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## SOPREMA DUO ROOF AND DECK MEMBRANE SYSTEMS

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## Product

- 1.1 Soprema DuO Roof and Deck Membrane Systems are modified bitumen modified waterproofing membranes for roofs and decks.

## Scope

- 2.1 Soprema DuO Membrane Systems have been appraised as roof and deck waterproofing membranes on buildings within the following scope:
  - the scope limitations of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 1.1; or,
  - the scope of limitations of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 1.1 with regards to building height and floor plan area when subject to specific structural design; and,
  - with substrates of plywood or suspended concrete slab; and,
  - with minimum falls for plywood substrate roofs of 1:30, for concrete substrate roofs of 1:60 and decks of 1:40; and,
  - with deck size limited to 40 m<sup>2</sup>; and,
  - situated in NZS 3604 Wind Zones, up to, and including Extra High.
- 2.2 Soprema DuO Membrane Systems have also been appraised as roof and deck waterproofing membrane on buildings within the following scope:
  - subject to specific structural and weathertightness design; and,
  - with substrates of plywood or suspended concrete slab; and,
  - situated in specific design wind pressures up to a maximum design differential ultimate limit state (ULS) of 4.5 kPa; and,
  - with the weathertightness design of junctions for each specific structure being the responsibility of the building designer.
- 2.3 Roofs and decks waterproofed with Soprema DuO Membrane Systems must be designed and constructed in accordance with the following limitations:
  - nominally flat roofs and decks and pitched roofs constructed to drain water to gutters and drainage outlets complying with the NZBC; and,
  - with no steps within the deck level, no integral roof gardens and no downpipe direct discharge to decks; and,
  - with the deck membrane continually protected from physical damage by a pedestal protection system.
- 2.4 The design and construction of the substrate and movement and control joints is specific to each building, and therefore is the responsibility of the building designer and building contractor and is outside the scope of this Appraisal.
- 2.5 The membrane must be installed by Equus Industries Ltd Approved Applicators.

## Building Regulations

### New Zealand Building Code (NZBC)

3.1 In the opinion of BRANZ, Soprema DuO Membrane Systems, if designed, used, installed and maintained in accordance with the statements and conditions of this Appraisal, will meet the following provisions of the NZBC:

**Clause B2 DURABILITY:** Performance B2.3.1 [b], 15 years. Soprema DuO Membrane Systems meet this requirement. See Paragraph 10.1.

**Clause E2 EXTERNAL MOISTURE:** Performance E2.3.1 and E2.3.2. Soprema DuO Membrane Systems meets these requirements. See Paragraphs 13.1 – 13.9.

**Clause F2 HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS:** Performance F2.3.1. Soprema DuO Membrane Systems meet this requirement and will not present a health hazard to people.

