mm		

<sup>\*</sup>Refer to website for TDS

@ 7bar (70m)

Apart from the information given here it is also important to observe the relevant guidelines and regulations of various organisations and trade associations as well as the respective standards. The aforementioned characteristics are based on practical experience and applied testing. Warranted properties and possible uses which go beyond those warranted in this information sheet require our written confirmation. All data given was obtained at an ambient and material temperature of +23°C and 50 % relative air humidity unless specified otherwise. Please note that under other climatic conditions hardening can be accelerated or delayed.

The information contained herein, particularly recommendations for the handling and use of our products, is based on our professional experience. As materials and conditions may vary with each intended application, and thus are beyond our sphere of influence, we strongly recommend that in each case sufficient tests are conducted to check the suitability of our products for their intended use. Legal liability cannot be accepted on the basis of the contents of this data sheet or any verbal advice given, unless there is a case of wilful misconduct or gross negligence on our part. This technical data sheet supersedes all previous editions relevant to this product.





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<sup>#</sup> Approximate weight