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Agrément Certificate

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Product Sheet 1

ROOF WATERPROOFING MEMBRANES

STRATAPRO AND STRATAPRO M

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to StrataPro and StrataPro M, a range of reinforced modified bitumen membranes for use loose-laid, partially bonded or fully adhered as waterproofing on flat or pitched roofs with limited access.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Weathertightness — the products will resist the passage of moisture into the interior of a building (see section 6).

Performance in relation to fire — the products may enable a roof to be unrestricted under the national Building Regulations (see section 7).

Resistance to wind uplift — the products will resist the effects of any likely wind suction acting on the roof (see section 8).

Resistance to mechanical damage — the products will accept the limited foot traffic and loads associated with installation and maintenance (see section 9).

Durability — under normal service conditions, the products will provide a durable waterproofing with a service life in excess of 30 years (see section 11).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the products described herein. These products have been assessed by the BBA as being fit for their intended use provided they are installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Chief Executive Officer

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, StrataPro and StrataPro M, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions depicted):



The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

Requirement:	B4(1)	External fire spread
Comment:	The products are restricted by this Requirement in some circumstances. See section 7.5 of this Certificate.	
Requirement:	B4(2)	External fire spread
Comment:	On suitable non-combustible substrates, the use of the products can enable a roof to be unrestricted under this Requirement. See sections 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 (Wales only) and 7.4 of this Certificate.	
Requirement:	C2(b)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:	The products, including joints, will enable a roof to satisfy this Requirement. See section 6 of this Certificate.	
Regulation:	7(1)	Materials and workmanship
Comment:	The products are acceptable. See section 11 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.	



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)(2)	Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials
Comment:	The products can contribute to a construction satisfying this Regulation. See sections 10.1 and 11 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.	
Regulation:	9	Building standards applicable to construction
Standard:	2.8	Spread from neighbouring buildings
Comment:	On suitable substructures, the use of the products can enable a roof to be unrestricted under this Standard, with reference to clauses 2.8.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 2.8.2 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See sections 7.1, 7.2 and 7.4 of this Certificate.	
Standard:	3.10	Precipitation
Comment:	The products, including joints, will enable a roof to satisfy the requirements of this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.10.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 3.10.7 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 6 of this Certificate.	
Standard:	7.1(a)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:	The products can contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.	
Regulation:	12	Building standards applicable to conversions
Comment:	All comments given for the products under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, also apply to this Regulation with reference to clause 0.12.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and Schedule 6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ .	

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

Regulation:	23(a)(b)(i)	Fitness of materials and workmanship
Comment:	The products are acceptable materials. See section 11 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.	

Regulation:	28(b)	Resistance to moisture and weather
Comment:		The products, including joints, will enable a roof to satisfy the requirements of this Regulation. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	35(b)	External fire spread
Comment:		On suitable substructures, the use of the products can enable a roof to be unrestricted under the requirements of this Regulation. See sections 7.1 to 7.4 of this Certificate.

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See sections: 1 *Description* (1.3) and 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.3) of this Certificate.

Additional Information

NHBC Standards 2021

In the opinion of the BBA, StrataPro and StrataPro M, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 7.1 *Flat roofs and balconies*.

The NHBC Standards do not cover the use of the products in the refurbishment of existing roofs.

CE marking

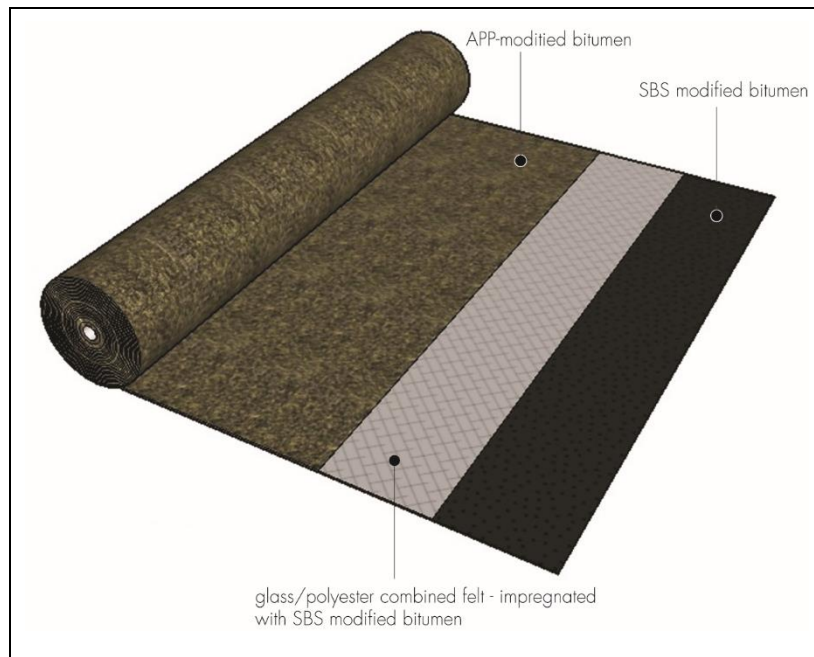
The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the products in accordance with harmonised European Standard BS EN 13707 : 2013.

