

CONSTRUCTION STANDARD SPECIFICATION

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SINGLE PLY ROOFING - PVC

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PART 1 - GENERAL

1.01 SUMMARY

- A. This section includes all material, labor, equipment, temporary protection and tools for the proper installation and completion of the work as required in this specification.
- B. The following items are specified in this section:
 - 1. Roof Insulation
 - 2. Fasteners
 - 3. Roof membrane
 - 4. Roof membrane flashings
 - 5. Treated wood
 - 6. Sealants

1.02 REFERENCES

- A. American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM)
 - A653 Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) or Zinc-Iron Alloy-Coated (Galvannealed) by the Hot-Dip Process
 - D570 Test Method for Water Absorption of Plastics
 - D751 Test Methods for Coated Fabrics
 - D1204 Test Method for Linear Dimensional Changes of Nonrigid Thermoplastic Sheeting or Film at Elevated Temperature
 - D2136 Test Method for Coated Fabrics-Low Temperature Bend Test

- D2565 Practice for Operating Xenon Arc-Type Light-Exposure Apparatus with and without Water for Exposure of Plastics
- D3045 Practice for Heat Aging of Plastics Without Load
- D4434 Specification for Poly (Vinyl Chloride) Sheet Roofing
- E84 Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials
- B. Factory Mutual (FM)
Approval Guide
Approval Standard No. 4470 Class 1 Roof Covers
- C. Federal Specification (FS)
HH-I-1972/2 Class 1 Insulation Board, Thermal, Polyurethane or Polyisocyanurate, Faced with Asphalt/Glass Fiber Felt on Both Sides of the Foam
- D. Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc. (UL)
Roofing Materials and Systems Directory

1.03 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: Submit manufacturer's technical product data, installation instructions and recommendations for each type of roofing product required. Include data substantiating that materials comply with the specified requirements.
- B. Submit specimen copy of the membrane manufacturer's warranty covering materials.
- C. Submit specimen copy of the Roofing Contractor's warranty covering workmanship.
- D. Submit dimensioned shop drawings which shall include:
 - 1. An outline of the roof and roof size.
 - 2. Proposed installation method for each different section of roof. Include insulation type (e.g. flat, tapered) and fastener patterns if applicable. Show Contractor's proposed method of achieving specified roof slopes.
 - 3. Proposed profile details of flashing methods for penetrations and terminations if not indicated in the Contract documents.
- E. Submit report from an independent testing laboratory certifying that the manufacturer's membrane has met a minimum of 10,000 hours of Xenon exposure, according to ASTM D2565.

- F. Submit written documentation from the manufacturer that the proposed roofing system including insulation and fasteners meets the applicable requirements and code approvals as referenced in this specification and that the roofing system meets the requirements for the manufacturer's standard warranty covering material.
- G. Submit from membrane manufacturer a list of successful Contractor personnel who have been trained to perform membrane welding and who will be utilized on this project. Membrane manufacturer also to submit approval of Contractor's welding equipment.
- H. Submit location and name(s) of building owner(s) to meet the installation requirement of 500 roofing squares for more than five (5) years in the Southwest.

1.04 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. This roofing system shall be applied only by an approved Contractor authorized prior to bid by the roof membrane manufacturer. Prior to bid, the roofing Contractor must have completed a minimum of 500 roofing squares of PVC membrane in the Southwest. To qualify for this requirement, the completed membrane must have met all conditions to obtain material and labor warranty, and must be performing successfully.
- B. Membrane manufacturer shall supply a list of projects, completed in the Southwest, where the specified membrane has been in place and performing successfully for a period of not less than five (5) years. A minimum of 500 roofing squares must have been installed to meet this requirement.
- C. There shall be no deviation from this specification or the approved shop drawings without prior written approval by the manufacturer and the Sandia Delegated Representative (SDR).
- D. Code Requirements: The proposed roofing system shall meet the requirements of the following recognized code approval or testing agencies. These requirements are minimum standards and no roofing work shall commence without written documentation of the system's compliance, as required in Article 1.03 "Submittals."
 - 1. Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Class A membrane.
 - 2. Factory Mutual (FM) 1-60 or 1-90 uplift rating, as indicated on Contract documents per FM Approval Standard No. 4470.

