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## **NOVAFLEX AND POLIBIT ROOF WATERPROOFING MEMBRANES**

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## Product

1.1 Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes are waterproofing membranes for nominally flat, pitched and curved roofs, gutters and parapets. They are installed as a single or multi-layer system with either a mineral chip finished product or a sand finished layer with UV protective paint as the top layer, or as a single layer system under heavy protection such as paving slabs or a topping screed.

1.2 Both the products are supplied as torch-on, reinforced, polymer-modified bitumen sheets in roll form.



## Scope

2.1 Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes have been appraised as roof waterproofing membranes on buildings within the following scope:

- the scope limitations of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 1.1 with respect to building height and maximum floor plan areas; and,
- with building structures designed and constructed to meet the requirements of the NZBC; and,
- with roof supporting structures of timber framing with substrates of plywood; and,
- with substrates of suspended concrete slabs; and,
- situated in NZS 3604 Building Wind Zones, up to, and including 'Very High'.

2.2 Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes have also been appraised for use as roof waterproofing membranes on specifically designed buildings within the following scope:

- with building structures designed and constructed to comply with the NZBC; and,
- with roof supporting structures of timber framing with substrates of plywood; and,
- with substrates of suspended concrete slab; and,
- subjected to maximum wind pressures (Refer Paragraph 8.1); and,
- with the weathertightness design of all junctions being the subject of specific design by the designer.

*Note: The design of these junctions has not been appraised by BRANZ and is outside the scope of this Certificate.*

2.3 Roofs waterproofed with Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes must be designed and constructed in accordance with the following limitations:

- nominally flat, curved or pitched roofs constructed to drain water to gutters and drainage outlets complying with the NZBC; and,
- constructed to suitable falls (Refer Paragraph 14.3 and 14.5); and,
- with no integral roof gardens.

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 Certificate.

2.5 The membranes must be installed by Jaydex International Ltd Licensed and Trained Installers.

membrane caused by cyclic movement or microcracking. It is supplied in 1 m x 30 m rolls.

### Alumicote

- Solvent-based, bituminous aluminium paint for protecting sand finished membranes from UV attack. It is supplied in 4 and 20 litre containers.

**Table 1: Membrane Systems**

System	Single Layer	Double Layer	Protection Required
Polibit sand finished membrane	4.0 mm		Alumicote, paving slabs or cement screeds
Polibit sand finished membrane		3.0 or 4.0 mm Novaflex base layer with 4.0 mm top layer	Alumicote, paving slabs or cement screeds
Polibit mineral finished membrane	4.0 mm		Standard finish of material
Polibit mineral finished membrane		3.0 or 4.0 mm Novaflex base layer with 4.0 mm top layer	Standard finish of material

## Building Regulations

### New Zealand Building Code (NZBC)

**3.1 In the opinion of BRANZ, Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes, if designed, used, installed and maintained in accordance with the statements and conditions of this Certificate, will meet the following provisions of the NZBC:**

**Clause B2 DURABILITY:** Performance B2.3.1 (b), 15 years. Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes meet this requirement. See Paragraph 10.1. Performance B2.3.1 (c), 5 years. Alumicote meets this requirement. See Paragraph 10.2.

**Clause E2 EXTERNAL MOISTURE:** Performance E2.3.1 and E2.3.2. Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes meet these requirements. See Paragraphs 14.1 – 14.9.

**Clause F2 HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS:** Performance F2.3.1. Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes meet this requirement and will not present a health hazard to people.

3.2 This Certificate appraises an **Alternative Solution** in terms of New Zealand Building Code compliance. The membranes are an alternative to the membranes specified in NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, and an **Alternative Solution** subject to specific design for other buildings not covered within E2/AS1.

### Handling and Storage

5.1 Handling and storage of all materials whether on or off site is under the control of the Jaydex International Ltd Licensed and Trained Installers. Dry storage must be provided for all products and the rolls of membrane must be stored in an upright position.

## Technical Specification

4.1 Materials supplied by Jaydex International Ltd are as follows:

#### Novaflex Membrane

- 3.0 or 4.0 mm thick modified bitumen, torch applied sheet waterproofing membrane with a sanded upper surface primarily used as a base layer in a double layer system. They are supplied in 1 m x 10 m rolls.

