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SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

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WATERPROOF
RELIABLE MOISTURE BARRIERS

ALX™

Waterproofing Underlayment

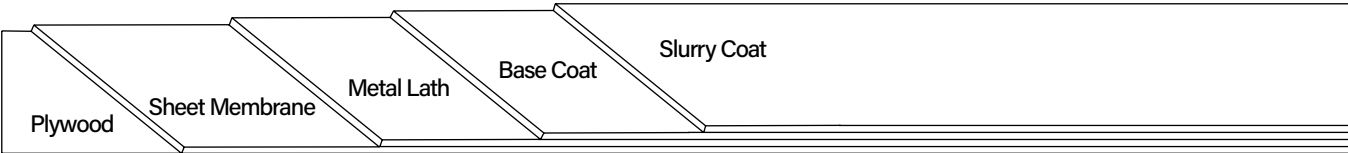
Description

ALX™ Waterproofing Underlayment is a process for waterproofing plywood decks to receive tile, stone or concrete. It is a metal lath reinforced system installed with a series of two separate polymer-modified cementitious applications and is bonded together with a specially formulated acrylic emulsion. The ALX™ Waterproofing Underlayment incorporates WP-40 Sheet Membrane under the lath as a back up waterproof membrane and reinforcement for plywood seams.

Uses

The ALX™ Waterproofing Underlayment system works only on plywood walking decks to receive tile, stone and can be used as an under slab method to receive concrete. It is recommended for the discriminating contractor or building owner who demands the ultimate in waterproofing and durability. ALX™ Waterproofing Underlayment has been designed for balconies, corridors, stairs and landings. It is regularly specified for hotels, condominiums, apartments and office buildings.

System Overview



System Data

Coverages	Base Coat 40 ft² per batch	Slurry Coat 100-150 ft² per batch	
Components	WP-10 Staples WP-47A Seam Tape WP-25 Metal Lath WP-40 Sheet Membrane WP-43 Sheet Membrane Primer WP-51 Polyurethane Sealant WP-81 Cement Modifier TC-1 Basecoat Cement	Shelf Life N/A 1 year N/A 1 year 1 year 1-2 years 2 years 1 year	ER-587
Certifications	IAPMO ER-587		

Advantages

Unmatched Strength and Durability • Fast Access After Installation • Available Manufacturer's Warranty • Excellent Sound Reduction Qualities • Covers Rough Plywood and Seams • Optional Fiberlath Reinforcement • Cost Effective

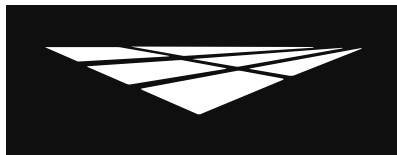
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Inspection

Plywood must be a minimum of 1 inch thick or 2 sheets of at least 5/8 inch CDX or exterior grade plywood. For applications over pressure-treated lumber, please contact your Westcoat Representative prior to application. The deck should be tongue and groove when possible, properly blocked and nailed (glued and screwed is best). Add blocking between studs at wall to allow WP-40 to cove up wall behind flashing.

Plywood shall have a maximum joist span of 12 inches. In general, deflection shall be minimized, as movement will crack tile and concrete. Slope must be a minimum of 1/4 inch per linear foot. The decks should meet local building codes. Deflection should be less than L/480. OSB is not recognized as a suitable substrate. Moisture vapor commonly collects in areas below a vapor barrier, such as the waterproofing membrane of the deck covering system. Venting must be added to help relieve moisture vapor transmission. Please refer to all local building codes regarding venting requirements.

Preparation

Be sure the surface is clean, dry and free of grease, paint, oil, dust or any foreign material that may prevent proper adhesion. "Dry" plywood is typically defined as having less than a 10% moisture reading or by showing no moisture with a plastic sheeting test. Applicator is responsible for ensuring that the substrate is acceptable for application. Do not apply to wet plywood.

Sheet Membrane

WP-40 Sheet Membrane is required on the entire deck for maximum protection. WP-40 may also be installed behind or on top of the flashing as a backup waterproofing measure. WP-40 may not be left exposed to the sun for more than seven days. See Sheet Membrane Product Specification Sheet.

Flashing

Westcoat requires a minimum of 26-gauge bonderized sheet metal. Use 4 x 4 inch 'L' flashing at the junction of the wall and deck. Use 2 x 4 inch drip edge flashing for fascia edge. Overlap all ends at least four inches. Apply two beads of WP-51 Polyurethane Sealant or WP-53 Hybrid Sealant to all seams. Nail flashing every 4-6 inches. (Note: If the flashing is not bonderized, it must be prepared in accordance with SSPC-SP11 surface preparation standards, in order for the coating to adhere properly).