1.05 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. All products delivered to the job site shall be in the original unopened container or wrappings.
- B. Membrane rolls and insulation shall be stored lying down and fully protected from moisture and wind damage. Remove plastic from insulation and cover with canvas tarpaulins on raised platforms.

- C. Bonding adhesives shall be stored at temperatures above as recommended by the manufacturer.
- D. Handle all materials to prevent damage. Any materials which are determined damaged by the SDR are to be removed from the job site and replaced at no cost to Sandia National Laboratories (SNL).

1.06 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Construction may not be fully represented on the drawings, and some modifications to details may be required to accomplish the intent of the documents.

Contractor shall ascertain to his satisfaction, coordinate with General Contractor and other sub-contractors, prior to bidding, that the specifications and drawings are workable and that they are not in conflict with the manufacturer's requirements for a material warranty.

- B. All work shall be scheduled and executed without exposing the interior building areas to the effects of inclement weather. The building and its contents shall be protected against all risks, and any damages shall be repaired or replaced at no cost to SNL. All exterior lighting, equipment, landscaping and paving shall be protected from damage.
- C. Contractor shall test drains per SDR's direction prior to and upon completion of roofing work to insure that no blockage exists or has occurred.
- D. Only as much of the new roofing as can be made weathertight each day including all flashing work, shall be installed. Plug all roof drains before starting work each day and unplug all drains at the end of each workday.
- E. All surfaces to receive insulation, membrane or flashing shall be thoroughly clean and dry. Should surface moisture occur, the Contractor shall provide the necessary equipment and labor to dry the surface prior to application.
- F. All construction, including equipment and accessories, shall be secured against wind blow-off damage.
- G. Temporary waterstops shall be installed at the end of each day's work and shall be removed before proceeding with the next day's work. Waterstops shall be compatible with all materials, shall not emit dangerous or incompatible fumes, and shall be installed per manufacturer's recommendations.
- H. Contractor shall provide all necessary protection and barriers to segregate the work area and to prevent damage to adjacent areas. Plywood protection shall be provided for all new and existing roof areas which receive traffic during construction.
- I. Prior to and during applications, all dirt, debris and dust shall be removed from surfaces either by sweeping or vacuuming. Compressed air cleaning is prohibited.
- J. Liquid materials such as solvents and adhesives shall be stored and used away from open flames, sparks and excessive heat.

- K. Membranes and accessories shall not be exposed to a prolonged temperature in excess of 160 degrees F (71 degrees C).
- L. Contaminants, such as grease, fats, oils and solvents shall not be allowed to come into direct contact with the roofing membrane. Any exposures shall be presented to the membrane manufacturer for assessment of impact on the roof system performance.
- M. Site clean-up, including both interior and exterior building areas below or adjacent to or in any way affected by the construction of the roof. Cleaning of the membrane with gasoline is prohibited. Only cleaners approved by the roof membrane manufacturer and the SDR shall be used to clean the membrane. Notify the SDR before using any solvent or cleaner to allow intake fans to be shut down.
- N. All roofing, insulation, flashings, and metal work removed for construction shall be promptly taken off the site to a legal dumping area.
- O. Contractor shall take care during application and storage that overloading of the deck and structure does not occur.
- P. Precautions shall be taken when using adhesives at or near rooftop vents or air intakes. Coordinate closing or shut-offs of vents and air intakes during roofing and flashing operations.

1.07 WARRANTY

- A. Upon SNL acceptance of the work, the manufacturer's ten (10) year warranty covering materials shall be issued to SNL.
- B. Roofing Contractor shall supply SNL with a minimum two (2) year workmanship warranty. In the event any work related to roofing, flashing, or metalwork is found to be defective or otherwise not in accordance with the Contract documents within two (2) years of final acceptance, the Roofing Contractor shall remove and replace the defects at no cost to SNL.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.01 GENERAL

Provide an insulated roofing system that is comprised of fully compatible components for use in the proposed application. All proposed materials shall be compatible with substrate.