## Technical Specification

4.1 Materials supplied by Equus Industries Ltd are as follows:

- **DeboPlast 2.5 mm T/F C175** - is a 2.5 mm thick, APP modified bitumen-based sheet waterproofing membrane with a mixture of talcum and sand on the upper surface and an ultra-thin Polyethylene foil on the under layer used as a base layer in multi-layer systems. It has a composite reinforcement of 175 g/m<sup>2</sup> polyester and glass and is supplied in 1 m x 10 m rolls.
- **DeboFlex 2.5 mm T/F C175** - is a 2.5 mm thick, SBS modified bitumen-based sheet waterproofing membrane with a mixture of talcum and sand on the upper surface and an ultra-thin Polyethylene foil on the under layer used as a base layer in multi-layer systems. It has a composite reinforcement of 175 g/m<sup>2</sup> polyester and glass and is supplied in 1 m x 10 m rolls.
- **DeboTack 2.5 mm T/F C175** - is a 2.5 mm thick, SBS modified bitumen-based sheet waterproofing membrane with a mixture of talcum and sand on the upper surface and a self-adhesive under layer used as a base layer in multi-layer systems. It has a composite reinforcement of 175 g/m<sup>2</sup> polyester and glass and is supplied in 1 m x 10 m rolls.
- **Debotack 2.5 T/F C175 Aero** - is a 2.5 mm thick, SBS modified bitumen based sheet waterproofing membrane with a mixture of talcum and sand on the upper surface and the under layer of heat resistant polypropylene fleece with self-adhesive bitumen strips of 55 mm width to create partial bonding to the substrate. It is used as a base layer in multi-layer systems. It has a composite reinforcement of 175 g/m<sup>2</sup> and is supplied in 1 m x 10 m rolls.
- **DuO HT 4 Slates/F C180 Firecare** - is a nominal 4 mm thick TPO/SBS composite bitumen, torch applied sheet waterproofing membrane with a coloured slate granule upper surface finish and a polyethylene under finish used as a cap sheet in a multi-layer system. It has a composite reinforcement of polyester and glass of 180 g/m<sup>2</sup>. It is supplied in 1 m x 8 m rolls.
- **DuO HT 4 Slates/F C180 Aero Firecare** - is a nominal 4 mm thick TPO/SBS composite bitumen, torch applied sheet waterproofing membrane with a coloured slate granule upper surface finish and an under layer of pure SBS strips with polyethylene foil finish to allow vapour distribution under the waterproofing, used as a cap sheet in a single-layer system. It has a composite reinforcement of polyester and glass of 180 g/m<sup>2</sup>. It is supplied in 1 m x 8 m rolls.
- **DuO HT 4 Slates/F C180 Firecare Mecano** - is a nominal 4 mm thick TPO/SBS composite bitumen, sheet waterproofing membrane with a coloured slate granule upper surface finish and an under finish of polyethylene foil which is designed to be mechanically fastened to the roof, used as a single layer system on concrete, or as a capsheet in a multi-layer system. It has a composite reinforcement of polyester and glass of 180 g/m<sup>2</sup>. It is supplied in 1 m x 8 m rolls.
- **DuO 4 HT Slates/PP C180 Firecare No Flame** - is a nominal 4 mm thick TPO/SBS composite bitumen, sheet waterproofing membrane with a coloured slate granule upper surface finish and an under finish of polypropylene fleece which can be partially or fully bonded without heat, used as a cap sheet in a multi-layer system. It has a composite reinforcement of polyester and glass of 180 g/m<sup>2</sup>. It is supplied in 1 m x 8 m rolls.

- **DuO B&T 5 Gran/F C250** - is a nominal 5 mm TPO/SBS composite bitumen, torch applied sheet waterproofing membrane with a grey granule upper surface finish and an under finish of polyethylene foil. It has a composite reinforcement of polyester and glass of 250 g/m<sup>2</sup> to provide a higher reinforcement level for greater heat resistance, elongation and strength used as a cap sheet under hot applied asphalt mixes. It is supplied in 1 m x 8 m rolls.
- **DuO HT 4 Slates/ F C180 Firecare Landscape** - is a nominal 4 mm TPO/SBS composite bitumen, torch applied sheet waterproofing membrane with a coloured slate upper surface finish and an under finish of polyethylene foil. It has a composite reinforcement of polyester and glass of 180 g/m<sup>2</sup>. It is root resistant according to EN13948 and applicable for green roofs. It is used as a cap sheet in multi-layer systems. It is supplied in 1 m x 8 m rolls.
- **DuO HT 4 Slates/ F C180 Firecare** - is a nominal 4 mm TPO/SBS composite bitumen, torch applied sheet waterproofing membrane with a coloured slate granule upper surface finish and an under finish of polyethylene foil. It has a composite reinforcement of polyester and glass of 180 g/m<sup>2</sup>. It is designed for fire resistant applications and used a cap sheet in multi-layer systems. It is supplied in 1 m x 8 m rolls.
- **DuO Primer, Sopradere Quick** - is a solvent-based, bituminous varnish used to prime dry and porous surfaces. It is supplied in 25 lt containers.
- **DuO Primer, Aquadere** - is a waterbased, bituminous primer used to prime dry and porous surfaces. It is supplied in 25 lt containers.
- **DuO Kit Sealant, Aslan Mastic 2200** - is a bituminous adhesive/sealant used for cold bonding and sealing when necessary. It is a black paste, supplied in 310 ml cartridges.
- **DuO Fix PU cold Adhesive** - is a PU cold adhesive for adhering DuO No Flame waterproofing Membranes.
- **Equus Fix Plus Pedestals** - adjustable pedestal protection system.
- **DuO Cold Glue** - is a bituminous cold adhesive for adhering DuO No Flame waterproofing membranes. It is supplied in 25 kg cans.

## Handling and Storage

- 5.1 Handling and storage of all materials whether on or off site is under the control of the Equus Industries Ltd Certified Applicators. Dry storage must be provided for all products and the rolls of membrane must be stored in an upright position.

