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AIR-SHIELD™ LMP

Liquid Membrane Vapor Permeable Air Barrier

DESCRIPTION

AIR-SHIELD LMP is a water-based air/liquid moisture barrier that cures to form a tough, seamless, elastomeric membrane. AIR-SHIELD LMP exhibits excellent resistance to air leakage. When properly applied as a drainage plane, AIR-SHIELD LMP prohibits liquid water intrusion into the substrate.

USES

AIR-SHIELD LMP has been specifically formulated to act as an air and liquid moisture barrier, allowing vapor to pass through it. It may be applied to most common surfaces and integrated into various wall systems. AIR-SHIELD LMP is suitable for both new construction and retrofit applications.

FEATURES/BENEFITS

- HIGH PERMEABILITY - allows the transmission of moisture vapor through porous building materials.
- HIGHLY FLEXIBLE - bridges cracks, which may form in the substrate.

- UV RESISTANT – gray membrane can be left exposed up to six months. Black membrane can be exposed for an indefinite period and is ideal for exposed applications, such as beneath rain screen panels.
- USER FRIENDLY – single-component, water-based technology allows for simple, safe application and easy cleanup.
- LIQUID APPLIED - simplifies detailing and assures a monolithic, seamless membrane when applied to a rough or smooth surface.
- SPRAYABLE - with appropriately configured airless spray equipment - low application costs.
- EXCELLENT ADHESION - remains firmly bonded to the substrate, even when applied over damp surfaces.
- SELF-SEALING – Nails and fasteners can be used without compromising performance.
- LOW VOC CONTENT – <100 g/L.

PACKAGING

5 Gallon (18.93 Liter) Pails
55 Gallon (208.20 Liter) Drums

SPECIFICATIONS

- Exceeds Air Barrier Association of America (ABAA) Section 07263 Liquid-Applied Vapor Permeable Air Barrier System.
- Exceeds the requirements of the Massachusetts Commercial Energy Code for Building Envelope Systems.
- 2005 National Building Code of Canada

*Air Leakage (Tested per ASTM E 2178-01)

Pressure		Air Leakage (ABAA requirement)	Results for AIR-SHIELD LMP	Air Leakage (ABAA requirement)	Results for AIR-SHIELD LMP
Pa	lb./ ft. ²	L/sM ²	L/sM ²	cfm/ ft. ²	cfm/ ft. ²
75	1.57	0.02	< 0.02	0.004	< 0.004

*Independent tests available upon request.

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**PHYSICAL PROPERTIES
(TYPICAL)**

Solids Content, %:	58
Color:	Gray (Black – special order only)
Flexibility @ -26° C (-15° F), (ASTM C 836):	PASS
Elongation (ASTM D 412), %:	1200
Water Vapor Permeance (ASTM E 96, Procedure B) Perms:	12
Service Temperature:	Not to exceed 175° F (80° C)
Nail Sealability (ASTM D 1970):	Pass
Storage and Application Temperature of AIR-SHIELD LMP For Roller Application: For Spray Application:	40 - 90° F (4 - 32° C) 60 - 90° F (16 - 32° C)
Air/Substrate Temperature (At Time of Application):	> 40° F (4° C)

LEED INFORMATION

May help contribute to LEED credits:

- EA Credit 1: Optimize Energy Performance
- EQ Credit 3.1: Construction IAQ Management Plan: During Construction
- EQ Credit 4.2: Low-Emitting Materials: Paints & Coatings
- MR Credit 5.1: Regional Materials: 10% Extracted, Processed & Manufactured Regionally
- MR Credit 5.2: Regional Materials: 20% Extracted, Processed & Manufactured Regionally

APPLICATION

Surface Preparation ... All surfaces must be clean (free of all coatings and curing compounds), free of frost, structurally sound and relatively smooth. AIR-SHIELD LMP can be applied to “green” or damp concrete if there is no liquid water on the surface. Prepare substrate per manufacturer’s instruction prior to membrane application.

Exterior Sheathing Panels ... Exterior sheathing panels are to be fastened as per manufacturer’s recommendation. Joints in the panels <1/4” should be pretreated with a coat of AIR-SHIELD LMP prior to application of the membrane. Joints 1/4” or greater in exterior sheathing panels [drywall, plywood, oriented strand board (OSB), and glass-faced wallboards, such as DensGlass Gold®] should be taped with a minimum 2” wide contractors mesh-style wallboard tape, suitable caulk, such as an acrylic latex, or 4” wide strip of AIR-SHIELD. (This method requires the use of MEL-PRIME™ or MEL-PRIME W/B prior to installation.)

