



Decoplast Liquid Weather Barrier for Use Beneath Claddings Other Than Decoplast EIFS Specification

CSI SECTION 07 25 00 – Weather Barriers

CSI SECTION 07 27 26 – Fluid-Applied Membrane Air Barriers – Spray, Trowel & Roll-On

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Manufacturer's requirements for the proper design, use, and installation of a 100% acrylic based, spray, trowel & roll-on, fluid-applied air & water-resistive barrier membrane.
- B. Related Sections

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Water Resistive Barriers – Section 07 25 00
- B. Vapor Retarders – 07 26 13
- C. Air Barriers – 07 27 26

1.3 REFERENCES

- A. ASTM B117 Test Method for Salt Spray (Fog) Testing
- B. ASTM C1135 Test Method for Determining Tensile Adhesion Properties of Structural Sealants
- C. ASTM D522 Standard Test Methods for Mandrel Bend Test of Attached Organic Coatings
- D. ASTM D2247 Practice for Testing Water Resistance of Coatings in 100 Percent Relative Humidity
- E. ASTM D4541 Test Method for Pull-Off Strength of Coatings Using Portable Adhesion Testers
- F. ASTM E72 Test Methods of Conducting Strength Tests of Panels for Building Construction
- G. ASTM E84 Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials
- H. ASTM E96 Test Method for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials
- I. ASTM E283 Standard Test Method for Determining Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen
- J. ASTM E331 Test Method for Water Penetration by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference
- K. ASTM E695 Method for Measuring Relative Resistance to Impact Loading
- L. ASTM E2134 Standard Test Method for Evaluating the Tensile-Adhesion Performance of an Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EIFS)
- M. ASTM E2178 Standard Test Method for Air Permeance of Building Materials
- N. ASTM E2485 Standard Test Method for Freeze/Thaw Resistance of Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS) and Water Resistive Barrier Coatings
- O. ASTM G155 Accelerated Weathering for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials

1.4 DESCRIPTION

- A. General: Decoplast Liquid Weather Barrier is available in Smooth and Sanded and is a flexible polymer based, non-cementitious, protective coating used as an air/water-resistive barrier when applied over acceptable exterior substrates.

B. Design Requirements

1. Acceptable surfaces for Decoplast Liquid Weather Barrier include.
 - a. Exterior grade gypsum sheathing meeting ASTM C 1396 (formerly C 79) requirements for water resistant core or Type X core at the time of application.
 - a. Exterior sheathing having a water-resistant core with fiberglass mat facers meeting ASTM C 1177.
 - b. Exterior fiber reinforced cement or calcium silicate boards.
 - c. APA Exterior or Exposure 1 Rated Plywood, Grade C-D or better, nominal 1/2 in (12.7 mm) minimum, installed with the C face out.
 - d. APA Exterior or Exposure 1 Fire Retardant Treated (FRT) Plywood, Grade C-D or better, nominal 1/2 in (12.7 mm) minimum, installed with the C face out.
 - e. APA Exposure 1 Rated Oriented Strand Board (OSB) nominal 1/2 in (12.7 mm), minimum. **Note: Applications over OSB sheathing requires a minimum of 2 coats of Decoplast LWB – Smooth. Decoplast Sanded LWB – is not recommended for the field of wall application over OSB.**
 - f. Unpainted, unsealed concrete and CMU.
2. Decoplast LWB is not intended to be used as waterproofing for exterior horizontal surfaces or below grade applications.
3. Decoplast LWB can be exposed to weather up to 180 days to provide sufficient time for installation of the cladding. Inspect the surface of the LWB for any damage, cracks, voids or other detrimental conditions and repair prior to installation of the cladding.
4. Deflections of the substrate systems shall not exceed 1/240 times the span.

C. Functional Criteria:

1. General:

- a. Flashing: Flashing must be continuous and watertight. Flashing must be designed and installed to prevent water infiltration behind EIFS and other claddings. Refer to Division 07 Flashing Section for specified flashing materials.
- b. The configuration of the air & water-resistive barrier, drainage plane, flashing and cladding assembly materials must allow for the egress of incidental moisture.

2. Performance Requirements:

- a. System to meet the performance and testing requirements of the International Code Council Acceptance Criteria AC 212 and ASTM E2570.

