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TERM BARRIER

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PRODUCT DATA SHEET



ICF Foundation Water | Termite Barrier

DESCRIPTION

Since 2002, hundreds of foundations across the United States have been protected with *TERM Foundation Barrier* to exclude both water and termites. *TERM Foundation Barrier* is a “peel and stick” barrier membrane used on concrete.

Polyguard waterproofing membranes (*without termite exclusion*) have been used worldwide on both commercial and residential construction since 1970. Research and testing of termite and pest exclusion, in cooperation with scientists at Texas A&M’s Urban and Structural Entomology Laboratory, began in 1999. Today *TERM Foundation Water|Termite Barrier* is a key part of a building envelope system with waterproofing and termite exclusion.

ADVANTAGES

TERM Foundation Water|Termite Barrier is the only waterproofing barrier evaluated by the ICC (*International Code Council*) against criteria of ICC AC 380 *Acceptance Criteria for Termite Physical Barrier Systems*. The AC 380 standard requires five years of testing at four field sites, with two major species vs. controls.

TERM Foundation Water|Termite Barrier is a non-structural barrier which when properly constructed as part of the building envelope, blocks both termites and water. The history of TERM’s development can be found at polyguardproducts.com/term/science-based/ *TERM Foundation Water|Termite Barrier* contains no pesticides and is classified by the EPA and most states as a physical barrier.

DESCRIPTION OF COMPONENTS

TERM Foundation Water|Termite Barrier is a strong, pliable, self-adhesive sheet made of a 4-mil high density polyethylene film bonded to 64 mils of barrier sealant.

TERM Foundation Water|Termite Barrier is formulated for low temperature application down to 30°F (-1°C) *TERM Foundation Water|Termite Barrier* is wound on a disposable treated release sheet which can be peeled away to expose the adhesive face. Standard roll size is 36” x 66’ (.914m x 20.3m). (Note that both roll dimensions and color of backing have been changed due to supply chain problems)

Polyguard 650 LT Liquid Adhesive is a fast drying, high tack rubber-based adhesive used on horizontal and vertical surfaces at temperatures above 30°F (-1°C)

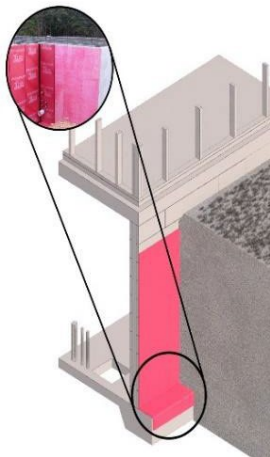


international Code Council
Termite Barrier System
Report ESR-3632

Link: <https://icc-es.org/report-listing/esr-3632/>

“TERM® Foundation Barrier is used to protect foam plastic insulation, including stay-in-place insulating concrete forms (ICF) installed in applications noted in the 2015 IBC Section 2603.8 (2012 Section 2603.9 or 2009 Section 2603.8) or IRC Section R318.4 and complies with Exception 2 of the referenced Code Sections.”

POINT OF PROTECTION



**Protects ICF
foundation walls
against termite and
water entry**

Polyguard 650 WB Water-Base Liquid Adhesive is available for ICF surfaces, or where VOC concerns or limitations apply.

Polyguard 650 Mastic is asphalt mastic with low solvent content, used to seal exposed edges of TERM Barrier Products.

Polyguard Detail Sealant is used with *Polyguard Barrier* to eliminate double-ply sheet on inside and outside corners or as a fillet on inside corners, *Polyguard Detail Sealant* ensures adhesion to concrete in difficult areas to seal.

Polyguard Detail sealant is a solvent free, non-isocyanate adhesive sealant which is low VOC/HAPS free. It is formulated to be compatible with the *Polyguard TERM* barrier sealant.



REFERENCES

LEED: Here is a link to LEED v4 Documentation:

<http://www.polyguardproducts.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/LEED-v4-Documentation-11-13-17.pdf>

MAINTENANCE

No maintenance should be required unless the product has been damaged by construction or by some other activity.

SAFETY

All *Polyguard* products must be handled in a safe manner. Some products (some mastics or primers) contain solvents, and these deserve special attention to safety since their vapors are both flammable and harmful if inhaled. Read both the product label and the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) before use.

SDS sheets:

<https://www.polyguardproducts.com/term/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Term-Membranes-5-4-2020.pdf>

HPD info:

<https://www.polyguardproducts.com/term/term-hpd/>

Call *Polyguard* at 214-515-5000 if you have questions.

The *650 LT Liquid Adhesive* is an industrial coating and would be harmful or fatal if swallowed. It is marked as red label from the standpoint of flash point.