Details and Protrusions ... Before application of AIR-SHIELD LMP, apply a 6” (152 mm) minimum wide strip (lapped 3” on each side) of AIR-SHIELD where joints between dissimilar building materials occur, i.e. details around doors and windows, as well as protrusions. Architectural details are available online at www.wrmeadows.com or by calling 1-800-342-5976.

Concrete Masonry Units ... Before applying AIR-SHIELD LMP to CMU surfaces, patch all cracks, protrusions, small voids, offsets, details, irregularities and small deformities with MEADOW-PATCH® 5 or MEADOW-PATCH 20 at least two hours before application.

Appearance ... AIR-SHIELD LMP (gray) will dry gray in color. AIR-SHIELD LMP (black) appears dark gray in the container, but the dried film will be black.

Temperature/Conditions ... Apply AIR-SHIELD LMP at air and surface temperatures of 40° F and higher. Curing/drying times are dependent on air temperature, airflow, relative humidity, substrate temperature, etc., specific to each individual application. Typical results are:

Tack-Free Time: 2 hours
Full Cure: 48 hours

Roller ... AIR-SHIELD LMP can be applied directly from the container; a 3/4" nap roller is recommended. Apply AIR-SHIELD LMP on a vertical surface, in multiple coats if necessary, to achieve a final film thickness of 90 mils wet (45 mils dry). NOTE: While the proper film thickness may be achieved with a single coat, multiple coats may be necessary if the material slumps due to temperature and/or substrate conditions. Allow each previous coat to dry (approximately one hour) prior to applying the next coat.

Sprayer ... AIR-SHIELD LMP should be stored and maintained at a temperature of 60° F or higher throughout the entire spray application. The product will become thick and difficult to spray at temperatures below 60° F. Note: Use of Graco HydraMax 350 or Graco GH833 is recommended for optimum performance. A Graco heavy duty texture gun with either a 0.051" (Graco GHD 551), 0.035" (Graco GHD 535), or 0.037" (Graco GHD 537) spray tip is recommended. If cratering occurs, the GHD 535 or 537 is recommended for a smoother finish.

Spray AIR-SHIELD LMP on a vertical surface, in multiple coats if necessary, to achieve a final film thickness of 90 mils wet (45 mils dry). NOTE: While the proper film thickness may be achieved with a single coat, multiple coats may be necessary if the material slumps due to temperature and/or substrate conditions. Allow each previous coat to dry (approximately one hour) prior to applying the next coat.

Film Thickness ... Frequently inspect the surface with a wet film gauge to verify that proper film thickness is achieved, and that the film thickness is uniform over the entire surface. Porous substrates, masonry blocks, etc., may require multiple coats to achieve recommended film thickness.

Drying Times ... Curing/drying times are dependent on jobsite conditions, such as air temperature, airflow, relative humidity, substrate temperature, etc. Typical results are:

Tack-Free Time: 2 hours
Full Cure: 48 hours

COVERAGE

Application Rate	16-20 ft. ² /gal.
Wet Film Thickness	90 mil (2.3 mm)
Cured Film Thickness	45 mil (1.15 mm)

SPRAYING EQUIPMENT

AIR-SHIELD LMP is most effectively applied by using the Graco HydraMax 350 or the Graco GH833 Big Rig.

The Graco heavy duty texture gun is recommended for use with the following tips:

For best results, use the 0.051" (Graco GHD 551) heavy duty switch tip.

If cratering occurs and a smoother finish is desired, a 0.037" (Graco GHD 537) tip is recommended.

CLEANUP

Material should not be left in the pump, lines or gun when finished spraying. After spraying, flush water through the system until pump and hose are clear (approximately five gallons). Aromatic solvents, such as xylene or toluene (approximately two gallons) can be used for final flushing after water is flushed through the pump and lines. Water should be flushed through the machine to remove any solvent prior to spraying of AIR-SHIELD LMP.

SHELF LIFE (TYPICAL)

Twelve (12) months in original, unopened container. Store at 40° - 90° F.

PRECAUTIONS

DO NOT FREEZE. Keep containers tightly sealed. Maximum UV exposure period for grey membrane is six (6) months, unlimited for black. Do not apply AIR-SHIELD LMP if rainfall is forecast or imminent within 12 hours of application. Do not apply AIR-SHIELD LMP when temperatures are expected to fall below 32° F (0° C) within 24 hours of the completed application.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Direct contact may result in mild irritation to the skin and eyes. Should adverse effects occur, remove subject from area immediately. If irritation occurs and persists, move victim from exposure source and treat symptomatically. Flush affected areas with mild soap and water. Refer to Material Safety Data Sheet for complete health and safety information.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Please contact W. R. MEADOWS for specific details and/or data not outlined in this literature. Technical assistance, from design to product application, is available upon request.

For most current data sheet, further LEED information, and MSDS, visit www.wrmeadows.com.



LIMITED WARRANTY

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