



# TEST REPORT

## DC16981-04-1

### REPORT ON TESTING OF WPM 1500 MEMBRANE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF AS 4654.1-2012

#### CLIENT

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# TEST SUMMARY

## Objective

Testing was completed of the WPM 1500 membrane to the requirements of AS 4654.1-2012 *Waterproofing membranes for external above-ground use Part 1: Materials*.

## Summary

Passing results were obtained for the 1.77 mm thick WPM 1500 membrane where requirements are stated in the AS 4654.1-2012 Standard. The WPM 1500 membrane samples supplied met the requirements to be classified as Class III (High Extensibility).

## Test sponsor

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## Description of test specimen

The client supplied a roll of sheet membrane samples to be tested. The sheet samples were received on 8 January 2023 and assigned the BRANZ sample reference 23/017. The WPM 1500 membrane was supplied as a roll of sheet and was tested in both principal directions, with the Machine Direction (MD) and Cross Direction (CD) labelled by the client.

## LIMITATION

The results reported here relate only to the items tested.

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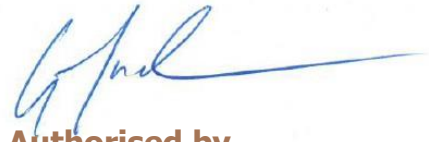
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# 1. SCOPE

The client requested testing of the WPM 1500 membrane to the performance specifications of AS 4654.1-2012, Waterproofing membranes for external and above-ground use, Part 1: Materials. Testing was completed to AS 4654.1-2012 Table 2.1. An Instron 5569 Universal testing machine and a 10 kN load cell was used to provide a constant rate of elongation.

# 2. SUMMARY

**Table 1: AS 4654.1-2012 Table 2.1 Requirements – Fully Bonded Membranes – WPM 1500 membrane.**

PROPERTY REQUIRED	METHOD	RESULTS		
		MD	CD	Pass/Fail
Abrasion resistance	AS 1580.403.2	N/A		Non-trafficable
Bond strength	ASTM C794	Plywood 30.9 N	Concrete 17.4 N	N/A
Cyclic movement	Moving Joint Test	Tested as Class III		Pass
Dimensional stability	ASTM D6207	-2 mm	-1 mm	N/A
Elongation at break	AS 4654.1-2012 Appendix A	576.1 %	577.5 %	N/A
Field seam strength	EN 12316.2, EN 12317.2	Shear: 335 N (End lap), 301 N (Side lap) Peel: 69 N (End lap), 65 N (Side lap)		N/A
Heat ageing <sup>2</sup>	AS 4654.1-2012	573.5 %	580.1 %	Pass
Temperature <sup>2</sup> resistance	AS 4654.1-2012 Clause 2.6	573.5 %	573.5 %	Pass
Ultraviolet resistance	AS 4654.1-2012 Table A4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tensile strength	AS 4654.1-2012 Table A4	4.56 MPa	4.25 MPa	N/A
Thickness	Various methods	1.77 mm	1.82 mm	N/A
Durability <sup>1,2</sup>	AS 4654.1-2012 Table A4	N/A	N/A	Pass
Water vapour transmission rate	ASTM E96	0.03 g/m <sup>2</sup> /24 hours		N/A

### Notes:

1. Durability of membranes is a combined group of assessments as detailed in AS 4654.1-2012 Appendix A, Table A4.
2. All test elongation results exceeded the frame limits.



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## 3. BOND STRENGTH

### 3.1 Testing

Testing was carried out on WPM 1500 in accordance with ASTM C794, with variations to the specimen preparation process. As the WPM 1500 is a sheet membrane, it was fully bonded to the substrate using adhesive (supplied by the client) in 25 mm wide strips and then peeled off using the membrane instead of mesh.

### 3.2 Results

Results are an average of 4 samples.

**Table 3: Bond strength results**

Substrate	Mean Force, N
Plywood	30.9
Concrete Masonry	17.4

## 4. CYCLIC MOVEMENT

### 4.1 Testing

Testing carried out in accordance with AS 4654.1-2012 Appendix B Assessment of resistance of waterproofing membranes to cyclic movement.

