

**Specification: Waterproof Membrane – External**

Project:

Address:

Date:

# Scope of Work:

The Scope of Work is to supply, fix and guarantee waterproof; the waterproof membrane to: **Below Ground** **Basement Retaining Walls, Below Basement Concrete Slab, OSD Tanks, Lift Pit, Planter Boxes, Box Gutters, Balconies, Courtyards, Terraces, Green Roofs and Concrete Roof Deck** as indicated on the drawings.

The membrane work is to include finishing at all perimeters as detailed, protection, backfill supervision and effective spanning of any expansion joints. Detail to all pipes, joints, edges and protrusions to ensure full, guaranteed waterproofing. **The Membrane installation is to meet or exceed the requirements of AS 4654.2 (Waterproofing membrane systems for external use – Above ground level)**

# The Membrane:

Provide a proprietary membrane system suitable for external waterproofing:

The membrane shall be **Wolfin GWSK Self-Adhered Polyester/PVC sheet membrane 2.3mm thick to the following areas:**

* eg: Terraces (over habitable spaces)
* eg: Roofs Decks (over habitable spaces)
* eg: Greens Roof (over habitable spaces)
* …………………

The membrane shall be **Wolfin IB Loose Laid Polyester/PVC sheet membrane 1.5mm thick to the following areas:**

* eg: Tanking of Below ground Retaining Walls
* eg: Below Concrete Slab (Water table above basement FFL)
* eg: Lift Pits
* ………………

Together with a concealed fixing and finish-detail system consisting of:

**(a):** Wolfinsteel; 0.6mm Zinc-Galvanised Wolfinsteel factory pre-coated with 0.8mm thick membrane or

**(b):** Wolfinsteel; 0.6mm Stainless Steel Wolfinsteel (proximity to the ocean) factory pre-coated with 0.8mm thick

 membrane or

**(c):** Wolfin AF6 cast-in extruded reglet profiles (where shown on the drawings).

All membrane junctions are to be homogeneously welded - adhesives or tapes are not to be used for jointing nor detailing to pipes, penetrations etc. Detailing is to include sealants only where indicated on the Standard Guide Details or shop drawings prepared by Projex Group (Projex).

Where sealants are so specified, they are to be installed to be permanently accessible for service, wherever practicable. Where Wolfinsteel profiles are inserted into horizontal or permanently damp substrates, the saw cut must be filled with two-part epoxy grout as specified by Projex.

**Laying is only to be performed by applicators licensed by Projex and evidence of their licensed status is to be provided before the work commences.**

**Contact Projex Group for a list of licensed Wolfin installers**

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# Generally – terminations/laps/bonding:

The membrane shall: Have all terminations either cast into the concrete or fitted into saw-cuts as specified herein.

Terminations of the pressure seal type will not be permitted; Have all laps and connections fully homogeneously welded. Where specified to be bonded, the bond is to be permanently elastomeric –contact adhesives and/or spot or strip bonding are not acceptable.

# Membrane Primer:

* Prime all surfaces to which Wolfin GWSK Black\* is to be adhered with ***Bitunamel Primer*** unless otherwise specified by Projex.
* Prime all surfaces to which Wolfin GWSK Grey is to be adhered with ***Wolfin Special Primer.***

# Substrate Preparation (by others):

Concrete is to be finished to smooth helicopter standard, without ridges, boniness or sharp changes of plane. Formed concrete to be minimum Class 3 with “sharps” knocked off.Timber, fibre cement or plywood substrates are to be countersunk screwed, not nailed to avoid nail "backout". Ensure that there are positive falls in the substrate to outlets/ water egress points. Brickwork should be struck flush. Rock faces should be hand-finished and flushed with mortar to remove “sharps”. Vertical faces should be finished smooth with no sharps and no hollows.

**Existing Membranes (preparation by applicator):**

It is generally not necessary to remove existing membranes if they are either present or can be rectified to present, a smooth sound surface. Wolfin is completely bitumen compatible. Subject to any contrary Projex advice, the following are appropriate preparation methods:

1. Torch applied bitumen systems: Perforate with 20 dia. punched holes at 3 per square metre to allow trapped vapour diffusion. Repair any voids with 3:1 sand/cement with 50% bitumen emulsion in the mixing water. Do not use cold bitumen compounds. Thoroughly clean and prime with solvent-based bitumen primer. Where the surface is coated with slate or similar chips, remove all loose material with a mechanical brush machine and dispose.
2. Butyl Rubber: Perforate as above, thoroughly clean and prime with solvent-based bitumen primer.