## Technical Literature

- 6.1 Refer to the Appraisals listing on the BRANZ website for details of the current Technical Literature for the Soprema DuO Membrane Systems. The Technical Literature must be read in conjunction with this Appraisal. All aspects of design, use, installation and maintenance contained in the Technical Literature and within the scope of this Appraisal must be followed.

## Design Information

### General

- 7.1 Soprema DuO Membrane Systems are for use on roofs, decks, gutters and parapets where an impervious waterproof membrane is required to prevent damage to building elements and adjoining areas. The products can be used on new or existing buildings. Equus Industries Ltd should be consulted as to the suitability of any existing substrates prior to using Soprema DuO Membrane Systems.
- 7.2 Soprema DuO Roof Membrane Systems are normally applied as double layer systems, with a base layer and cap layer. There are a number of different options available, Equus Industries Ltd should be consulted for the best option depending on performance requirements.
- 7.3 The effective control of internal moisture must be considered at the design stage because of the impermeability of the membranes. Refer to BRANZ publication Good Practice Guide - Membrane Roofing.

- 7.4 Where regular foot traffic on the roof is envisaged i.e. maintenance of lift equipment, a walkway should be installed to ensure the membrane is protected. The Soprema DuO Roof Membrane Systems are designed for limited, irregular pedestrian access only.
- 7.5 Soprema DuO Membrane Systems can be used exposed or covered with a ballast layer. Equus Industries Ltd should be consulted for ballast options.
- 7.6 Soprema DuO Membrane Systems when used on decks requires a pedestal protection. Equus Industries Limited should be contacted for the best system to meet design requirements.
- 7.7 NZBC Acceptable Solution limits the size of decks to 40m<sup>2</sup>. Soprema DuO Roof and Deck Membrane Systems are suitable for use on decks larger than 40m<sup>2</sup>. These decks are subject of specific design in accordance with Paragraph 2.2.

### Structure

- 8.1 Timber framing systems must comply with NZS 3604, or where specific engineering design is used, the framing shall be of at least equivalent stiffness to the framing provisions of NZS 3604, or comply with the serviceability criteria of AS/NZS 1170. In all cases framing must be provided so that the maximum span of the substrate as specified by the substrate manufacturer is met and that all sheet edges are fully supported.
- 8.2 Soprema DuO Membrane Systems fully bonded double layer systems are suitable for use in areas subject to maximum wind pressures of 4.5 kPa Ultimate Limit State.

### Substrates

#### Plywood

- 9.1 Plywood must be treated to H3 [CCA treated]. **LOSP treated plywood must not be used.** Plywood must comply with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1 Paragraph 8.5.3 and 8.5.5. Where specific design is used [i.e. outside the scope of E2/AS1] the plywood thickness and fixing size may increase and centres may decrease to meet specific wind loadings. Timber framing must comply with NZS 3604, or where specific engineering design is used, the framing shall be of at least equivalent stiffness to the framing provisions of NZS 3604, or comply with the serviceability criteria of AS/NZS 1170. In all cases, framing must be provided so that the maximum span of the substrate as specified by the substrate manufacturer is met and all sheet edges are fully supported.

#### Concrete

- 9.2 Concrete substrates must be to a specific engineering design meeting the requirements of the NZBC, such as concrete construction to NZS 3101.

#### Existing Construction

- 9.3 A thorough inspection of the substrate must be made to ensure it is in fit condition and does not contain any materials that will adversely affect the performance of the membrane.
- 9.4 Repairs must be undertaken, where applicable, to ensure the substrate is sound, the joints are sealed, and the flashings are sound. Plywood substrates must be checked for screw fixings, and if necessary refixed as for new plywood.

### Durability

#### Serviceable Life

- 10.1 Soprema DuO Membrane Systems will have a durability of at least 15 years and an expected serviceable life of over 25 years, provided they are designed, used, installed and maintained in accordance with this Appraisal and the Technical Literature.

#### Chemical Resistance

- 10.2 Industrial air pollutants and windborne salt deposits should not significantly affect the durability of the membranes. However, the long term properties of the material may be affected by contact with petroleum-based products such as oils, greases and solvents.

### Maintenance

- 11.1 The membrane roof system, must be regularly [at least annually] checked for damage, rubbish or debris. Damage, such as small punctures and tears, must be repaired as recommended by Equus Industries Ltd.
- 11.2 Special care must be taken when inspecting the membrane roof systems to ensure the continuing prevention of moisture ingress, and repairs must be undertaken where required.
- 11.3 Drainage outlets must be maintained to operate effectively.

