



**BRANZ Appraised**  
Appraisal No. 823 [2020]

## EVERGUARD AND EVERGUARD EXTREME TPO ROOF AND DECK MEMBRANES

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## Product

- 1.1 Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes are single-ply, polyester fabric reinforced, thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO) fully bonded waterproofing sheet membranes for roofs and decks.

## Scope

- 2.1 Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes 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 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 roofs of 1:30 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 Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes have also been appraised as roof and deck waterproofing membranes 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 3 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 Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes 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 downpipes directly discharging to decks; and,
  - with the deck membranes 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 membranes must be installed by TPO Logistics NZ Ltd approved applicators.

## Building Regulations

### New Zealand Building Code (NZBC)

3.1 In the opinion of BRANZ, Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes, 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. Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes meet this requirement. See Paragraph 10.1.

**Clause E2 EXTERNAL MOISTURE:** Performance E2.3.1, E2.3.2 and E2.3.6. Roofs incorporating Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes meet these requirements. See Paragraphs 13.1–13.8.

**Clause F2 HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS:** Performance F2.3.1. Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes meet this requirement and will not present a health hazard to people.

## Technical Specification

4.1 Materials supplied by TPO Logistics NZ Ltd are as follows:

- **Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes** – are fully adhered roofing systems based on a thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO) sheet laminated around a woven polyester reinforcement. Everguard is the standard product and Everguard Extreme has increased ultraviolet (UV) inhibitors. They are supplied in grey or white (other colours on request) in rolls 1.1, 1.5 and 2 mm thick, 1.2, 1.5 and 3 m wide and 30.5 m long.
- **Everguard TPO Bonding Adhesive** – a solvent-based, rubberised contact adhesive used to bond the membrane to all common substrates. It is supplied in 5 US Gallon pails.
- **Everguard H2O Bonding Adhesive** – a water-based, rubberised contact adhesive used to bond the membrane to all common substrates. It is supplied in 5 US Gallon pails.
- **Everguard TPO Seam Cleaner** – a solvent-based liquid for cleaning seams prior to heat welding. It is supplied in 1 US Gallon pails.
- **Preformed Vent Boots** – moulded TPO membrane boots designed to fit 25–150 mm diameter pipes. They are supplied 1.9 mm thick and with a stainless steel clamping ring.
- **Preformed Corners** – moulded TPO membrane universal style corner for both inside and outside corners. They are supplied 1.5 mm thick with 4 x 100 mm sides and 150 mm flange.
- **UN-55 Detailing Membrane** – an unreinforced TPO membrane flashing/reinforcement material for penetrations and corners, used where preformed boots cannot be used. It is supplied as a 1.3 mm thick membrane, 610 mm wide and 15 m long roll.
- **UN-55 T-Joint Cover Patches** – unreinforced TPO membrane cover patches for sealing over T-Joints. They are supplied as 1.3 mm thick round patches.
- **Cut Edge Sealant** – a polymer-based sealant designed to seal all cut reinforced edges of Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes. It is supplied as a clear liquid in 550 ml squeeze bottles.
- **Preformed Split Pipe Boots** – fabricated TPO membrane boots in three sizes designed to accommodate most common pipes and conduits. They are supplied 1.1 mm thick boots to fit 25–50 mm, 75–125 mm and 150–200 mm penetrations.
- **Corner Curb Wraps** – fabricated corners for flashing curbs or plinths. They are in four standard sizes designed to flash curbs or plinths that are 610, 914, 1,220 or 1,524 mm in size. They are supplied in sizes of 340, 495, 648 and 800 mm.
- **Pourable Sealer Pockets** – moulded TPO membrane pockets used to waterproof irregular shaped roof penetrations. They are supplied as 1.8mm thick, 225 mm x 150 mm x 100 mm ovals with a 75 mm base and coloured white only.

## Handling and Storage

- 5.1 Handling and storage of all materials whether on-site or off-site is under the control of the TPO Logistics NZ Ltd approved applicators. Dry storage must be provided for all products and the rolls of membrane must be lying down on pallets and protected.

## Technical Literature

- 6.1 Refer to the Appraisals listing on the BRANZ website for details of the current Technical Literature for the Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes. 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 Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes are for use on roofs, decks, balconies, gutters and parapets where an impervious waterproof membrane is required to prevent damage to building elements and adjoining areas.
- 7.2 Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes can be adversely affected by contact with bituminous substances. The membranes supplier should be contact for advice in this situation.
- 7.3 The effective control of internal moisture must be considered at the design stage due to the impermeability of the membrane. Refer to the BRANZ 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 membranes are protected. The Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes are designed for limited, irregular pedestrian access only.
- 7.5 Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes when used on decks require a pedestal protection system. TPO Logistics NZ Ltd should be contacted for the best system to meet design requirements.
- 7.6 Refer to TPO Logistics NZ Ltd for deck foot traffic protection system specifications.

### 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 Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes fully bonded are suitable for use in areas subject to maximum wind pressure of 3 kPa Ultimate Limit State, subject to the limitations of the substrate.