#### Polibit Membrane

- 3.0 or 4.0 mm thick modified bitumen, torch applied sheet waterproofing membrane with an upper layer of either sand or mineral chip and a lower face of thermo-fusible polyolefinic film. The sand finished membrane can be used as a base layer of a double layer or as both layers in a double layer finish with UV protection. The mineral finish is used as a cap sheet in a double layer system. They are supplied in 1 m x 10 m rolls.

#### Bitumen Primer

- Solvent-based cutback bitumen primer for substrates prior to the installation of the membrane. It is available in 20 litre containers.

#### Nova-Per

- Perforated (199 holes/m<sup>2</sup>), modified bitumen sheet membrane for use when partially bonded waterproofing system is required. This system allows equalising of pressure in order to avoid blisters, dimensional stability of the waterproofing system and reduction of possible fatigue in the completed

## Technical Literature

6.1 Refer to the Appraisals listing on the BRANZ website for details of the current Technical Literature for the Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes. The Technical Literature must be read in conjunction with this Certificate. All aspects of design, use, installation and maintenance contained in the Technical Literature and within the scope of this Certificate must be followed.

## Design Information

### General

7.1 Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes are for use on roofs, 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. Jaydex International Ltd should be consulted as to the suitability of any existing substrates prior to using Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes.

7.2 The effective control of internal moisture must be considered at the design stage due to the impermeability of the membranes. Refer to BRANZ publication “Good Practice Guide - Membrane Roofing”.

7.3 The 3.0 mm or 4.0 mm thick Novaglass membrane is designed for use on roofs and gutters as the first layer of a double layer system and all areas requiring detailing such as upstands, protrusions, rainwater heads and outlets. The Polibit membrane can be used as the top layer of a double layer system, or as a single layer system, see Table 1.

## Structure

8.1 Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes fully bonded double layer systems are suitable for use in areas subject to maximum wind pressures of 10 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 NZS 4203. 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 Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes are expected to have a serviceable life of at least 15 years, provided they are designed, used, installed and maintained in accordance with this Certificate and the Technical Literature.

10.2 Alumicote is expected to have a serviceable life of at least 5 years provided it is used, installed and maintained in accordance with this Certificate and the Technical Literature.

### Chemical Resistance

10.3 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, including any areas with a UV coating applied, must be regularly (at least annually) checked for damage, rubbish, debris or coating breakdown. Damage, such as small punctures and tears must be repaired and coatings reapplied as recommended by Jaydex International 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.

## Outbreak of Fire

12.1 Separation or protection must be provided to the membranes and plywood substrate from heat sources such as flues and chimneys.

12.2 NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS1 Part 9 and Verification Method C/VM1 provide methods for separation and protection of combustible materials from heat sources.

## Spread of Fire

13.1 The membranes may be used on roofs of buildings intended for all Purpose Groups, including SC and SD, subject to the requirements of NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS1 Part 7, Paragraph 7.11.1.

13.2 The membranes may be used for cladding fire-rated roof construction, providing the roof construction complies with the requirements of NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS1 Part 7.

## External Moisture

14.1 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 in the Technical Literature which aligns with details in NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1.

14.2 When installed in accordance with this Certificate and the Technical Literature, Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes 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.

14.3 Roof falls must be built into the substrate and not created with mortar screeds applied over the membrane.

14.4 The minimum fall to roofs is 1 in 40 and gutters are 1 in 60. All falls must slope to an outlet. Inadequate falls will allow moisture to collect and increase the risk of deterioration of the membrane.

14.5 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.

14.6 Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes 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.

14.7 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.

14.8 Penetrations and upstands of the membranes must be raised above the level of any possible flooding caused by the blockage of roof drainage.

14.9 The design of details not covered by the Technical Literature is subject to specific weathertightness design and is outside the scope of this Certificate.

## Water Supplies

15.1 Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes have not been assessed for roofs used for the collection of potable water.