Decoplast Liquid Weather Resistive Barrier	Method	ICC and ASTM E2570 Criteria	Results
Accelerated Weathering	AC 212	25 Cycles followed by Hydrostatic Pressure Test: No water penetration on the plane of the exterior facing side of the substrate.	Pass: No water penetration
Air Infiltration	ASTM E2178	Calculated flow Rate at 75 Pa (1.57 lb/ft ² , 0.3 in H ₂ O) = < 0.02 L/m ² *s (< 0.004 cfm/ft ²)	< .00001 L/m ² *s (0.00001 cfm/ft ²) at 75 Pa (1.57 lb/ft ² , 0.3 in H ₂ O)
Air Leakage of Air Barrier Assemblies	ASTM E2357	Pass < 0.2 L / s·m ² at 75 Pa (< 0.04 cfm / ft ² at 1.57 psf)	Pass

Air Leakage	ASTM E283	No Criteria	< 0.004 cfm/ft2
Elongation	ASTM D412	No Criteria	360%
Flexibility	ASTM D522	No Criteria	No Cracking at 1/8" (3 mm)
Freeze-Thaw Resistance	ASTM E 2485	10 Cycles	Pass: No Deleterious Effects
Hydrostatic Pressure Test	AATCC 127 (Water Column)	Resist 21.6 in (55 cm) water for 5 hours before and after aging	No water penetration before and after aging
Nail Seal ability, Head of Water	ASTM D1970	Pass 5 inches of water	Pass
Evaluation of Fire Propagation	NFPA 285	In Accordance with IBC Chapter 26	Meets requirements for use on all Types of construction
Radiant heat exposure	NFPA 268	In Accordance with IBC Chapter 26	No ignition upon 20 minute radiant heat exposure at 1.25 w/cm2.
Pull off Strength	ASTM D 4541	No Water Penetration	Pass: No water penetration
Racking	ASTM E72	Deflection at 1/8 in (3.2 mm)	Pass -No cracking at field, joints or flashing connection
Structural Loading	ASTM E1233 Procedure A	10 Cycles @ 80% design load	Pass: No cracking at field, joints or flashing connection
Restrained Environmental	ICC ES AC 212 / ASTM E2570	5 Cycles of wetting and drying	Pass: No cracking at field, joints or flashing connection
Surface Burning Characteristics	ASTM E84	ICC and ASTM E2568 Flame Spread <25 Smoke Developed <450	Flame Spread =0 Smoke Developed =0
Tensile Bond Strength	ASTM E 2134/ ASTM C 297	Minimum 15 psi (104 kPa)	Pass: All listed substrates and flashing materials
Water Resistance	ASTM D 2247	14 Days	Pass: No Deleterious Effects
Water Penetration	ASTM E331	2.86 psf (137 Pa) for 15 minutes	Pass 25.4 psf (1216 Pa) for 165 minutes
Water Penetration	ASTM E331	Tested after Structural Loading, Racking and Restrained Environmental Cycling at 2.86 psf (137 Pa) for 15 minutes	No Water Penetration
Water Vapor Transmission	ASTM E96 Procedure B	Vapor Permeable	12.0 perms
Weathering	ICC ES AC 212 / ASTM E2570	210 hours of UV Exposure, 25 cycles of accelerated weatherin, 21.6 in (549 mm) water column for 5 hours	Pass
Wind Driven Rain	F.S. TT-C-555B	No Criteria	Pass

1.2 SUBMITTALS

- A. General: Submit Samples, Evaluation Reports and Certificates in accordance with Division 01 General Requirements Submittal Section.

1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Qualifications:
 - 1. All materials must be manufactured or sold by Decoplast and must be purchased from its authorized distributors.
 - 2. Applicator:
 - a. Must have attended manufacturer's Educational Seminar.
 - b. Must possess a current manufacturer's certificate of education.
 - c. Must be experienced and competent in installation of plaster-like materials and liquid-applied weather-resistive membranes.

1.4 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Delivery: Deliver air and water-resistive barrier materials in original packaging with manufacturer's identification.
- B. Storage: Store materials in a cool, dry location, out of sunlight, protected from weather and other harmful environment, and at a temperature above 40°F (4°C) and below 110°F (43°C) in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

1.5 PROJECT / SITE CONDITIONS

- A. Installation Ambient Air Temperature: Minimum of 40°F (4°C) and rising and remain so for 24 hours thereafter.
- B. Substrate Temperature: Do not apply air & water-resistive barrier materials to substrates whose temperature are below 40°F (4°C) or contain frost or ice.
- C. Inclement Weather: Do not apply air & water-resistive barrier materials during inclement weather unless appropriate protection is employed.
- D. Air & water-resistive barrier materials must not be applied if ambient temperature exceeds 120°F (49°C) or falls below 40°F (4°C) within 24 hours of application. Protect base coat from uneven and excessive evaporation during hot, dry weather.
- E. Prior to installation, the wall must be inspected for surface contamination, or other defects that may adversely affect the performance of the air & water-resistive barrier materials and must be free of residual moisture.

1.6 COORDINATION AND SCHEDULING

- A. Coordination: Coordinate air & water-resistive barrier coating materials installation with other construction operation.