### Prevention of Fire Occurring

- 12.1 Separation or protection must be provided to Soprema DuO Membrane Systems from heat sources such as fire places, heating appliances, flues and chimneys. Part 7 of NZBC Acceptable Solutions C/AS1, C/AS2 and NZBC Verification Method C/VM1 provide methods for separation and protection of combustible materials from heat sources.

### External Moisture

- 13.1 Roofs must be designed and constructed to shed precipitated moisture. They must also take account of snowfalls in snow prone areas. A means of meeting code compliance with NZBC Clause E2.3.1 is given by the Technical Literature which aligns with details in NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1.
- 13.2 When installed in accordance with this Appraisal and the Technical Literature, Soprema DuO Membrane Systems will prevent the penetration of water and will therefore meet code compliance with Clause E2.3.2. The membranes are impervious to water and will give a weathertight roof.
- 13.3 Roof falls must be built into the substrate and not created with mortar screeds applied over the membrane.
- 13.4 The minimum fall to roofs is 1 in 30 for plywood, 1:60 for concrete and gutters are 1 in 100. All falls must slope to an outlet. Inadequate falls will allow moisture to collect and increase the risk of deterioration of the membrane. *[Note: Where possible a gutter fall of 1:60 is preferred.]*
- 13.5 Allowance for deflection and settlement of the substrate must be made in the design of the roof to ensure falls are maintained and no ponding of water can occur.
- 13.6 Soprema DuO Membrane Systems are impermeable; therefore a means of dissipating construction moisture must be provided in the building design and construction to meet code compliance with Clause E2.3.6.
- 13.7 Drainage flanges must be used for any outlet and must be fitted with a grate or cage to reduce potential sources of blockages. An overflow must be provided where the roof does not drain to an external gutter or spouting.
- 13.8 Penetrations and upstands of the membranes must be raised above the level of any possible flooding caused by the blockage of roof drainage.
- 13.9 The design of details not covered by the Technical Literature is subject to specific weathertightness design and is outside the scope of this Appraisal.

### Water Supplies

- 14.1 Water is not contaminated by Soprema DuO Membrane Systems.
- 14.2 The first 25 mm of rainfall from a newly installed Soprema DuO Membrane Systems roof must be discarded before water collection starts. This is to remove residues which may have developed in the processes involved in the production of a Soprema DuO Membrane Systems membrane roof.
- 14.3 Though Soprema DuO Membrane Systems will not contaminate water, it must be noted that all water collected off roof surfaces made from any material is considered to be non-potable due to possible contamination from other sources. Water collection in this way can only be considered potable if it has been passed through a suitable sterilization system and tested. Sterilization systems such as this have not been assessed and are outside the scope of this Appraisal.

## Installation Information

### Installation Skill Level Requirement

- 15.1 Installation of the membranes must be completed by Equus Industries Ltd Certified Applicators.
- 15.2 Installation of substrates must be completed by tradespersons with an understanding of roof construction, in accordance with instructions given within the Equus Industries Ltd Technical Literature and this Appraisal.

### Preparation of Substrates

- 16.1 Substrates must be dry, clean and stable before installation commences. Surfaces must be smooth and free from nibs, sharp edges, dust, dirt or other materials such as oil, grease or concrete formwork release agents. All surface defects must be filled to achieve an even and uniform surface.
- 16.2 The relative humidity of concrete substrates must be 75% or less before membrane application. The concrete can be checked for dryness by using a hygrometer, as set out in BRANZ Bulletin No. 585.
- 16.3 The moisture content of the plywood and timber substructure must be a maximum of 20% and the plywood sheets must be dry at time of membrane application. This will generally require plywood sheets to be covered until just before the membrane is laid, to prevent rain wetting.
- 16.4 All substrates must be primed with DuO Primer and left to dry before the membrane is installed.

### Membrane Installation

- 17.1 The membranes must be installed in accordance with the Technical Literature.
- 17.2 All roof and wall junctions must have a 20 mm x 20 mm wooden fillet installed at the junction. Concrete substrate junctions must have a 20 mm x 20 mm cement mortar fillet installed. All external edges must be chamfered to a 5 mm radius to remove sharp edges. Alternatively, bitumen fillets of 25 mm x 25 mm can be used.
- 17.3 The membrane is installed from the lowest point allowing 80 mm side overlap and a 100 mm end overlap. The cap sheet layer must be offset against the base sheet layer.