Note: the existing bond may be unsatisfactory and should be carefully checked - call for Projex advice regarding fix-bands in such cases.

1. EPDM Sheet, Monomeric PVCs, Urethanes and Acrylic Coatings: Check the surface quality and thoroughly clean. No primer is usually necessary. For EPDM perforate as above.
2. Substrate Quality Generally: Refer all doubtful substrates to Projex for advice as to the recommended “clean up” process and/or supplementary fixation required for each case.

**Terminations:**

All membrane terminations are to use Projex recommended details and are to be self-sufficiently waterproof at each termination. This responsibility does not extend to the internal waterproof integrity of the substrates, such as masonry walls.

Where the cut-in profile is specified, the preparation by the Applicator is a saw-cut 5 mm wide x 20 mm deep, which is primed and prefilled with one part urethane. The profile is inserted while the sealant is wet, and a second run of sealant is applied after the membrane welding is completed.

If the profile is to be inserted into a horizontal substrate (ie: concrete ground slab) the saw cut must be filled with a two (2) part epoxy grout, as specified by Projex.

Where the cast in extruded reglet is specified, it is to be supplied and fixed to the form shutter by the Membrane Applicator. The Applicator is to clean off any laitance or fixing media after strip before welding the membrane to the profile.

**Refer to AS 4654.2-2012, Appendix A, Table A1 for minimum membrane termination heights.**

**Bolt Fixings:**

Where columns and the like are to be installed such that, their fixings penetrate the membrane, the fixings are to be installed before the membrane. They are to be of a type that leaves a firm stud, threaded rod or similar projecting from the substrate. The Membrane Applicator will detail the membrane to those studs. The installation of the balustrade, column etc is to be closely supervised by the Membrane Applicator

**Solar Panel Anchors:**

Mechanically fix Wolfin Roof Anchors to the substrate with appropriate fasteners and weld the Wolfin apron to Wolfin GWSK membrane (previously installed).

**Starter Bars:**

Where starter bars are protruding from the concrete slab and the area needs to be waterproofed, the Membrane Applicator will detail the membrane to those starter bars.

**Plinths (on concrete decks):**

When possible, apply Wolfin membrane system to the deck before the installation of plinths. Seal the reinforcing bars penetrating the Wolfin membrane. Install a slip sheet over the membrane area to be covered by the plinth. DO NOT FIX FORMWORK THROUGH THE MEMBRANE. Hold formwork in place with sandbags or similar.

**Door and Glazing Unit Sills/Thresholds:**

The Wolfin membrane must be carried beneath the sill (or sub-sill where fitted) before installation of the door frame. To achieve this, the sills must be fitted in conjunction with the Membrane Applicator. ***The membrane must be installed in accordance with AS 4654.2 clause 2.8.3.*** Refer also to the clause “Bolt Fixings” above.

# Shop Drawings:

All details that are not precisely as the Standard Guide Details, are to be the subject of shop drawings, prepared by Projex and submitted by the Applicator for the approval of the Superintendent, time permitting.

The contractual responsibilities remain unchanged by such approval.

Before commencement the Applicator is to coordinate with Projex to ensure the shop drawings are provided in adequate time for approval, allowing time for resubmission if needed. No variation to the Applicator’s price is to result from any shop drawing (nor Projex advice), unless the detail is a legitimate contract variation within the meaning of the Contract.

**Applied Finishes:**

Ideally, any finish applied directly to the Membrane should be performed by the Membrane Applicator to maximise Warranty protection. If the applied finishes are required to be performed by others, their installation shall be closely supervised by the Membrane Applicator. The Builder is to ensure that appropriate arrangements exist in the contract to cover the Membrane Applicator’s attendance on such works. **Gravel or similar ballast is to be applied only by the Membrane Applicator. Protection medium for both horizontal and vertical tanking is to be applied only by the membrane applicator.**

