Modified Bitumen On Concrete Plank Deck

General

T. Clear approves smooth surfaced, reinforced APP or SBS Modified Bitumen (see materials listing) for a 2 ply membrane. It is constructed by fully mopping a fiberglass (ASTM D-4601) or fully mopping/torching a modified bitumen base sheet to the substrate. Fully mop or torch smooth surfaced modified bitumen sheet(s) to the base sheet to complete the membrane. Minimum thickness of this system shall be 160 mils, not including the base sheet. This is covered with Lightguard® Ballasted Roof Insulation. All installations of the Lightguard system shall be in accordance with current specifications approved by T. Clear, installed by a T. Clear approved contractor, and will be covered by a warranty from T. Clear. All membrane and flashing materials used on a roof shall be supplied by a single manufacturer.

It is the contractor's responsibility to operate in a safe manner. It is recommended that all roofing applicators attend a qualified educational program for torch applications such as those offered by RIEJ or SERTA.

Deck Condition

The erection and design properties for performance of the deck are not the responsibility of T. Clear and should be in accordance with applicable regulatory agency requirements and industry standards. Prior to the commencement of work, all roof surfaces shall be approved by the T. Clear applicator.

The deck units shall be tightly butted to adjacent units and shall be properly attached and aligned. All side joints between planks shall be key grouted to prevent differential movement and to compensate for misalignment (max. 1/2”). Camber differential between adjacent tees of more than 1/4” shall be corrected before roofing by placing grout between the adjacent members on a slope of 1 inch per foot feathered out to the low tee. Grout installation should be smooth without ridges or irregularities. The deck units shall be structurally attached to adjacent units. The deck surface shall be dry and smooth. A 2 ply, 18” wide slip sheet ASTM D 2170-89, type IV is required at the end of each abutment of the concrete tees or planks.

Deck Slope Requirements

Roofs shall be designed and constructed to drain water within 48 hours after a rain. A 1/4” per foot slope is recommended. “Dead level” decks of this construction are acceptable with a sufficient number of correctly placed drains. Where a negative slope exists, consideration may be given to increasing the thickness of the insulation over the membrane to displace water. The drain body shall be recessed into the deck so that the clamping ring is flush with or below the deck surface. Sumps are recommended. The maximum slope that will be covered by Lightguard roof insulation systems is 2 inches per foot. The use of ASTM D 312-89, type III asphalt is preferred for all slopes. Lower melt asphalt can be used for low or no-slope applications.

Modified Bitumen Roof Installation

Sweep the deck free of dust and debris. Prime the concrete surface with asphalt concrete primer (ASTM D41-78) at a rate of one gallon per square. Do not prime the concrete tees or planks any closer than 8” from any end or side joints. Allow the primer to dry to the touch before continuing with the application of the modified bitumen membrane.
Hot Mopped Application

Starting at the low point of the roof, with a 1/2 width sheet as the first sheet and following with full sheets, fully mop one layer of fiberglass (ASTM D-4601) or modified bitumen base sheet perpendicular to the slope, embedding it in ASTM D-312-89 type III asphalt, applied at the EVT of the asphalt and at a rate of 20-25 lbs. per square. Base sheets shall be lapped 2” on all sides and 4” at the ends. The end laps should be staggered no less than 12” apart.

Mop the second sheet perpendicular to the slope, starting at the low point of the roof, as a full sheet. Fully mop the smooth surfaced modified bitumen embedding it in ASTM D-312-89 type III asphalt, applied at the EVT of the asphalt at a rate of 20-25 lbs. per square. A flow of at least a 1/4” shall be obtained around all seams. The sheet is installed with a minimum 3” side laps and 6” end laps. Offset end laps a minimum of 1/2”. If additional modified bitumen plies are used, they must be installed in shingle fashion.

Torched Application

Starting at the low point of the roof, with a 1/2 width sheet as the first sheet and following with full sheets, weld one layer of torchable modified bitumen base sheet over the roof starting at the low point and applying perpendicular to the slope. A flow of at least a 1/4” shall be obtained around all seams. Base sheets shall be lapped 2” on all sides and 4” at the ends. The end laps should be staggered no less than 12” apart.

Weld the second torchable smooth surfaced sheet perpendicular to the slope, starting at the low point of the roof, as a full sheet. A flow of at least a 1/4” shall be obtained around all seams. The top sheet is installed with a minimum 3” side laps and 6” end laps. Offset end laps a minimum of 1/2”. If additional modified bitumen plies are used, they must be installed in shingle fashion.

Temporary Membrane

It is not acceptable to include any temporary membrane as a part of a completed membrane. Install completed membrane in final form on a day-to-day basis. If the slope of the deck is such that water might flow under the secured modified bitumen membrane, temporary water cut-offs are necessary at the end of the workday. Water cut-offs shall be removed prior to continuing the membrane application.

Flashing Installation

T. Clear flashing specifications call out granule surfaced modified bitumen sheets adhered with ASTM D-312-89, type III asphalt or torch applied. All flashings must be completed in each area prior to installing Lightguard Ballasted Roof Insulation. Conform to details shown in architectural drawings, and install according to T. Clear flashing specifications. Non granule surfaced modified bitumen sheets may be used, but require additional periodic maintenance due to weathering. Maintenance is not included in the T. Clear warranty.

Other Relevant T. Clear Specifications

For installation of Lightguard Ballasted Roof Insulation panels, see:
1. Lightguard installation, wind design, and securement specifications (LIDS 1994)
2. Lightguard flashing details (LFD 1994)

Fire Classification Information For Lightguard Roof Assemblies

1. All Lightguard assemblies are considered as ballasted systems with respect to Factory Mutual (F.M.). Refer to current F.M. data sheet 1-29.
2. All Lightguard roof assemblies are rated Class A. (fire from without). Obtain specific configuration details from Underwriter’s Laboratory (U.L.) from the current roofing materials and Systems Directory.
3. For information on hourly rated constructions (fire from without), see the current U.L. Fire Resistance Directory.

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