*Note: These are minimum overlap widths. Refer to Manufacturer's Instructions for the specific overlap widths for the product being specified.*

### Inspections

- 18.1 Critical areas of inspection for waterproofing systems are:
  - Construction of substrates, including crack control and installation of bond breakers and movement control joints.
  - Moisture content of the substrate prior to the application of the membrane.
  - Acceptance of the substrate by the membrane installer prior to application of the membrane.
  - Installation of the membrane to the manufacturer's instructions.

## Basis of Appraisal

The following is a summary of the technical investigations carried out:

### Tests

- 19.1 The following is a summary of the testing and test reports on Soprema DuO Membrane Systems:
  - Physical properties included tensile strength, elongation, tear strength, dimensional stability.
  - Service performance testing included low temperature flexibility, heat resistance, static and dynamic indentation, fatigue cycling and peel resistance.
  - Testing by SGS for dimensional stability, tear resistance, tensile strength, elongation at break, low temperature flexibility, heat resistance and tensile shear at joints.
  - British Board of Agrément No. 98/3537.

The above test methods and results have been reviewed by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.

### Other Investigations

- 20.1 A durability opinion has been provided by BRANZ technical experts.
- 20.2 Installation of the membranes has been assessed by BRANZ for practicability of installation and found to be satisfactory.
- 20.3 The Technical Literature has been examined by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.

### Quality

- 21.1 The manufacture of the membranes has not been examined by BRANZ, but details regarding the quality and composition of the materials used were obtained by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory. The manufacturer of Soprema DuO Membrane Systems has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of ISO 9001: 2015 and ISO 14001:2004.
- 21.2 The quality of the supply of products to the New Zealand market is the responsibility of Equus Industries Ltd.
- 21.3 Quality on site is the responsibility of the Equus Industries Ltd Certified Applicators.
- 21.4 Designers are responsible for the building design, and building contractors are responsible for the quality of construction of substrate systems in accordance with the instructions of Equus Industries Ltd and this Appraisal.
- 21.5 Building owners are responsible for the maintenance of the membrane systems in accordance with the instructions of Equus Industries Ltd and this Appraisal.

### Sources of Information

- AS/NZS 1170: 2002 Structural design actions.
- AS/NZS 2269: 2012 Plywood – structural.
- BRANZ Good Practice Guide – Membrane Roofing, October 2015.
- NZS 3101: 2006 The design of concrete structures.
- NZS 3604: 2011 Timber-framed buildings.
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Record of amendments - Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods and handbooks.
- The Building Regulations 1992.

### Amendments

#### Amendment No. 1, dated 31 August 2017.

This Appraisal has been amended to update the Technical Specification.

#### Amendment No. 2, dated 11 May 2018.

This Appraisal has been amended to increase the ULS to 4.5 kPa; to update the marketing name of the membranes and to include the ISO 14001 Certification for the manufacturer.

#### Amendment No. 3, dated 25 August 2020.

This Appraisal has been amended to change the Appraisal Holder and to add decks to the scope.



In the opinion of BRANZ, **Soprema Duo Roof and Deck Membrane Systems** are fit for purpose and will comply with the Building Code to the extent specified in this Appraisal provided they are used, designed, installed and maintained as set out in this Appraisal.

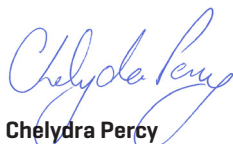
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### Conditions of Appraisal

1. This Appraisal:
  - a) relates only to the product as described herein;
  - b) must be read, considered and used in full together with the Technical Literature;
  - c) does not address any Legislation, Regulations, Codes or Standards, not specifically named herein;
  - d) is copyright of BRANZ.
2. **Soprema nv**
  - a) continues to have the product reviewed by BRANZ;
  - b) shall notify BRANZ of any changes in product specification or quality assurance measures prior to the product being marketed;
  - c) abides by the BRANZ Appraisals Services Terms and Conditions.
  - d) Warrants that the product and the manufacturing process for the product are maintained at or above the standards, levels and quality assessed and found satisfactory by BRANZ pursuant to BRANZ's Appraisal of the product.
3. BRANZ makes no representation or warranty as to:
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  - c) any guarantee or warranty offered by **Soprema nv**
4. Any reference in this Appraisal to any other publication shall be read as a reference to the version of the publication specified in this Appraisal.
5. BRANZ provides no certification, guarantee, indemnity or warranty, to **Soprema nv** or any third party.

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**For BRANZ**



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