1. **Toppings, tile beds:** It is preferred that the Membrane Applicator supply and adhere Abelflex or similar to all upstand faces and supply, place and tape a PE slip plane to the surface of the membrane.
2. **Pod Supported Pavers:** The Membrane Applicator shall bond 200 square Shockmat pads to the Membrane, set out at paver intersections. The Shockmat reduces impact sound transmission and protects the membrane from pad abrasion.
3. **Bar Reinforced slabs:** The protection methods should be discussed with the Membrane Applicator (or Projex) before the tender is finalised. If not specified otherwise, the Membrane Applicator is to allow for the supply and placement of 10mm Projex Shockmat to minimise reinforcement steel placement damage.
4. **Mesh Reinforced slabs:** The protection methods should be discussed with the Membrane Applicator (or Projex) before the tender is finalised. If not specified otherwise, the Membrane Applicator is to allow for the supply and placement of 5mm Projex Shockmat to minimise reinforcement steel placement damage.
5. **Vertical Tanking:** The applicator is to allow for the supply and placement of a 5mm thick “Bubble Board”.
6. **Concrete Dish Drain:** Where the dish drain is to be poured against the membrane, it is preferred that the Membrane Applicator bond 10mm thick Abelflex to the membrane as a separation.
7. **Gravel Ballast (roof decks):** The Membrane Applicator shall lay A64 geotextile fabric onto the Membrane turned up and taped for the height of the ballast at all upturns. The ballast shall be a minimum #2 wash round river gravel/pebbles, free of fines and sharp or broken stone – or other material as specified and approved by Projex. Ballast is only to be installed onto the membrane by the Membrane Applicator.
8. **Insulation and Gravel Ballast:** The Membrane Applicator shall place the specified insulation boards onto the Membrane, overlaid with filter fabric, turned up and taped for the height of the ballast at all upturns. The ballast shall be a minimum #2 wash round river gravel/pebbles, free of fines and sharp or broken stone – or other material as specified and approved by Projex. Ballast is only to be installed by the Membrane Applicator.
9. **Lift Pit Walls:** The applicator is to allow for the supply and placement of a 5mm thick “Bubble Board”.
10. **Timber decking:** If the timber decking is to have joists/bearers fixed through the substrate, booker rods, lag screws, etc are to be individually detailed as specified by Projex (Bolt detail drawings SD-9.02). Regardless of the timber decking being ‘Fixed to substrate’ or ‘Floating’, the joists/battens are to be laid on top of Projex Shockmat strips to protect the membrane at all times. Ensure decking fixings do not penetrate through the underside of joists/bearers.
11. **Projex Shockmat - or Artificial Grass:** Where specified to be bonded, the duration of possible laying-water contact with the adhesive should be considered. The following adhesive choices are suggested: Where laying-water is long term or permanent – seek adhesive manufacturer’s advice. Where laying water is temporary – Rebound Adhesive 2000.

Note: Projex has empirically tested the adhesive suggested but does not warrant their performance.

1. **Render or Skirting Tiles on Membrane:** Where tiles are shown on the drawings to be applied onto membrane upturns, the membrane is to be Wolfin GWSK for the extent of the vertical area, laid and detailed tight. Adhere tiles to vertical face of Wolfin membrane. Contact Projex for recommended tile adhesives.
2. **Planters – Green Roofs & Landscape Areas, Drainage Cells / Media:** Where such materials are to be laid onto the Membrane, the Membrane Applicator is to place A64 geotextile fabric onto the Membrane beforehand. Do not cover outlets and overflows with geotextile fabric. Drainage cells are to be placed by the Membrane Applicator, to avoid “cut edge” and/or tight fit damage.

**Protection:**

No work by others is to proceed over the Membrane unless the Membrane Applicator’s advice as to protection media is sought AND FOLLOWED. In all cases where temporary protection is to be provided, or a finish is to be applied by others, the Builder must notify the Membrane Applicator, giving two working days’ notice before protection removal or commencement of finished works, to inspect the Membrane and certify it as being undamaged. The Builder is to accept the cost of any repairs found necessary as a consequence of any such works.

**Pre-surfacing Damage Check:**

After the final membrane system inspection by Projex and immediately before pouring or covering up, the membrane is to be checked for mechanical damage and signed off by the Membrane Applicator.

# Inspection:

Projex will conduct work-in-progress inspections at intervals agreed with the Applicator and the Builder.

Any directions/advice/modification drawings issued by Projex, in consequence, are to be submitted to the builder for approval and followed.

On completion (or if in stages on completion of each stage), and in any event before covering up, the Projex Inspector is to be called to inspect the work. The Inspector will, if necessary, issue a Defect Notice to the Applicator with a copy to the Builder. The membrane Applicator is to comply with any such Notice and arrange re-inspection.