## Installation Information

### Installation Skill Level Requirement

16.1 Installation of the membranes must be completed by Jaydex International Ltd Licensed and Trained Installers.

16.2 Installation of substrates must be completed by tradespersons with an understanding of roof construction, in accordance with instructions given within the Jaydex International Ltd Technical Literature and this Certificate.

### Preparation of Substrates

17.1 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.

17.2 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. 424.

17.3 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.

17.4 Substrates must be primed with Bitumen Primer and left to dry (4-5 hours) before the membrane is installed.

### Membrane Installation

18.1 The membranes must be installed in accordance with the Technical Literature.

18.2 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.

18.3 The membrane must be unrolled without tension onto the prepared substrate and allowed to 'relax' for at least 30 minutes prior to installation.

18.4 The membrane is installed from the lowest point and each layer is installed across the roof fall allowing a 75 mm side overlap and a 150 mm end overlap. If a double system is being installed, the cap sheet layer must be offset against the base sheet layer.

### Inspections

19.1 The Technical Literature must be referred to during the inspection of membrane installations by Building Consent Authorities and Territorial Authorities.

19.2 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 Jaydex International Ltd instructions.

## Health and Safety

20.1 Safe use and handling procedures for Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes are provided in the Technical Literature. The products must be used in conjunction with the relevant Material Safety Data Sheets for each membrane.

## Basis of Appraisal

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

### Tests

21.1 The following is a summary of the testing and test reports on Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes:

- Istituto per le Tecnologie della Construzione (ITC) for Tensile and elongation, tear resistance, flexibility at low temperature, resistance to static loading, resistance to dynamic loading, dimensional stability, flow resistance at elevated temperatures, adhesion of granules and Watertightness.
- ICITE for polyester reinforcement, coating mass, tensile strength, elongation, tear strength, dimensional stability, low temperature flexibility, heat resistance, sliding resistance, Watertightness, static and dynamic indentation, fatigue cycling, peel resistance, air pressure and tensile strength of joints this testing was carried out for use within the British Board of Agreement (BBA) Certificate No.91/2657/C (no longer valid).

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

### Other Investigations

22.1 A durability opinion has been provided by BRANZ technical experts.

22.2 Installation of the membranes has been assessed by BRANZ for practicability of installation and found to be satisfactory.

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

### Quality

23.1 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.

23.2 The quality of the supply of products to the New Zealand market is the responsibility of Jaydex International Ltd.

23.3 Quality on site is the responsibility of the Jaydex International Ltd Licensed and Trained Installers.

23.4 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 Jaydex International Ltd and this Certificate.

23.5 Building owners are responsible for the maintenance of the membrane systems in accordance with the instructions of Jaydex International Ltd and this Certificate.

## Sources of Information

- AS/NZS 2269: 1994 Plywood – structural.
- BRANZ Good Practice Guide – Membrane Roofing, reprint October 2003.
- NZS 3101: 1995 The design of concrete structures.
- NZS 3604: 1999 Timber framed buildings.
- NZS 4203: 1992 General structural design and design loadings for buildings.
- Compliance Document for New Zealand Building Code External Moisture Clause E2, Department of Building and Housing, Third Edition July 2005.
- New Zealand Building Code Handbook and Licensed Documents, Building Industry Authority, 1992.
- The Building Regulations 1992, up to, and including October 2004 Amendment.



**In the opinion of BRANZ, Novaflex and Polibit Roof Waterproofing Membranes are fit for purpose and will comply with the Building Code to the extent specified in this Certificate provided they are used, designed, installed and maintained as set out in this Certificate.**

**The Appraisal Certificate is issued only to the Certificate Holder, Jaydex International Ltd, and is valid until further notice, subject to the Conditions of Certification.**

### Conditions of Certification

1. This Certificate:
  - 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. The Certificate Holder:
  - 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.
3. The product and the manufacture are maintained at or above the standards, levels and quality assessed and found satisfactory by BRANZ.
4. BRANZ makes no representation 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 the Certificate Holder.
5. Any reference in this Certificate to any other publication shall be read as a reference to the version of the publication specified in this Certificate.

For BRANZ

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