

Torch-applied, mineral-surfaced modified bitumen membrane that provides excellent flexibility, elasticity and puncture resistance

OVERVIEW

Bitec APM-4.5T is a torch-applied, mineral surfaced, modified bitumen membrane that provides excellent flexibility, elasticity and puncture resistance, all critical to providing superior waterproofing protection. APM-4.5T is composed of carefully selected asphalts and blended with high-quality polypropylene resins. APM-4.5T is reinforced with polyester fabric and yields the following performance characteristics:

- Impermeable to water
- Low temperature flexibility
- Thermally stable
- Excellent adhesion
- Resistant to acids and most bases
- Puncture resistant
- Excellent workability
- Longevity

Polyester fabric, used as a reinforcement in APM-4.5T, has isotropic mechanical properties providing the composite membrane with similar mechanical characteristics in all angular directions in relation to the membrane surface. Polyester fabric imparts the following properties to the composite membrane:

- High flexibility
- Puncture resistance
- High elongation
- Mechanical strength
- Fatigue resistance
- Tear strength
- Deterioration resistance
- Dimensional stability

The mineral surface protects the membrane from aging caused from heat and ultra violet radiation. Most mineral surfacings yield sufficiently high amounts of solar reflectivity to realize some energy savings, depending on building construction and use. Some heat absorption values are given below, calculated on the basis of an ideal black surface as being 100%:

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| • Ideal Black | 100% |
| • Bituminous Surface | 94% |
| • Gray Mineral | 85% |
| • Tan Mineral | 57% |
| • White Mineral | 30% |

APM-4.5T incorporates a smooth and even application of

polyethylene film to prevent blocking of rolls and to provide a smooth, acceptable torching surface. Polyethylene burn-off film is contained on the torchable face of the roll. The polyethylene burn-off film acts as a “sight indicator” for the applicator in determining the proper flow needed to ensure adequate bonding of plies and seams.

After installation of the roofing membrane is complete, the surface may be coated with a Bitec-approved roof coating to increase the overall reflectivity of the system and/or fire rating. Bitec recommends that a period of at least 45 days elapse before roof coatings are applied. This will effectively allow the membrane to cure and accept the roof coating.

PACKAGING

Palletized units contain 20 rolls of APM-4.5T waterproofing membrane. Each unit is shrink wrapped in a special polyethylene bag for stability. Bitec recommends that units of material be single stacked.

APPLICATION

Depending on the type of roof, APM-4.5T can be either fully adhered or partially adhered. Bitec specifications applicable to this product should be consulted to determine which system should be employed. When applying the membrane, the polyethylene burn-off film should always be down, facing the roof deck. Prior to application, the membrane should be unrolled completely, aligned and set before the actual heat welding of the membrane occurs. The membrane should then be rolled up half way, leaving the other half fully extended. (This will ensure the membrane will remain aligned during the heat welding process.)

Begin torching the burn-off film surface of the membrane, using a sweeping motion, maintaining even heating. The actual torching motion should be done in an “L” configuration, preheating the previously installed membrane lap, then sweeping across the roll face while advancing the roll over the roof surface. As the roll is advanced, a bead of modified bitumen should be seen flowing from between the lap seam a distance of 1/4 to 3/8” from the membrane edge, which is being advanced. This “flow out” should be consistent and uninterrupted. Seams that are not fully bonded can be repaired by inserting a hot trowel between the affected seam and lightly torching. Upon removal of the hot trowel,

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pressure should be applied to the top ply, forcing the modified bitumen to flow out the desired distance.

All side and end laps should be a minimum of 4 inches and 6 inches respectively. Bitec APP membranes may not be installed in hot roofing asphalt, cold process adhesives or by mechanical attachment.

Bitec APP membranes are not recommended for use over coal tar or pitch roofs unless the existing deck is separated from the Bitec membrane by a min. 1/2" thick, mechanically attached recovery board. Bitec does not allow the use of plastic roofer's cement with any of its membranes.

As with any roofing project, good roofing practices should always be followed. Consult the Bitec specification and details book for information governing certain systems.

TOOLS REQUIRED

Tools required to apply Bitec APM-4.5T waterproofing membrane include: a propane torch having a UL certified regulator, propane bottle, spatula or round nose roofer's trowel, a roofer's knife, pair of work gloves, flat soled shoes and an ABC dry chemical fire extinguisher.

Before using this product, be certain that all information concerning the installation of this product and safety guidelines pertaining thereto have been read and fully understood. The application of modified membranes requires the use of explosive gas and molten asphalts, which if mishandled can and will cause personal injury and/or property.

SAFETY

Contractor

It is the contractor's responsibility to observe all fire prevention policies and practices, to train, instruct and warn employees on the use of torching equipment. Follow OSHA and NRCA provisions for fire protection, including but not limited to those listed in OSHA 1962., 150., 151., 153., 1191-110, which apply to torch application. The contractor should be familiar with NFPA 58 "Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gas" and any other appropriate publications of the National LP Gas Association.

Fire Department Regulations

The contractor should be familiar with all local fire codes in his area. The contractor is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits or certificates before any work is started.

Personnel

Proper clothing should be worn at all times while installing any modified membrane. Long sleeve shirt, long pants, leather or durable flat-soled shoes and work gloves. Workmen, other than the torch operator, should be no closer than 3' from open flame.

NOTE: The roofing contractor and his employees are the key to success regarding safety. Safety should always be first!

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APM-4.5T rolls are 3.2' wide and 25.58' long.

Technical Schedule	
APPROVALS	UL (R13231)
SOFTENING POINT (ASTM D-36)	302°F (150°C)
REINFORCEMENT	polyester fabric
PENETRATION (ASTM-D5)	30 dmm @ 25°C
SLIDE (UNI-8202)	<1 mm
COLD FLEXIBILITY (UNI-8202)	passed +5°F (-15°C)
WATER TIGHTNESS (CGSB 37-GP-56M)	passed
DYNAMIC PUNCTURE (CGSB 37-GP-56M)	passed
STATIC PUNCTURE (CGSB 37-GP-56M)	passed
TENSILE STRENGTH (ASTM D-412)	MD = 100 lbf/in XMD = 70 lbf/in
ELONGATION (ASTM D-412)	MD = 50% XMD = 55%
LOAD STRAIN PRODUCT (CGSB 37-GP-56M)	MD = 44,482 n XMD = 34,251 n
THICKNESS	4.5 mm
ROLL WEIGHT, APPROX.	92 lbs
COVERAGE, INSTALLED APPROX.	75 ft ²
TOTAL SURFACE AREA, APPROX.	86.4 ft ²

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