1.7 WARRANTY

- A. Warranty: Upon request, at completion of installation, provide manufacturer's Standard Limited Warranty.

1.8 DESIGN RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of both the specifier and the purchaser to determine if a product is suitable for its intended use. The designer selected by the purchaser shall be responsible for all decisions pertaining to design, detail, structural capability, attachment details, shop drawings, and the like. Greenmaker Industries has prepared guidelines in the form of



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PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Manufacturer, Basis of Design: DECOPLAST, 697 Oakwood Avenue, West Hartford, CT Contact: Architectural Sales or Technical Support (860.761.2830).
- A. Components: Obtain components from authorized distributors. No substitutions or additions of other materials are permitted without prior written permission from Architect 14 days before the bid is due for this project.

2.2 COMPONENTS

- A. Water-Resistive Membrane & Air Barrier Coating:
 - 1. Decoplast Liquid Weather Resistive Barrier: 100% acrylic, elastomeric waterproof membrane and air barrier that can be either roller, brush or spray applied.
 - 2. Decoplast Sheathing Tape: Non-woven synthetic fiber tape to reinforce the membrane at sheathing board joints, into rough openings and other terminations into dissimilar materials.
 - 3. Decoplast Flashing Membrane: Self-sealing, polyester faced, rubberized asphalt membrane, 30 mils (0.76mm) thick.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Verify project site conditions under provisions of Section 01 00 00.
- B. Compliance: Comply with manufacturer's instructions for installation.
- C. Substrate Examination: Examine prior to water-resistive membrane and air barrier installation as follows:
 - 1. Substrate must be of a type approved by water-resistive membrane and air barrier manufacturer. Plywood and OSB substrates must be gapped 1/8 in (3.2mm) at all edges. Plywood and OSB substrates cut edges (non-factory edges) must be sealed with a water-resistive coating.
 - 2. Substrate must be examined for soundness, and other harmful conditions.
 - 3. Substrate must be free of dust, dirt, laitance, efflorescence, and other harmful contaminants.
 - 4. Substrate construction in accordance with substrate material manufacturer's specifications and applicable building codes.
 - 5. Maximum deflection of the substrate must be determined by the requirements of the exterior cladding.
- D. Flashing: Flashing must be installed prior to the water-resistive membrane & air barrier coating material and integrated with the wall field membrane to create positive drainage.
- E. Advise Contractor of discrepancies preventing proper installation of the water-resistive membrane & air barrier coating material. Do not proceed with the work until unsatisfactory conditions are corrected.

3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Protection: Protect surrounding material surfaces and areas during installation of system.
- B. Clean surfaces thoroughly prior to installation.
- C. Prepare surfaces using the methods recommended by the manufacturer for achieving the best result



for the substrate under the project conditions.

3.3 MIXING

- A. Mix water-resistive membrane & air barrier materials in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

3.4 APPLICATION

- A. General: Installation shall conform to this specification and manufacturer's written instructions.
 1. Flash all rough openings with water-resistive & air barrier coating material embedded with sheathing tape.
 2. Treat all sheathing joints, inside and outside corners and all exposed edges at terminations with water-resistive membrane & air barrier coating material and embed sheathing tape.
 3. Apply a strip of Sheathing Fabric over all sheathing joints, including inside and outside corners and trowel apply a layer of LWB over the Sheathing Tape so that the color of the fabric is not visible.
 4. Apply water-resistive membrane & air barrier coating over the entire wall surface including previously treated joints.
 - a. Roller Application: Use a 3/4 inch to 1-1/4 inch (19-32mm) or 1-3/8 inch (35mm) nap roller designed for applying latex paints.
 - b. Spray Application: Spray apply the membrane at a rate of not more than 100 ft² per gallon (2.4 m² per liter).
 5. Ensure that the water-resistive membrane & air barrier coating laps onto all tracks and flashing to allow for any incidental moisture to be drained into the track/flashing.
 6. Allow water-resistive membrane & air barrier coating to completely dry before proceeding with additional layers of the assembly.

3.5 CLEAN-UP

- A. Removal: Remove and legally dispose of water-resistive membrane & air barrier coating material from job site.
- B. Clean surfaces and work area of foreign materials resulting from material installation.

3.6 PROTECTION

- A. Provide protection of installed materials from water infiltration into or behind them.
- B. Provide protection of installed materials from dust, dirt, precipitation, freezing during installation, and continuous high humidity until fully cured and dry.
- C. Clean exposed surfaces using materials and methods recommended by the manufacturer of the material or product being cleaned. Remove and replace work that cannot be cleaned to the satisfaction of the Project Designer/Owner.

END OF SECTION

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