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 StrataPro and StrataPro M consist of atactic polypropylene (APP)-modified bitumen upper layer and a styrene-butadiene-styrene (SBS)-modified bitumen lower layer reinforced with a glass/polyester combined layer (see Figure 1).

Figure 1 Cross-section of membrane



1.2 The upper surface of StrataPro is a non-woven polypropylene fabric. StrataPro M has a mineral finish which is natural slate, red, green, black, brown or white in colour. The lower surface of both products has a thermofusible polyethylene film.

1.3 The products are manufactured to the nominal characteristics shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Nominal characteristics

Characteristic (unit)	StrataPro	StrataPro M
Thickness (mm)	4	4 on selvedge
Roll length (m)	10	10
Roll width (m)	1	1
Weight per unit area (kg·m ⁻²)	4.4	5.4
Tensile strength (N per 50 mm)		
longitudinal	750	750
transverse	650	650
Elongation at break (%)		
longitudinal	50	50
transverse	50	50
Low temperature flexibility (°C)	-25	-25
Flow resistance (°C)	100	100
Impact – hard substrate (mm)	1250	1250
Static loading – soft substrate (kg)	20	20

1.4 Other items or components which may be used with the products, but which are outside the scope of this Certificate, are:

- StrataPrime — a primer containing bitumen and quick-drying solvents for use on dry concrete
- StrataPrime Pro — a primer containing bitumen and quick-drying solvents for use on damp surfaces.

2 Manufacture

2.1 The products are manufactured by laminating a layer of APP and a layer of SBS polymer-modified bitumen reinforced with a glass/polyester layer. When cooled, a non-woven polypropylene or mineral surface finish is applied to the upper surface and a thermofusible polyethylene film is applied to the lower surface.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The products are delivered to site in rolls on polythene shrink-wrapped pallets. Each roll bears the product name, type of reinforcement and thickness, and the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate.

3.2 Rolls should be stored in an upright position on a clean, level surface and kept under cover.

3.3 The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of classifying and labelling the products under the *CLP Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures*. Users must refer to the relevant Safety Data Sheet(s).

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on StrataPro and StrataPro M.

Design Considerations

4 General

4.1 StrataPro and StrataPro M are satisfactory for use as partially or fully bonded waterproofing on flat or pitched roofs with limited access, as a single layer or as part of a built-up specification and where necessary in conjunction with appropriate reinforced bitumen membranes to BS 8747 : 2007.

4.2 The products are also satisfactory for use as loose-laid single waterproof coverings, either ballasted with aggregate on flat roofs with limited access or overlaid with heavy protection (eg concrete slabs) on flat roofs with regular pedestrian traffic.

4.3 The StrataPro M membrane is suitable for use, where appropriate, as an exposed cap sheet or in detailing.

4.4 Decks must comply with the relevant requirements of BS 6229 : 2018, BS 8217 : 2005 and, where appropriate, *NHBC Standards* 2020, Chapter 7.1.

4.5 Limited access roofs are defined for the purpose of this Certificate as those subjected only to pedestrian traffic for maintenance of the roof covering, cleaning of gutters etc. Where traffic in excess of this is envisaged, special precautions, such as additional protection to the membranes, must be taken.

4.6 Flat roofs are defined for the purpose of this Certificate as those having a minimum finished fall of 1:80. For design purposes, twice the minimum finished fall should be assumed, unless a detailed analysis of the roof is available, including overall and local deflections and direction of falls.

4.7 Pitched roofs are defined for the purpose of this Certificate as those having falls in excess of 1:6.

4.8 Insulation systems or materials used in conjunction with the products must be either:

- as described in the relevant clauses of BS 6229 : 2018 or
- the subject of a current BBA Certificate and used in accordance with, and within the limitations of, that Certificate.

5 Practicability of installation

The products are designed to be installed by a competent roofing contractor experienced with these types of products.

6 Weathertightness



The products, including joints, when completely sealed and consolidated, will adequately resist the passage of moisture into the interior of a building and so satisfy the requirements of the national Building Regulations.