2.02 MEMBRANE

PVC: Polyester scrim reinforced polyvinylchloride (PVC) sheet conforming to ASTM D4434, and the following minimum physical properties:

Fully Adhered and Mechanically Fastened System

<u>Property</u>	<u>ASTM Test Method</u>	<u>Specification</u>
Color		White
Overall Thickness (min.)	D751	0.045 (1.14 mm)
Breaking Strength (min.)	D751 (Grab Method)	200 lbf/inch (35 kN/m)
Elongation at Break, (min.) (M.D. x C.D.)	D751	15%
Seam Strength (min.)	D751	75% of Breaking Strength
Retention of Properties After Heat Aging	D3045	
Breaking Strength (min.)	D751	80% of Original
Elongation (min.)	D751	80% of Original
Tear Strength (min.)	D751 (Tongue Tear)	45 lbf (200 N)
Low Temperature Bend	D2136	Pass
Accelerated Weathering Test (Xenon)	D2565	No cracking (10,000 hours)
Cracking		None
Discoloration		Negligible
Crazing		None
Linear Dimensional Change (max.)	D1204	0.5%
Change in Weight After Immersion in Water (max.)	D570	<u>±</u> 3.0 %

2.03 FLASHING MEMBRANE

Flashing membrane shall be as supplied by the roofing membrane manufacturer. Flashing membranes are generally the same material as the roofing membrane, unless otherwise specified in the Contract documents.

2.04 INSULATION

- A. General: Provide insulating materials to comply with referenced standards and requirements indicated for materials; provide manufacturer's standard thicknesses, in size to fit applications.
1. Fully Adhered Systems: Provide no greater than 4 feet by 4 feet (1.2 m x 1.2 m) boards.
 2. Mechanically Fastened Systems: Provide 4 feet by 8 feet (1.2 mm x 2.4 mm) boards
- B. Polyisocyanurate Board Roof Insulation: Provide cellular thermal insulation with polyisocyanurate closed-cell foam core and manufacturer's standard facing laminated to both sides to comply with FS HH-I-1972/2 Class 1. Provide in two (2) layers for a total thickness to meet an average aged R-value of 19.0, unless indicated elsewhere on the Contract documents.

Surface Burning Characteristics: Comply with ASTM E84 with a maximum flame spread and smoke developed values of 25 and 145, respectively.

- C. Insulation, fasteners and adhesive shall be supplied or approved by the roof membrane manufacturer for compatibility with the system and the required FM and UL requirements.

2.05 ACCESSORY PRODUCTS

- A. Flashing Adhesive: As specified by the membrane manufacturer. Any adhesives containing carcinogens shall be limited to vertical surfaces and flashings.
- B. Walktread Membrane: Membrane manufacturer's walktread material.
- C. Wood Nailers: Treated wood nailers shall be installed at the perimeter of the entire roof and around such other roof projections and penetrations as specified on the Contract documents. Wood shall be #2 or better, treated fire retardant lumber. Creosote and asphaltic preservatives are prohibited. Height of nailers shall match that of the insulation thickness or as indicated on the drawings. Nailers shall be firmly anchored at a maximum spacing of 12 inches (305 mm) unless noted otherwise on drawings and capable of resisting a force of 300 pounds per lineal foot (446 kg per meter) in any direction. One-half inch (13 mm) expansion spaces shall be provided between lengths of nailers.
- D. Sealants: As recommended by the membrane manufacturer.
- E. Miscellaneous Fasteners and Anchors: In general, all fasteners, anchors, nails and straps shall be of zinc-coated steel, galvanized, or stainless steel, and cadmium-free. All fasteners and anchors shall have a minimum embedment of 1-1/2 inch (38 mm) and shall be approved for such use by the fastener manufacturer and the membrane manufacturer.
- F. Sheet Metal Accessory Materials: ASTM A653, with 0.20 percent copper, G90 hot-dipped galvanized, 24 gauge (0.61 mm) or heavier.
- G. Expansion Joint Covers: Shall be the manufacturer's prefabricated units of the same material as the roof membrane.
- H. Perimeter Edge Metal: Shall be supplied by the membrane manufacturer and coated with the same material as the roofing membrane and shall be compatible with the roofing membrane for hot air welding.
- I. Slip Sheet: Provide only when needed between incompatible materials. Use membrane manufacturer's standard slip sheet material.
- J. Base Sheet: Provide membrane manufacturer's recommended vented base sheet on all types of concrete decks or when required or recommended by membrane manufacturer for the intended application.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.01 INSPECTION

