

# SFM-3.5H

## PRODUCT INFORMATION



**Modified bitumen membrane with strong, puncture resistant and excellent low temperature flexibility**

### OVERVIEW

Bitec SFM-3.5H is a hot asphalt applied, mineral surfaced, modified bitumen waterproofing membrane that is strong, puncture resistant and has excellent low temperature flexibility, making it ideal for applications in climates with extreme temperature variations.

It is composed of carefully selected asphalts and blended with high quality styrene-butadiene-styrene rubber. SFM-3.5H is reinforced with a high-strength fiberglass mat. SFM-3.5H waterproofing membrane yields the following performance characteristics:

- Impermeable to water
- Low temperature flexibility
- Thermally stable
- Excellent adhesion
- Resistant to acids and most bases
- Excellent workability
- Longevity
- Mechanical strength
- Deterioration resistance
- Dimensional stability

SFM-3.5H incorporates a smooth and even application of fine slag to prevent blocking of rolls and to provide a smooth, acceptable application surface. SFM-3.5H can be applied by using hot asphalt or by using any Bitec-approved elastomeric cold process adhesive.\* (When using cold adhesives, follow the specific adhesive manufacturer's installation specifications.)

After installation of the roofing membrane is complete, the surface may be coated with a Bitec-approved roof coating to protect the membrane from the harmful effects of ultra violet radiation and for UL fire rating if required. Bitec recommends 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 SFM-3.5H 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, SFM-3.5H must be fully adhered. Bitec specifications applicable to this product should be consulted to determine which system should be employed. When applying the membrane, the fine slag surface should always be down, facing the roof deck. Prior to application, the membrane should be unrolled completely, aligned, allowed to relax and set before the actual installation 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 installation process.)

SFM-3.5H is designed to be applied by conventional methods of hot mopping, using ASTM D312 TYPE III mopping asphalt. ASTM TYPE IV should be used on slopes greater than 3" in 12". The roofing contractor shall not let the mopping asphalt temperature fall below 450°F or overheat the asphalt to overcome rapid cooling. Bitec recommends that mopping asphalt EVT requirements be met when heating asphalt. Mopping of base and cap sheet plies shall be done at a rate of 25 lbs./100 ft. sq. in a solid mopping of hot asphalt. It is essential that the asphalt be applied uniformly at a distance not to exceed 4' in front of the advancing roll surface. A continuous, 1/4" bead of uninterrupted mopping asphalt shall be seen coming from the end and side laps. 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, 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" and 6", respectively. If the membrane is loose laid, an area of 40" each side of the end lap should be fully bonded to the roof surface. Bitec SBS hot applied membranes can be installed in hot roofing asphalt or in Bitec-approved cold process adhesives.\*

Bitec SBS membranes are not recommended for use over coal tar or pitch roofs unless the existing deck is separated from the Bitec membrane by a minimum 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

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details book for information governing certain systems.

### TOOLS REQUIRED

Tools required to apply Bitec SFM-3.5H waterproofing membrane include: a roofer's kettle, lug bucket, roofer's mop, dial thermometer, 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 at the kettle and on the roof.

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 1910.151, 155, 156, 157, and 1910.1101, 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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SFM-3.5H rolls are 3.2' wide and 33.9' long.

Technical Schedule	
APPROVALS	UL (R13231)
SOFTENING POINT (ASTM D-36)	250°F (120°C)
REINFORCEMENT	fiberglass mat
PENETRATION (ASTM D5)	40 dmm @ 25°C
SLIDE (UNI-8202)	<1 mm
COLD FLEXIBILITY (UNI-8202)	passed -13°F (-25°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 = 80 lbf/in    XMD = 75 lbf/in
ELONGATION (ASTM D-412)	MD = 30%    XMD = 30%
LOAD STRAIN PRODUCT (CGSB 37-GP-56M)	MD = 21,351 n    XMD = 20,017 n
THICKNESS	3.5 mm
ROLL WEIGHT, APPROX.	100 lbs
COVERAGE, INSTALLED APPROX.	100 ft <sup>2</sup>
TOTAL SURFACE AREA, APPROX.	111.2 ft <sup>2</sup>

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