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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

ARDEX Root Repell™ Weldable Waterproofing Membrane is a polypropylene-lined waterproofing sheet membrane specially formulated for the use in planter boxes, retaining walls, and green roofs. ARDEX Root Repell™ is heat-welded at laps and seams to create a superior sheet membrane with a consistent membrane thickness, that allows for quick installation.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Premium root inhibitor designed to repel root growth (Preventol® B2)
- Compatible with selected ARDEX tiling systems and ARDEX water-based liquid applied membranes
- Excellent flexibility & elongation - no fillet or bond breaker required
- Excellent resistance to tearing, cracking, bubbling, and absorption

USES

ARDEX Root Repell™ contains a premium root inhibitor that repels root growth without killing the root. Once installed, the membrane will remain a permanently flexible waterproof lining.

SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

Suitable substrates include concrete, brick, fibre cement, plywood, and timber.

NOTE: The use of LOSP (Light Organic Solvent Preservative) treated plywood must NOT be used under ARDEX Root Repell™ in any circumstances.

By way of mechanical method and vacuum cleaning as necessary, remove all dirt, dust, curing compounds, oils, grease, surface sealers, and any other contaminants prior to membrane installation. Prepare surface to leave sound, clean, dry, free from sharp edges, loose or other materials which may damage the membrane.

Damaged concrete between 2mm-30mm can be treated with ARDEX A46. Spalling concrete must be treated accordingly with the ARDEX Concrete Repair range such as ARDEX BR 345, please review the respective product data sheets on treating spalling concrete.

DAMP OR GREEN CONCRETE

When masonry or concrete substrate moisture content is measured at greater than 80% relative humidity (ASTM F2170) or exceeds 15gm/m²/24hrs (ASTM F1869) when tested in accordance with AS1884 or AS3740, ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) shall be considered as the nominated primer prior to ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive.

Apply two coats of ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) at a rate of 3m²/litre (per coat) and allow to dry for a minimum of 24 hours. Drying times will vary depending on substrate temperatures and ambient air conditions. Once

the ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) has cured, apply a neat primer coat of ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive and allow to totally dry. Apply another neat coat of ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive to the primed substrate and to the sheet underside, then bring together once tacky.

NOTE: If the ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) is not allowed to fully cure, the application of ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive will noticeably damage the uncured ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy).

COMPRESSED FIBRE CEMENT SHEETING

Compressed fibre cement sheet must be installed as per manufacturer's instructions. Substrate to be primed with ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive.

Application to James Hardie Scyon™ Secura™ flooring sheets, please refer to the ARDEX Technical Bulletin.

SUBSTRATE ADHESIVE

ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive is a ready to use solvent-based external contact adhesive for bonding ARDEX Wedltec™ membranes.

With a brush or roller apply ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive to both the sheet underside and the substrate at a rate of 4m² - 8m²/litre, and allow approximately the same drying time. Drying times will vary depending on substrate temperatures and ambient air conditions. Once the applied ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive becomes tacky to touch then it is ready for bedding. The ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive can be reapplied if the drying time elapses.

To create optimum adhesion, apply a neat primer coat of ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive to the prepared substrate and allow to totally dry. Apply another neat coat of ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive to the primed substrate and underside of sheet, then bring together once tacky. It is highly suggested to shake and stir the unopened ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive drum to thoroughly mix contents before use.

Ensure not to apply ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive over an area that will later be spliced or seamed to another sheet or flashing (as you will not be able to heat-weld glued laps and seams). ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive for external use only.

DETAILING

The ARDEX Flashing Tape is to be used in all external corners, pipe penetrations, and drainage waste outlets. The ARDEX Flashing Tape is to be cut to size and adhered with ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive during installation. Once correctly installed, the ARDEX Root Repell™ shall be glued and heat-welded to the ARDEX Flashing Tape to create a seamless waterproofing membrane system within and around critical areas.

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INSTALLATION

The application of ARDEX Root Repell™ must be carried out by an ARDEX Accredited Applicator. Installation shall be strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Roll out ARDEX Root Repell™ and cut to the measured length. Smooth ARDEX Root Repell™ on contact to minimise air entrapment beneath the membrane. To ensure proper adhesion, compress the bonded portion of the sheet to the substrate with a pressure roller. Do not use a medium/hard bristle broom as this may partially remove the polypropylene fleece.

Without over-stretching the membrane, ensure the ARDEX Root Repell™ is laid tightly into all corners and transitions, this can be greatly assisted with the use of the ARDEX Brass Roller and the ARDEX Small Hand Roller. All transition substrate gaps must be filled appropriately to adequately support the ARDEX Root Repell™.