- A. Prior to all work of this section, Contractor shall carefully inspect the installed work of all other trades and verify that all such work is complete to the point where this installation may properly commence.
- B. Verify that work of other trades that penetrate the roof deck has been completed.
- C. Verify that roofing system may be installed in strict accordance with all pertinent codes and regulations, the original design and the manufacturer's recommendations.
- D. In the event of discrepancy, immediately notify the SDR.
- E. Do not proceed with installation in areas of discrepancy until all such discrepancies have been fully resolved.

3.02 PREPARATION OF SUBSTRATE

- A. General: Comply with the insulation and membrane manufacturer's instructions for preparation of the substrate to receive the roofing system.
- B. Clean substrate of dust, debris, and other substances detrimental to the system work. Remove sharp projections.
- C. Notify the SDR to inspect the substrate. Contractor shall not proceed with installation until the SDR has approved the substrate.

3.03 INSTALLATION OF INSULATION

- A. Insulation shall be installed according to the insulation manufacturer's instructions and shall be approved by the SDR and membrane manufacturer.
- B. Insulation shall be neatly cut to fit around all penetrations and projections.
- C. Install tapered insulation where applicable in accordance with insulation manufacturer's approved shop drawings, in order to achieve the specified slope.
- D. Install tapered insulation around drains creating a drain sump.
- E. Do not install more insulation board than can be covered with membrane by the end of the day, or onset of inclement weather.
- F. Attachment
 - 1. Insulation shall be mechanically fastened or fully adhered to the deck with approved fasteners and plates or adhesives at a rate and pattern acceptable to Factory Mutual's and membrane manufacturer's requirements for fastening rates and patterns.

2. Fasteners and adhesives are to be installed in accordance with the fastener manufacturer's recommendations. Fasteners are to have a minimum penetration into the structural deck as recommended by the fastener manufacturer and membrane manufacturer. Fasten only in top of ribs of metal deck, not flutes.
3. Perform pull out tests for the SDR to verify deck conditions and actual pull out values prior to installation of the membrane.
4. Use fastener tools with a depth locator as recommended or supplied by the fastener manufacturer to ensure proper installation.
5. All joints and seams shall be a tight fit to prevent any gaps voids and surface irregularities.

3.04 INSTALLATION OF MEMBRANE

- A. Install materials in accordance with manufacturer's instructions for the intended application.
- B. Surface of the insulation shall be inspected prior to installation of the roof membrane. The insulation surface shall be clean and smooth with no excessive surface roughness, contaminated surfaces, or unsound surfaces such as broken or delaminated insulation boards.
- C. Membrane shall be installed per the membrane manufacturer's written installation procedures for an approved mechanically fastened or fully adhered system.
- D. No bonding adhesive shall be applied to lap areas that are to be welded to flashing or adjacent sheets. All sheets shall be applied in the same manner, lapping all sheets as required by welding techniques.
- E. Adjacent sheets shall be welded in accordance with the manufacturer's written instructions. All side and end lap joints shall be hot-air welded. Lap area shall be a minimum of 3 inches (76 mm) wide when machine welding, and a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) wide when hand welding. No adhesive shall be present within the lap areas.
- F. Hand and machine welding shall be carried out per the manufacturer's written instructions. All mechanics intending to use the welding equipment shall have successfully completed a course of instruction provided by a manufacturer's representative prior to welding. All welding equipment must be approved by the manufacturer prior to use.
- G. All completed seams shall be checked by the Contractor after cooling for continuity using a screwdriver or suitable blunt instrument. In addition, on-site evaluation of welded seams shall be made by the Contractor to locations as directed by the SDR or membrane manufacturer's representative. Contractor shall provide 2 inch (51 mm) wide cross-sectional samples taken through completed seams. Approximately 2 samples will be taken per 100 roofing squares. Correctly welded seams display failure from shearing of the membrane prior to separation of the weld. Each test cut shall be patched by the Contractor at no additional charge to SNL.