<b>Sample</b>	WPM 1500 (MD)
<b>Sample code</b>	23/017
<b>Material class</b>	Class III
<b>Test time</b>	2 hours
<b>Cyclic extension</b>	4 mm
<b>Rate of extension</b>	3.34 mm/min

### 4.2 Results

The test sample achieved a control elongation at break of 576.1 % MD and 577.5 % CD as per AS 4654-2012 Appendix A.

<b>Number of cycles completed:</b>	50
<b>Surface crazing:</b>	Nil
<b>Surface tears:</b>	Nil



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**Membrane Rupture:** Nil  
**Results** Pass

For Class III high extensibility membranes, the minimum bond breaker/tape width to bridge joints opening up by 5 mm is 12 mm as per AS 4654.1-2012 Table A2.

## 5. CONTROL

### 5.1 Testing

Test carried out in accordance with AS 4654.1-2012 Appendix A in both principal directions.

### 5.2 Results

Results are an average of 6 samples.

**Table 4: Control results for WPM 1500 in Machine Direction (MD).**

Thickness (mm)	Max Load (N)	Max Stress (MPa)	Elongation at break (%)
1.77	201.9	4.56	576.1

**Table 5: Control results for WPM 1500 in Cross Direction (CD).**

Thickness (mm)	Max Load (N)	Max Stress (Mpa)	Elongation at break (%)
1.82	193.4	4.25	577.5

**Requirement for Class III:** The specimens have an elongation at break of >300%.

**Classification:** Class III (High extensibility)

Note: Both MD and CD samples exceeded the Introns frame elongation capacity. The control specimens did not break during testing.



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## 6. HEAT AGEING

### 6.1 Testing

Testing carried out in accordance with AS 4654.1-2012 Appendix A.

### 6.2 Results

Results are an average of 6 samples.

**Table 6: Heat ageing results WPM 1500 MD**

Thickness (mm)	Max Load (N)	Max Stress (Mpa)	Elongation at break (%)
1.77	197.5	4.47	573.5

**Table 7: Heat ageing results WPM 1500 CD**

Thickness (mm)	Max Load (N)	Max Stress (Mpa)	Elongation at break (%)
1.80	198.8	4.41	580.1

**Requirement:** The specimens require an elongation at break greater than 50% of the control sample, 576.1 % MD and 577.5 % CD. An elongation of less than 288.1 % MD or 288.8 % CD is a fail.

**Result:** Pass

## 7. TEMPERATURE RESISTANCE

### 7.1 Testing

Testing carried out in accordance with AS 4654.1-2012 Clause 2.6. Samples were exposed for 2 days at -15°C and then exposed for 2 days at 85°C.

### 7.2 Results

Results are an average of 5 samples.

**Table 8: Temperature resistance results WPM 1500 MD**

Thickness (mm)	Max Load (N)	Max Stress (Mpa)	Elongation at break (%)
1.78	202.33	4.53	573.5

Results are an average of 6 samples.



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**Table 9: Temperature resistance results WPM 1500 CD**

Thickness (mm)	Max Load (N)	Max Stress (Mpa)	Elongation at break (%)
1.81	182.63	4.03	573.5

**Requirement:** The membrane shall remain waterproof when subjected to temperatures likely to be encountered in use: for Australia these would be within the range -15°C to 85°C.

Samples shall exhibit no cracking, fractures, or surface defects after exposure.

**Result:** Pass

## 8. DURABILITY

### 8.1 Testing

Testing carried out in accordance with AS 4654.1-2012 Appendix A

### 8.2 Results

**Table 12: Durability results WPM 1500 MD**

Ageing	Aged period	Thickness (mm)	Max Load (N)	Max Stress (Mpa)	Elongation at break (%)
De-ionised water	7 days	1.81	216.2	4.78	577.0
	28 days	1.82	244.7	5.39	574.5
	56 days	1.81	223.8	4.96	566.7
Detergent	7 days	1.82	213.2	4.69	562.9
	28 days	1.82	230.5	5.06	569.2
	56 days	1.83	209.8	4.58	577.5

