

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Argo Polyester

PLASTOMERIC BITUMINOUS WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE, TORCH APPLIED, FLEXIBLE AT 0 °C

DESCRIPTION

Argo Polyester is an APP modified bituminous waterproofing membrane which is torch applied and flexible at 0°C. It is reinforced with a non-woven polyester inlay which gives dimensional stability to the membrane. The underside has a burn-off film for easy application.

USES

Waterproofing membrane for:

- Flat roofs under protective layers or ballast
- Balconies and terraces under tiles
- Retaining walls and basements
- Wet areas
- As a base sheet in a double layer roofing system
- Protection of many substrate types over a wide range of applications

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Weight: ~3,0 and 4,0 kg/m²
- Good watertightness
- Good elongation and cold flexibility
- High mechanical properties (tensile, tear, shear)
- Good resistance to impact
- Easy to install by torching method
- Choice of primers to suit substrate and weather conditions

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Composition	APP modified bitumen	
Reinforcing Material	Non-woven polyester fabric stabilised with glass fibre mat	
Packaging	Roll size	
	Length	10,00 m
	Width	1,00 m

Appearance / Colour	Top surface	Talc
	Backing	Polyethylene film
Shelf life	36 months from date of production	
Storage conditions	Product must be stored in original unopened and undamaged packaging in dry conditions and temperatures between +5 °C and +35 °C. Store in a vertical position. Do not stack pallets of the rolls on top of each other, or under pallets of any other materials during transport or storage. Always refer to packaging.	
Length	10 m -1 %	
Width	1 m -1 %	
Effective Thickness	Available in two versions: 3,0 kg/m ² ± 10 % 4,0 kg/m ² ± 10 %	

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Resistance to Impact	> 700 m	(EN 12691- Method A)
Tensile strength	Longitudinal	400 N/50 mm ± 20 % (EN 12311-1)
	Transversal	300 N/50 mm ± 20 %
Elongation	Longitudinal	35 % ± 15 % (EN 12311-1)
	Transversal	40 % ± 15 %
Tear Strength	Longitudinal	140 N (EN 12310-1)
	Transversal	140 N
Joint Shear Resistance	Longitudinal	350 N/50 mm (EN 12317-1)
	Transversal	250 N/50 mm
Flexibility at low Temperature	≤ 0 °C	(EN 1109)
External Fire Performance	F roof	(EN 13501-5)
Reaction to fire	Class E	(EN 13501-1)
Flow Resistance	≥ 110 °C	(EN 1110)
Artificial Ageing	Flow resistance after ageing: 100 °C	(EN 1110)
Watertightness	60 kPa	(EN 1928-Method B)

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Ambient Air Temperature	+5 °C min. / +50 °C max.
Relative Air Humidity	80 % max
Substrate Temperature	+5 °C min. / +50 °C max.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

SUBSTRATE QUALITY

The supporting structure must be of sufficient structural strength to apply all new and existing layers of the waterproofing build-up. When used as a roofing membrane, the complete roof system must be designed and secured against wind uplift loadings.

The substrate must be uniform, firm, smooth and free of any sharp protrusion or burrs, clean, dry, free of grease, bitumen, oil, dust and loosely adhering particles.

SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

Use the appropriate preparation equipment to achieve the required substrate quality.

APPLICATION METHOD / TOOLS

Installation procedure

Strictly follow installation procedures as defined in method statements, application manuals and working instructions which must always be adjusted to the actual site conditions.

Priming

Apply the appropriate primer from the Indever range, at the correct consumption to the prepared dry surface and allow to dry before next application stage. Refer to the individual Product Data Sheets.

Alignment

Unroll, align and re-roll correctly before torching.

Overlaps

Side: 100mm. End: 150 mm.

Fastening

Argo Polyester when used as a roofing base sheet, can be mechanically fixed on the substrate by using the correct type of fasteners. Contact Sika Technical Services for additional information.

Torching

Use a gas burner to heat the substrate and the backing film on the underside of membrane. When the backing film starts to melt, the membrane is ready to stick. Roll the membrane forward and press firmly against the substrate to bond. Ensure a bead of melted bitumen is visible along the full length of the overlap sides and ends when laying.

Detailing

All details such as internal and external corners, upstands, vent pipes, drains, support metalwork etc. must be cut and sealed effectively. Detailing must follow the recommended guidelines and good practice for torch-applied membranes.

Protection

The membrane must be protected from damage during any ongoing site activities.

MAINTENANCE

To maintain the function of the waterproofing during its lifespan, it is advisable to arrange periodically for inspection of any exposed membrane and detailing. Check the functionality of the auxiliary works, flashings, drainage outlets, overflow pipes etc. including removing leaves, moss and other vegetation.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- At low temperatures, take care unrolling to avoid damaging the membrane.
- Use suitable footwear to avoid puncturing the membrane.
- Do not apply to wet, damp or unclean surfaces.
- Do not over-torch the membrane otherwise the

polyester reinforcement (which melts at 260 °C) will be damaged making the membrane un-useable.

- If membrane is insufficiently heated, this can cause reduced adhesion to the substrate, between layers or on the overlaps. If this occurs, un-bonded areas must be lifted and re-torched.
- If a seasonal symbol is printed on the roll's label, it is advisable to use the membrane during the indicated season.

BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA

All technical data stated in this Product Data Sheet are based on laboratory tests. Actual measured data may vary due to circumstances beyond our control.

LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

Please note that as a result of specific local regulations the declared data for this product may vary from country to country. Please consult the local Product Data Sheet for the exact product data.

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REGULATION (EC) NO 1907/2006 - REACH

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