- H. During the course of the work, the entire roof area shall be kept clear of loose or spilled fasteners and metal scraps to guard against accidental puncture of the membrane.

3.05 MEMBRANE FLASHINGS

- A. All flashing shall be installed concurrently with the roof membrane as the job progresses. No temporary membrane flashings shall be allowed without the prior written approval of the SDR. Approval shall only be for specific locations on specific dates.
- B. All flashing membranes shall be fully adhered to substrates. All interior and exterior corners and miters shall be cut and hot-air welded in place, or prefabricated corners and miters may be used.

Bituminous elements shall not be in contact with non-compatible membrane. Manufacturer's recommended isolator shall be used to isolate non-compatible membrane flashing from bituminous coated elements such as vent stacks and pipes penetrating the roof.

- C. All flashings shall be hot-air welded at their joints and at their connections with the roof membrane.
- D. Pipe penetrations shall be flashed a minimum of 8 inches (203 mm) above the roofing membrane, and terminate with a stainless steel hose clamp with sealant applied along the top edge. Pipe should be isolated by membrane. Factory fabricated pipe seals and roof membrane shall be welded as outlined. A buffer layer of membrane shall be installed between hose clamp and flashing sheet to avoid damage.
- E. All curb flashing membranes shall be mechanically fastened along the top using nails with 1 inch (25 mm) diameter heads spaced a maximum of 6 inches (152 mm) on center, or predrilled metal strips. All roof edge flashings shall be hot-air welded to the membrane manufacturer's coated metal. Predrilled metal strips shall be caulked along the top edge with a sealant. Expansion pins with nylon sheaths set in predrilled holes shall be used to secure flashings to masonry and concrete surfaces. Reglets shall be used on walls as shown on the Contract documents.
- F. Edge metal shall be supplied by the membrane manufacturer and shall be coated with the same material as the roofing membrane. The edge metal and membrane strips joining each piece of edge metal shall closely match the color of the building perimeter, unless specified elsewhere on the Contract documents or by the SDR.

3.06 TEMPORARY CUTOFF

- A. Flashing shall be installed concurrently with roof membrane in order to maintain watertight condition as Work progresses. When break in day's work occurs in central area of roof, temporary waterstop shall be constructed to provide 100 percent watertight seal.

1. Waterstop shall be installed per manufacturer's recommendations and per details shown on Contract documents.
 2. When Work on new system is suspended, stagger of insulation joints shall be maintained by installing partial fillers. New membrane shall be carried into waterstop.
 3. When Work resumes, contaminated membrane, insulation fillers, etc., shall be removed from work area and disposed off-site. Do not reuse these materials in new Work.
- B. If inclement weather occurs while a temporary waterstop is in place, the Contractor shall provide the labor necessary to monitor the situation to maintain a watertight condition.

3.07 WALKWAY INSTALLATION

Walkways: Install walkway pads in locations indicated. Hot air weld along edges to substrate, and fully adhere walkway pads between welds to substrate with compatible adhesive according to roofing system manufacturer's written instruction.

3.08 COMPLETION

- A. Prior to Contractor's request for final inspection by SDR, membrane manufacturer's technical consultant shall provide on-site inspection of installed roofing system.
1. Membrane manufacturer shall provide Contractor and SDR with itemized list of defects or non-compliance with manufacturer's recommendations.
 2. Contractor shall immediately correct identified items. Complete corrections before request for final inspection from SDR.
- B. Prior to demobilization from site, Work shall be reviewed by SDR and Contractor.
1. Itemize defects or non-compliance with these specifications or membrane manufacturer's recommendations in punch list.
 2. Contractor shall immediately correct identified items prior to demobilization, to satisfaction of SDR and membrane manufacturer.

END OF SECTION