# Generally - Quality Assurance:

The manufacturer or distributor of the membrane material shall monitor the Wolfin membrane, to ensure full compliance with the specifications and all manufacturer’s recommendations.

This liability includes (but is not limited to) the following activities:

* Provide shop drawings of all details that are not included in standard published manufacturer’s drawings. The shop drawings are to take full account of the coordination requirements of connecting trades.
* Approve the selection/design of all termination and similar details before installation.
* Approve any detail changes as may be needed during the work, for coordination, variation or any reason.
* As each area nears completion, thoroughly inspect, log any defects found, and arrange for their rectification.
* Re-inspect and certify that the work is correct and complete. Issue signed inspection sheets for each case.
* On completion, take full liability for the quality, correctness and sufficiency of the workmanship as part of the single-point Warranty specified hereafter. This Clause will not be satisfied by delegation of any of the foregoing activities to the applicating contractor.

# Generally – Warranty:

Submit a warranty for the Wolfin Membrane against defective **materials and workmanship**, issued solely by the manufacturer or distributor of the membrane material.

The Warranty liability by the manufacturer or distributor to the Owner is to be singular and complete; without distinction between materials and workmanship; and no separate or parallel warranty offer is to be made by the applicating contractor.

The Warranty shall not contain elements of “pro rata” cost sharing. For associated materials, such as concrete repair and wall coatings, obtain the manufacturers’ guarantees, made in favour of the Owner and pass to the Owner at Practical Completion.

**Wolfin Warranty Period: 15 years.**

**Specification: Waterproof Membrane – Internal Wet Areas**

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**SLAB ON GROUND:**

Internal Wet Areas – concrete slab on Ground - Floors:

Liquid applied polyurethane membrane\* or equivalent (by others) to the following areas:

* Wet Areas structural floors only (Bathrooms, Laundries, Showers…)

Internal Wet Areas – slab on ground screed & internal walls:

Screed and internal walls a liquid acrylic membrane\* or equivalent (by others) to the following areas:

* Wet Areas - Screed & Walls only (Bathrooms, Laundries, Showers…)

**Liquid membrane system or similar as per the manufacturer's written instructions to the internal wet areas on ground, floors & walls in accordance with Australian Standard AS 4858-2004 (Material) & AS 3740- 2021 (Installation - minimum requirement).**

**\*Liquid Applied Membranes are not supplied by Projex Group/Wolfin Membranes, refer to manufacturers of liquid waterproofing systems for suitable products and warranties.**

**UPPER LEVELS:**

Internal Wet Areas – Upper Levels above habitable spaces:

**Wolfin IB Polyester/ PVC sheet membrane 1.5mm thick to the following areas:**

* Upper Levels wet areas Structural Floors Only\* (Bathrooms, Laundries & Ensuites…)

#Wet areas build-up: Concrete substrate – Wolfin IB Polyester/ PVC sheet membrane – Screed – Acrylic membrane.

Internal Wet Areas – Upper-Level Walls:

Liquid acrylic membrane\* or equivalent (by others) to the following areas:

* Upper levels wet areas – Screed & Walls (Bathrooms, Laundries & Ensuites…)

**Wolfin IB Polyester/ PVC sheet membrane to upper levels wet areas floors only as per manufacturer’s instructions in accordance with Australian Standard AS 4858-2004 (Material) & AS 3740- 2021 (Installation - minimum requirement).**

**Wolfin IB Membrane warranty is for 15 years for materials & workmanship.**

**ALTERNATIVE WET AREAS PVC SHEET MEMBRANE:**

Internal Wet Areas – Upper Levels above habitable spaces:

**Cosmofin “LL” PVC sheet membrane 1.5mm thick to the following areas:**

* Upper Levels wet areas Structural Floors Only\*(Bathrooms, Laundries & Ensuites…)

\*Wet areas build-up: Substrate – Cosmofin “FG LL” PVC membrane – Screed – Acrylic membrane.

Internal Wet Areas – Upper-Level Screed & Walls:

Liquid acrylic membrane\* or equivalent (by others) to the following areas:

* Upper levels wet areas – Screed & Walls (Bathrooms, Laundries & Ensuites…)

**Cosmofin FG LL\* to upper levels wet areas floors only as per manufacturer’s instructions in accordance with Australian Standard AS 4858-2004 (Material) & AS 3740- 2021 (Installation - minimum requirement).**

**\*Cosmofin Membrane warranty is for a period starting from 10 to 20 years “materials only”.**