7 Performance in relation to fire



7.1 The following systems will be unrestricted in terms of proximity to a boundary by the national Building Regulations:

- a flat system comprising a 13 mm thick plasterboard deck, one layer of a plastomeric modified bitumen vapour control layer torch-applied to the deck, 50 mm thick Rockwool insulation and one layer of StrataPro M achieved an EXT.F.AC classification to BS 476- 3: 1958
- a sloping system comprising 13 mm thick plasterboard deck, one layer of a plastomeric modified bitumen vapour control layer torch applied to the deck, 50 mm thick Rockwool insulation, and one layer of StrataPro M. achieved an EXT.S.AB classification to BS 476-3 : 1958.

7.2 The products, when used in protected or loose-laid and ballasted roof specifications, including an inorganic covering listed in the Annex of Commission Decision 2000/553/EC, to be of classification B_{ROOF} (t4).



7.3 When used on flat roofs with one of the surface finishes defined in The Building Regulations (Wales), Appendix A, Table A5, Part iii, or The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland), Table 5.6, Part IV (and listed below), the roof is deemed to be of classification B_{ROOF} (t4):

- bitumen-bedded stone chipping covering the whole surface to a depth of not less than 12.5 mm
- bitumen-bedded tiles of a non-combustible material
- sand cement screed, or
- macadam.



7.4 The designation of other specifications should be confirmed by reference to the requirements of the documents supporting the national Building Regulations.



7.5 The products, when used in pitches of greater than 70°, excluding upstands, should not be used on buildings in England and Wales that have a storey at least 18 m above ground level and contain: one or more dwellings, an institution, a room for residential purposes (excluding any room in a hostel, hotel or boarding house), student accommodation, care homes, sheltered housing, hospitals or dormitories in boarding schools.

8 Resistance to wind uplift

8.1 The adhesion of the bonded products to decking is sufficient to resist the effects of wind suction likely to occur in practice.

8.2 The precise ballast requirement for a loose-laid system must be calculated by a suitably qualified and experienced individual in accordance with the relevant parts of BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005 and its UK National Annex, but should not be below a minimum thickness of 50 mm. The use of concrete slabs on suitable protective supports should be considered in areas of high design wind loads.

9 Resistance to mechanical damage

9.1 The products can withstand, without damage, the limited foot traffic and light concentrated loads associated with installation and maintenance. Where traffic in excess of this is envisaged, additional protection to the membrane in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions must be provided. In all applications, care must be taken to avoid puncture by sharp objects or concentrated loads.

9.2 The products are capable of accepting minor structural movement while remaining weathertight.

10 Maintenance



10.1 The products must be the subject of six-monthly inspections and maintenance in accordance with BS 6229 : 2018, Chapter 7, to ensure continued satisfactory performance.

10.2 Where damage has occurred, it should be repaired in accordance with section 14 of this Certificate and the Certificate holder's instructions.

11 Durability



11.1 The products, when subjected to normal conditions of exposure and use, will provide a durable waterproofing with a service life in excess of 30 years.

11.2 Some localised loss of the mineral surfacing may occur in areas of complex detailing of the roof, eg upstands.

Installation

12 General

12.1 Installation of StrataPro and StrataPro M must be in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and the relevant clauses of BS 8000-0 : 2014, BS 8000-4 : 1989 and BS 8217 : 2005.

12.2 Substrates to which the roof waterproofing membranes are to be applied must be firm, dry, clean and free from sharp projections such as nail heads and concrete nibs.

12.3 The products must not be laid in rain, snow or heavy fog, nor if the temperature falls below 5°C, unless precautions against condensation can be taken.

12.4 If the roof is likely to be subjected to uncontrolled pedestrian access, the substructure must satisfy the requirements of the relevant clauses of BS 8217 : 2005, and one of the surface finishes described in clauses 8.19 or 9.2 of the Code of Practice must be used.

12.5 At falls in excess of 1:11, the normal provision for mechanical fixings as required by BS 8217 : 2005 must be observed.

12.6 On completion of flat roof installations, StrataPro must have a surface finish applied in accordance with BS 8217 : 2005, clauses 8.19 and 9.2. Surface finishes in the Code of Practice include:

- stone aggregate in dressing compound
- precast concrete paving flags
- proprietary tiles in bonding compound.

12.7 When using the StrataPro M membrane on roofs with limited access, further surface protection is not required.

12.8 When the products are used for remedial work, existing waterproofing layers must be made sound, existing surface finishes (eg surface dressing) must be removed, and the surface must be primed.