Membrane to be installed with minimum 40mm overlaps (both side and end laps) and heat welded using an approved hot-air welding unit. Using a probe, ensure all seams and laps are welded properly; re-weld if necessary.

It is highly suggested to use either a weighted roller or a large water filled heavy roller once the membrane is installed to ensure uniform adhesion.

LIQUID MEMBRANE INSTALLATION

When transitioning from ARDEX WPM Root Repell™ to an ARDEX water-based liquid applied membrane, the ARDEX STB Tape must be installed prior.

Prime the substrate above the upturned ARDEX WPM Root Repell™ with the appropriate primer - please refer to the respective ARDEX water-based liquid membrane product data sheet for correct primer choice. Centrally place the ARDEX STB Tape along the top edge of the upturned ARDEX WPM Root Repell™. The ARDEX STB Tape can be carefully heat welded directly to the ARDEX WPM Root Repell™ membrane. Alternatively, carefully remove the fleece on the ARDEX WPM Root Repell™ using the Leister equipment and ensure all loose fleece is removed from the area before adhering the ARDEX STB Tape. Use the ARDEX Brass Roller and or ARDEX Small Hand Roller to ensure adhesion to the ARDEX WPM Root Repell™ and prepared substrate is smooth and all edges are removed.

Once correctly installed, apply the ARDEX water-based liquid membrane to encapsulate the ARDEX STB Tape and lapping onto the ARDEX WPM Root Repell™. When overlapping of tape to tape (ARDEX STB Tape), the overlap should be a minimum of 25mm.

TILING APPLICATION

The ARDEX Root Repell™ can be used for direct stick tile applications. With the ARDEX Root Repell™ surface being totally sound, dry, and clean, tiling may commence 60 minutes after the membrane system has been fully installed. Recommended ARDEX tile adhesives such as:

- ARDEX X77
- ARDEX X18
- ARDEX X56
- ARDEX Optima

For other ARDEX tile adhesives please contact ARDEX Technical Services (technicalservices@ardexaustralia.com).

SCREED APPLICATION

The ARDEX WPM Root Repell™ is suitable for direct screed applications. With the ARDEX Root Repell™ surface being totally sound, dry, and clean, the screed mix may commence 60 minutes after the membrane system has been fully installed.

When directly bonding to the ARDEX Root Repell™, a minimum screed thickness of 15mm is recommended when using diluted ARDEX WPM 405 instead of water. For unbonded screeds or a screed thickness greater than 40mm, reinforcing mesh is required.

Admix for slurry coat: 1 part ARDEX WPM 405: 1 part clean water: 4 parts cement (by volume).

Admix for screed: Mix 1 part ARDEX WPM 405 with 4 parts clean water and use as the guaging mix (mixing water) with a 3:1 or 4:1 sand/cement mix.

Mix a thin slurry and spread the mix over the surface with a brush, roller, or soft bristle broom (2mm maximum thickness). The screed mix must be applied whilst the slurry coat is still wet. A wood float finish is recommended to create a key for subsequent tiling and waterproofing. Do not lay the reinforcing mesh directly onto the membrane, the reinforcing mesh must be installed between the screed layers.

SEALANT & EPOXY ADHESIVE APPLICATION

Prior to use of the ARDEX range below, carefully remove the fleece on the upper face of ARDEX Root Repell™ using the Leister hot air welding equipment and ensure all loose fleece is removed from the area. The below products may be used in situations such as pipe penetration detailing, membrane termination applications, and more.

- ARDEX CA 20 P
- ARDEX RA 040
- ARDEX RA 88 PLUS

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MEMBRANE TERMINATION

Membrane termination detail to be in accordance with AS4654 or ARDEX recommendation - please consult ARDEX Technical Department for further information.

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Vertical Termination Finishing

The Weldtec membrane shall be terminated with one of the suggested options.

Option 1:

The termination with an ARDEX Pressure Seal Strip shall be attached onto the wall using appropriate mechanical fixings at maximum 150mm centres. An approved ARDEX sealant shall be used along the top edge of the ARDEX Pressure Seal Strip to the waterproof wall. Membrane termination height to be in accordance with AS4654 Appendix A.

Option 2:

The termination of an Over-Flashing shall be sealed into the waterproof wall via a minimum 15mm x 15mm reglet. Carefully remove the fleece on the upper face of ARDEX Root Repell™ using the Leister hot air welding equipment and ensure all loose fleece is removed from the area that will be inserted into the 15mm x 15mm reglet. The Over-Flashing must be fixed in place with either ARDEX RA 88 PLUS or ARDEX CA 20P. Membrane termination height to be in accordance with AS4654 Appendix A.