Elongation at break (Controls) = 576.1 %, Result = Pass

**Table 13: Durability Results WPM 1500 CD**

Ageing	Aged period	Thickness (mm)	Max Load (N)	Max Stress (MPa)	Elongation at break (% of control)
De-ionised water	7 days	1.77	203.9	4.56	576.9
	28 days	1.79	232.2	5.24	573.2
	56 days	1.80	218.3	4.86	577.8
Detergent	7 days	1.79	184.5	4.12	511.5
	28 days	1.80	221.6	4.91	574.6
	56 days	1.84	211.0	4.60	577.5

Elongation at break (Controls) = 577.5 %, Result = Pass





## 9. DIMENSIONAL STABILITY

### 9.1 Testing

Testing carried out to ASTM D6207-03, Dimensional Stability of Fabrics to Changes in Humidity and Temperature with a variation in specimen lengths and measurement gauge length. Due to environmental chamber availability the specimen length was decreased to 850 mm and gauge marks were located at 750 mm from top of specimen. A 1m ruler was used instead of a specimen frame, measurement locations were clearly marked for measurement repeatability.

### 9.2 Results

Table 14: Dimensional Stability results for WPM 1500.

Pointer Settings, mm	Sample 1 (MD)	Sample 2 (CD)
Initial Reading	748	750
After first humid cycle at 95% RH and 20°C	748	748
After first dry cycle at 15% RH and 32°C	747	748
After second humid cycle at 95% RH and 20°C	748	749
After second dry cycle at 15% RH and 32°C	746	749

No discolouration, bubbling or curling was observed during or after testing.

## 10. FIELD SEAM STRENGTH

### 10.1 Testing to EN 12316-2 Peel Resistance

Testing was carried out to EN 12316-2: Determination of peel resistance of joints – Part 2. Testing was completed on 23 May 2023.

### 10.2 Sampling

The client provided two jointed samples of WPM 1500 labelled with machine and cross direction. Machine direction samples were assumed to be end laps and cross direction samples were assumed to be side laps.



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### 10.3 Results

Table 15: Field Seam Strength Peel Resistance results for WPM 1500.

Lap Type	Sample	Mean of 10 points (N)	Failure Mode	Mean Peel Force (N)
Side Lap	1	67	A	65
	2	68	A	
	3	48	A	
	4	77	A	
End Lap	5	56	A	69
	6	68	A	
	7	79	A	
	8	70	A	
	9	74	A	

Failure Modes are described as follows:

A = Peeling of the joint, B = Break outside of the joint, C = Delamination of sheet. In this case the area of delamination has to be more than 5% of the joint area.

**Result:** No failure of joint.

### 10.4 Testing to EN 12317-2 Shear Resistance

Testing was carried out to EN 12317-2: Determination of shear resistance of joints- Part 2. Testing was completed on 23 May 2023.

### 10.5 Sampling

The client provided two jointed samples of WPM 1500 labelled with machine and cross direction. Machine direction samples were assumed to be end laps and cross direction samples were assumed to be side laps.



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## 10.6 Results

Table 16: Field Seam Strength Shear Resistance results WPM 1500.

Lap Type	Sample	Max Load (N)	Failure Mode	Mean Max Load (N)
Side Lap	1	304	Separate/Split	301
	2	296	Separate/Split	
	3	294	Separate/Split	
	4	302	Separate/Split	
	5	311	Separate/Split	
End Lap	6	343	Separate/Split	335
	7	334	Separate/Split	
	8	333	Separate/Split	
	9	338	Separate/Split	
	10	327	Separate/Split	

## 11. WATER VAPOUR TRANSMISSION RATE

### 11.1 Testing

Testing carried out in accordance with ASTM E96 desiccant method.

### 11.2 Results

Table 17: Water vapour transmission rate results for WPM 1500.

Thickness (mm)	WVTR (g/m <sup>2</sup> /24 hours)	Minimum result (g/m <sup>2</sup> /24 hours)	Maximum result (g/m <sup>2</sup> /24 hours)
1.77	0.03	0.03	0.03



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