### Substrates

#### Plywood

- 9.1 Plywood must be treated to H3 [CCA treated]. LOSP treated plywood must not be used. 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.

#### 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.

## Durability

### Serviceable Life

- 10.1 Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes when subjected to normal conditions of environment and with proper maintenance can expect to have a serviceable life of at least 15 years.

## Maintenance

- 11.1 Maintenance requirements of the membrane are provided by the membrane supplier.
- 11.2 In the event of damage to the membrane, it must be repaired by removing the damaged portion and applying a patch as for new work.
- 11.3 Drainage outlets must be maintained to operate effectively.

## Prevention of Fire Occurring

- 12.1 Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes must be separated from fireplaces, heating appliances, flues and chimneys. Part 7 of NZBC Acceptable Solution 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 and decks 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.
- 13.2 When installed in accordance with this Appraisal and the Technical Literature, Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes will prevent the penetration of water and will therefore meet code compliance with NZBC Clause E2.3.2. The membranes are impervious to water and will give a weathertight roof or deck.
- 13.3 The minimum fall for roofs is 1 in 30, for decks 1 in 40 and for gutters is 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, BRANZ recommends a fall of 1:60 for gutters.]*
- 13.4 Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes are impermeable; therefore a means of dissipating construction moisture must be provided in the building design and construction to meet code compliance with NZBC Clause E2.3.6.
- 13.5 Roof falls must be built into the plywood substrate.
- 13.6 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.
- 13.7 Penetrations and upstands of the membrane must be raised above the level of any possible flooding caused by blockage of roof drainage.
- 13.8 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 Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes which comply with AS/NZS4020.
- 14.2 The first 25 mm of rainfall from a newly installed Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes roof must be discarded before drinking water collection starts. This is to remove residues which may have developed in the process involved in the production of Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes.
- 14.3 The Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes have been shown to comply with AS/NZS4020, but 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.

### Sterilization

- 14.4 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 TPO Logistics NZ Ltd approved applicators.
- 15.2 Installation of substrates must be completed by or under the supervision of Licensed Building Practitioners with the relevant Licence Class, in accordance with instructions given within the TPO Logistics NZ 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 Concrete substrates can be checked for dryness by using a hygrometer, as set out in BRANZ Bulletin No. 585. The relative humidity of the concrete must be 75% or less before membrane application.
- 16.3 The moisture content of a timber substructure must be a maximum of 20% and plywood sheet must be dry at time of membrane application. This will generally require plywood sheets to be covered until just before the membranes are laid, to prevent rain wetting.

### Membrane Installation

- 17.1 The installation of these membrane systems are very complex and limited to approved applicators only. The TPO Logistics NZ Ltd Application Manual should be referred in all instances for the correct procedures.

### 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 Technical Literature instructions.

### Health and Safety

- 19.1 Safe use and handling procedures for the membrane systems is provided in the Technical Literature. The products must be used in conjunction with the relevant Materials Safety Data Sheet.



## Basis of Appraisal

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

### Tests

20.1 Testing has been carried out on the membranes by various organisations for shear/joint strength, peel adhesion, resistance to aging, adhesion to plywood, resistance to impact, resistance to frost, resistance to freeze/thaw, resistance to UV, watertightness, artificial ageing by exposure to elevated temperatures, artificial ageing by UV radiation, water vapour properties, resistance to cold bending, tensile properties, resistance to static load and resistance to tearing.

Test methods and results have been reviewed by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.

### Other Investigations

21.1 A durability opinion has been given of the Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes by BRANZ technical experts.

21.2 Site inspections have been carried out by BRANZ to assess the practicability of installation, and to examine completed installations.

21.3 The Technical Literature has been examined by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.

### Quality

22.1 The manufacture of the Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck 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.

22.2 The quality of supply of the product to the market is the responsibility of TPO Logistics NZ Ltd.

22.3 Quality on site is the responsibility of the TPO Logistics NZ Ltd approved applicators.

22.4 Designers are responsible for the substrate design, and building contractors are responsible for the quality of construction of substrate systems in accordance with the instructions of the substrate manufacturer, TPO Logistics NZ Ltd and this Appraisal.

## Sources of Information

- AS/NZS 2269: 2012 Plywood – Structural.
- AS/NZS 1170: 2002 Structural Design action – general principles.
- BRANZ Bulletin No. 585, Measuring Moisture in Timber and Concrete.
- 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.



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In the opinion of BRANZ, **Everguard and Everguard Extreme TPO Roof and Deck Membranes** 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.

The Appraisal is issued only to **TPO Logistics NZ Ltd**, and is valid until further notice, subject to the Conditions of Appraisal.

### 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. **TPO Logistics NZ Ltd**:
  - 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:
  - a) the nature of individual examples of, batches of, or individual installations of the product, including methods and workmanship;
  - b) the presence or absence of any patent or similar rights subsisting in the product or any other product;
  - c) any guarantee or warranty offered by **TPO Logistics NZ Ltd**.
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 **TPO Logistics NZ Ltd** or any third party.

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