Option 3:

Terminate the membrane directly into a minimum 15mm x 15mm reglet. Carefully remove the fleece on the upper face of ARDEX Root Repell™ using the Leister hot air welding equipment and ensure all loose fleece is removed from the area that will be inserted into the 15mm x 15mm reglet. Once the ARDEX Root Repell™ has been appropriately installed, the termination (reglet) shall be filled with either ARDEX RA 88 PLUS or ARDEX CA 20P, dependent on specific application. Membrane termination height to be in accordance with AS4654 Appendix A.

Horizontal Termination Finishing

The termination of the ARDEX Root Repell™ shall be terminated into the concrete substrate via a minimum 15mm x 15mm reglet. Carefully remove the fleece on the upper face of ARDEX Root Repell™ using the Leister hot air welding equipment and ensure all loose fleece is removed from the area that will be inserted into the 15mm x 15mm reglet. Once the ARDEX Root Repell™ has been appropriately installed, the termination (reglet) shall be filled with an ARDEX approved product such as:

- ARDEX RA 88 PLUS
- ARDEX RA 56
- ARDEX WA 100
- ARDEX EG 800F
- ARDEX RA 142 / RA 144 / RA 146

Dependent on reglet size and length ARDEX suggest both products ARDEX RA 56 and ARDEX EG 800F to be bulk filled with ARDEX aggregate.

All remaining termination details such as vertical downward, parapet capping, cavity flashing, external door opening etc refer to AS4654.

BACKFILLING AND DRAINAGE APPLICATION

The membrane must be protected against potential damage by the placement of protection material between the membrane and granular backfill. A suitable protection board and drainage system should be used for effective drainage and membrane protection requirements.

TECHNICAL DATA

CHARACTERISTICS	TEST METHOD	NOMINAL VALUE
Membrane Gauge		1.2mm
Specific Gravity	ASTM D297	1.3 ± 0.05
Tensile Strength	ASTM D412	6.0 MPa min.
Modulus at 300% elongation	ASTM D412	4.00 MPa min.
Elongation at Break	ASTM D412	>300%
Tear Die	ASTM D624	26.5 kN/m min.
Hardness (°IRHD)	ASTM D1415	70 ± 5
Tensile Retained	ASTM D412	70% min.
Ozone Resistance	ASTM D1149	No visible cracks

PACKAGING

ARDEX Root Repell™

Roll size: 1.4m wide x 20m long

Approximate weight per roll: 35kg

ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive - 20L pail

ARDEX WA 98 Solvent - 20L pail

ARDEX WPM 405 - 20L pail

ARDEX Flashing Tape - 4.7m x 100mm (roll)

ARDEX STA Tape - 240cm x 40cm (sheet)

ARDEX STB Tape - 15m x 75mm (roll)

ARDEX Weldtec™ Corners - Pack of 10

ARDEX Undertile Butynol Flashing (L Section) - 9m x 220mm (roll)

STORAGE

ARDEX WPM Root Repell™ has an indefinite shelf life when stored in good conditions, between 5°C and 30°C. Rolls must be stored horizontally, out of direct sunlight, away from sources of puncture and physical damage, away from

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LIMITATIONS

Aggressive flaxes, reed, bamboo and other plants that exhibit rhizome formulation (e.g. Phragmites Australis, Phragmites Communis, Typha,...) should be avoided. The application of ARDEX Root Repell™ must be carried out by an ARDEX Accredited Applicator. Do not apply any ARDEX engineered screeds directly to ARDEX Root Repell™. ARDEX Root Repell™ waterproofing membrane is not suitable as a trafficable surface or to be left UV exposed for long periods of time. It is the responsibility of the main building contractor to ensure all sub-trades likely to be working in the vicinity of the ARDEX Root Repell™ membrane are aware that a waterproofing membrane has been installed and all care must be taken to protect the membrane from damage. The tiler must lay tiles in accordance with Australian best practice guidelines.

Before any substrate preparation, installation or finishing methods relating to ARDEX product are undertaken, please be aware of any potential risks and use appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment). This may involve contacting substrate manufacturers for Safety Data Sheets.

SAFETY DATA

Avoid contact with skin and eyes; in case of contact with the eyes, wash out immediately with fresh running water. If irritation continues, seek medical attention. Wear protective gloves, clothing, face and eye protection. This product is combustible, decomposes on heating and produces toxic fumes. When handling the product do not eat, drink or smoke. Avoid inhaling dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area. Ensure adequate ventilation during application. Check with your local Council regarding the disposal of contents. Call the Poisons Information Centre on 131 126 (AUS) and 0800 764 766 (NZ) or call a doctor if you feel unwell. Additional information is in the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) at www.ardexaustralia.com

GUARANTEE

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