Metal Lath

Prior to installing the Metal Lath, WP-47A Seam Tape should be applied 1/2 inch from all deck edges, leaving 1/2 inch of flashing exposed. Place the WP-25 Metal Lath on the plywood and cut it to fit the area, making sure the edge of the lath is offset two inches from any parallel plywood seams. The lath should run across the grain of the plywood (across the long seams) when possible. The lath has a grain and it should be placed so that it curves down at the edge of the deck. The metal lath should be held back 1.5 inches from all deck edges, leaving 1 inch of seam tape and 1/2 inch of flashing exposed. With the lath in place, start in the center working your way out, stapling the lath using 16-20 staples per square foot (minimum 1 inch crown x 5/8 inch long, 16-gauge non-corrosive Senco P10). Overlap the lath 1-2 inches and staple every 1-2 inches along the seam. With a hammer, pound down any seams or staples that are higher than the lath.

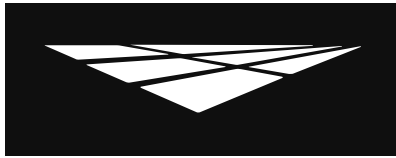
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Base Coat

Pour 1¼ gallons of WP-81 Cement Modifier and desired water (up to one quart) into a clean mixing bucket and then add one bag of TC-1 Basecoat Cement. Mix until uniform with a mechanical mixer at a low rpm. Pour the mixture (4½ gallons total) onto the lath and with trowel on edge, smooth to the top of the lath at the rate of 40 square feet per batch. Trowel and brush the base coat up to the seam tape edge, leaving ½ inch of flashing exposed. For best results, tape off the flashing. Use a paintbrush to spread the base coat into all corners. Tap the deck with a hammer to help in smoothing out trowel ridges. As soon as it is dry, usually 1 to 2 hours at 70 degrees, scrape off any high spots or ridges that may prevent a smooth slurry coat.

Slurry Coat

Create the slurry coat by adding one gallon of WP-81 Cement Modifier and up to ½ gallon of water into a clean mixing bucket and add one bag of TC-1 Basecoat Cement. Mix until uniform with a mechanical mixer at a low rpm. Trowel the slurry mix over the surface to achieve a smooth finish. Coverage of the slurry coat is between 100-150 square feet per batch. The Slurry Coat will be applied right up to all of the deck's edges. Using a brush, wet with water, feather all outside edges. After surface is dry (usually 30 minutes to 2 hours at 70 degrees), scrape or grind off any ridges or trowel marks.

Flood Test

Perform flood test with a minimum of 1 inch and a maximum of 3 inches of water for 24 hours. Drains should be plugged and barriers placed to contain the water.

Optional Materials

Sheet Membrane

- WP-43 Sheet Membrane Primer may be used when increased adhesion is desired.

Cement Additives

- CA-15 Cement Accelerator can be added to Westcoat cements to help reduce dry times.
- CA-16 Cement Decelerator can be added to Westcoat cements to increase working time during periods of hot weather.

Additional Waterproofing

- WP Wrap can be used as a supplemental waterproofing system used to provide additional waterproofing with reinforcement, along the perimeter of decks, over flashing and other challenging areas.
- WP-47 Fiberlath can be used over sloped and built up areas or where maximum reinforcement is required. Slurry coat will be troweled directly into the WP-47. An additional slurry coat may be needed to hide the fiberlath.

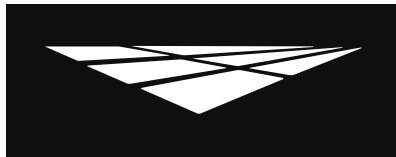
* See Product Specification sheets for detailed instructions

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Clean Up

Uncured material can be removed with soap and warm water. If cured, material can be removed mechanically or with an environmentally-safe solvent.

Health Precautions

Inhalation of vapor or mist can cause headache, nausea, irritation of nose, throat and lungs. Prolonged or repeated skin contact can cause slight skin irritation. Cements contain silicas; dust mask or respirator should be used when mixing, sanding or grinding.

Solvent based products are extremely flammable, extinguish all pilot lights and sources of ignition such as electrical motors. Be sure to have adequate cross ventilation prior to installing.

Limitations

- This system is designed for professional use only.
- Read Product Specification Sheets for every product you will be using before beginning the project.
- Do not apply at temperatures below 50°F or above 90°F.
- Rain will wash away uncured Westcoat acrylic products.
- If inclement weather threatens, cover deck to protect new application.
- Do not allow Westcoat products to freeze.
- Moisture vapor commonly collects in areas below a vapor barrier, such as the waterproofing membrane of the deck covering system. Venting must be added to help relieve moisture vapor transmission. Please refer to all local building codes regarding venting requirements.

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