12.9 Concrete substrates where partial or full applications are to be made should be primed at an application rate of between 350 and 500 g·m⁻², depending upon the porosity of the concrete.

13 Procedure

Fully bonded applications

13.1 Bonding is achieved by melting the lower surface by torching, and pressing the membrane down. Care must be taken to avoid overheating the coating.

13.2 Side laps should be a minimum of 50 mm and end laps should be a minimum of 75 mm. Where used partially bonded, the membrane must be fully bonded to the substrate at least one metre immediately before and after the end lap. A bead of molten material must extrude from all laps to indicate a satisfactory seal and should be levelled out using a heated, rounded-tip trowel.

Partially bonded applications

13.3 A layer of type 3G reinforced bitumen membrane to BS 8747 : 2007, Annex C, should be loose-laid edge to edge over the substrate.

13.4 The membrane is fully torch-welded onto the perforated layer ensuring that the bitumen seeps evenly into the perforations.

13.5 On primed concrete substrates, the membrane is strip- or spot-torched to achieve a 50% bonded surface.

13.6 Where a multi-layer system is to be used, the second layer is fully torched. Joints should be staggered by a minimum of 500 mm from the first layer.

13.7 Side and end laps are completed as described in section 13.2.

Loose-laid and ballasted applications

13.8 The product is unrolled onto the substrate, ensuring that it is without ripples and with a minimum overlap of 100 mm, and fully bonded by torching the lower layer at the perimeter and at parapets. Side laps should be a minimum of 100 mm and end laps should be a minimum of 150 mm. The laps should be welded by torching the lower surface and pressing the membrane down.

13.9 The membrane must be covered by at least a 50 mm depth of well-rounded gravel. In areas of high wind exposure, paving slabs set on a suitable support may be considered.

13.10 When using a loose-laid application, normal account must be taken in the design of the deck of the extra dead loading owing to the weight of the aggregate and/or paving.

14 Repair

In the event of damage, the installed membrane can be repaired by cleaning the affected area and bonding patches of the appropriate membrane over it in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.

15 Tests

An assessment was made of test data in relation to:

- dimensions and weight
- tensile strength
- elongation
- dimensional stability
- resistance to tear
- heat resistance
- watertightness
- static and dynamic indentation
- peel strength
- peel resistance of joints
- low temperature flexibility
- fines content
- ring and ball softening temperature of coating medium
- penetration at 60°C of coating medium
- elastic recovery of coating medium.

16 Investigations

16.1 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

16.2 Existing data for fire performance were assessed.

16.3 A reassessment of the Durability statement was based on visits to existing sites in Italy.

Bibliography

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BS 6229 : 2018 *Flat roofs with continuously supported coverings — Code of practice*

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BS 8217 : 2005 *Reinforced bitumen membranes for roofing — Code of practice*

BS 8747 : 2007 *Reinforced bitumen membranes (RBMs) for roofing — Guide to selection and specification*

BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005 + A1 : 2010 *Eurocode 1 — Actions on structures — General actions — Wind actions*

NA to BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005 + A1 : 2010 *UK National Annex to Eurocode 1 — Actions on structures — General actions — Wind actions*

BS EN 13707 : 2013 *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Reinforced bitumen sheets for roof waterproofing — Definitions and characteristics*

17 Conditions

17.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page – no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
- has to be read, considered and used as a whole document – it may be misleading and will be incomplete to be selective
- is copyright of the BBA
- is subject to English Law.

17.2 Publications, documents, specifications, legislation, regulations, standards and the like referenced in this Certificate are those that were current and/or deemed relevant by the BBA at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate.

17.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:

- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

17.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

17.5 In issuing this Certificate the BBA is not responsible and is excluded from any liability to any company, firm, organisation or person, for any matters arising directly or indirectly from:

- the presence or absence of any patent, intellectual property or similar rights subsisting in the product/system or any other product/system
- the right of the Certificate holder to manufacture, supply, install, maintain or market the product/system
- actual installations of the product/system, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any works and constructions in which the product/system is installed, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any loss or damage, including personal injury, howsoever caused by the product/system, including its manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal
- any claims by the manufacturer relating to CE marking.

17.6 Any information relating to the manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal of this product/system which is contained or referred to in this Certificate is the minimum required to be met when the product/system is manufactured, supplied, installed, used, maintained and removed. It does not purport in any way to restate the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, or of any other statutory, common law or other duty which may exist at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate; nor is conformity with such information to be taken as satisfying the requirements of the 1974 Act or of any statutory, common law or other duty of care.