BUILDING TRUST

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Argo Polyester

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

DESCRIPTION

Argo Polyester is an APP modified bituminous membrane, torch applied, flexible at 0°C . It is reinforced with a dimensionally stable non-woven polyester. The underside has a polyethylene burn-off film for easy application. The top surface finish is talc to be used as base sheet in multilayer systems. Weight: 3,0 and 4,0 kg/m².

USES

Waterproofing membrane for:
- Flat roofs under protective layers or ballast
- Balconies and terraces under tiles
- As a base sheet in a double layer roofing system
- Protection of various substrates in a wide range of applications

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- 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.

APPROVALS / CERTIFICATES

- CE marking and Declaration of Performance to EN 13969 - Damp proofing for buildings, including basement tanking
- CE marking and Declaration of Performance to EN 13707 - Reinforced bitumen sheets for roof waterproofing

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Composition	APP modified bitumen
Reinforcing Material	Non-woven polyester fabric stabilized with fiberglass

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 sealed 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/m² ± 10 % 4,0 kg/m² ± 10 %		
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 %	
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	Approved		
Watertightness	60 kPa		(EN 1928-Method B)
Ambient Air Temperature	+5 °C min. / +50 °C max.		
Relative Air Humidity	80 % max		
Substrate Temperature	+5 °C min. / +50 °C max.		

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 SikaBit® P or Sika® Igolflex® P 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.

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 Data Sheet are based on laboratory tests. Actual measured data may vary due to circumstances beyond our control.

LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

Note that as a result of specific local regulations the declared data and recommended uses for this product may vary from country to country. Consult the local Product Data Sheet for the exact product data and uses.

ECOLOGY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

REGULATION (EC) NO 1907/2006 - REACH

This product is an article as defined in article 3 of regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH). It contains no substances which are intended to be released from the article under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use. A safety data sheet following article 31 of the same regulation is not needed to bring the product to the market, to transport or to use it. For safe use follow the instructions given in the product data sheet. Based on our current knowledge, this product does not contain SVHC (substances of very high concern) as listed in Annex XIV of the REACH regulation or on the candidate list published by the European Chemicals Agency in concentrations above 0,1 % (w/w)

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