Solvents could be irritating to the eyes, flush with water and contact physician. Avoid prolonged contact with skin and breathing of vapor or spray mist from liquid adhesive. *In confined areas, use adequate forced ventilation, fresh air masks, explosion-proof equipment, and clean clothing.*

INSTALLATION

Preparatory Work

Apply *TERM Barrier* only in fair weather, temperatures above 30°F (-1°C) and rising. *If water base primer is used, temperatures must be above 40°F (4.44°C)*

Prior to starting work, check that all horizontal surfaces to be covered slope towards drainage. This material is not designed to be applied in areas where water will pond.

ICF must have a dust free surface, and concrete surfaces must be smooth and monolithic. Broom surfaces are not recommended. Concrete should be dry, frost free and cured a minimum of seven days prior to application of *TERM Barriers* and *Liquid Adhesive*. Surface must be free of voids, spalled areas, sharp projections, loose aggregate, and form release agents. Concrete curing compounds containing oil, wax or pigments should not be used.

Form release agents must be self-dissipating which will not transfer to the barrier. Surface defects such as cracks, holes or cavities should be filled and finished flush with a Portland cement grout or concrete. Top surfaces of projecting ledges, below grade, except footings, should be finished to a bevel with Portland cement mortar. Concrete block walls or brick require a well adhered parge coat before application of barrier. Striking off joints

flush with surface is also required.

Clean all surfaces to remove debris, dust and loose stones before application begins. DO NOT apply *Liquid Adhesive* or *Barrier* to ICF or frozen concrete.

Detail Sealant

Apply fillets formed by *Detail Sealant*, *Polyguard Liquid Membrane 95*, latex modified cement mortar or epoxy mortar at the base of foundation walls and footings. DO NOT use wood or fiber cant strips. Fillets of *Detail Sealant* should be applied to provide a 3/4" (19mm) face and extend 6" (152mm) vertically and horizontally, 90 mils (2.286 mm).

Cover all corners, joints and the base of the foundation wall and footing using a 12" (305 mm) wide strip of barrier centered along the axis. Press or roll firmly to achieve a complete seal. Apply a second ply of barrier. *Detail Sealant* may be substituted for the initial 12" (305 mm) wide barrier strip on inside corners.

Pretreat inside corners with *Detail Sealant* 6" (152 mm) in each direction from corners and form a fillet with *Detail Sealant* and apply a 12" (305 mm) strip of barrier centered on the corners.

Detail Sealant may be substituted for the initial layer of sheet barrier on drains and protrusions by applying a 90 mil (2.286 mm) thick layer from the drain or protrusion out and extending 6" (152 mm) underneath sheet barrier. Apply *Detail Sealant* vertically to be level with height of wearing surface. Flash drains and projections with a second ply of barrier for a distance of 6" (152 mm) from drain or projection. Seal all terminations with *650 Mastic*.

Priming

Priming on concrete (not ICF) can be done using *650 LT*. *650 WB* should be used on ICF surfaces.

If using *650 LT Liquid Adhesive* be certain to review the safety information on our data sheets as well as the MSDS.

Stir *Liquid Adhesive* before use. Apply over the entire surface at a rate of 250-350 square feet, per gallon (6-8.5 m²/l). Primed surfaces must be re-primed if barrier is not applied to the *Liquid Adhesive* within the same working day.

Use brush or lamb's wool roller for application. *Liquid Adhesive* must be dry prior to application of barrier. *Liquid Adhesive* retains a tacky adhesive surface.

Primed surfaces should be quickly covered or protected to prevent contamination occurring on the *Liquid Adhesive*. Metal surfaces may require *Liquid Adhesive* to obtain bond of barrier to substrate. Field test to determine adhesion level. Surface must be free of contaminates

Sheet Barrier Application

TERM Foundation Water|*Termite Barrier* must be overlapped. Side laps must be a minimum of 2-1/2" (64 mm). Staggered end laps should be minimum 6" (152 mm).

When applying *TERM Foundation Water*|*Termite Barrier* on vertical walls, a determined effort must be made to assure complete adhesion of barrier to the primed surface. Hand roll overlap seams with a wall type narrow roller. Use heavy hand pressure while smoothing out the barrier surface, as it is applied.

It may be easier when vertical sections of more than 8' (2.4 M) are to be protected, barrier should be applied in sections of 8' (2.4 M), starting from the lower foundation base and rising to the top with the 6" (152 mm) overlap, shingling down on each ply of barrier.

TERM Foundation Water|*Termite Barrier* should be applied over the edge of the footing at the foundation base with the 6" (152 mm) overlap, shingling down on each ply of barrier.

Terminations on vertical surface use a termination bar, reglet, or counter flashing. The terminated edge should be pressed firmly with a silicone roller and protected from water with a troweled bead of *650 Mastic*.

Flashing

Finish vertical wall barrier on top edge under flashing or in reglet. Seal T-Joints and terminations with a troweled bead of *650 Mastic*.

Care should be taken to obtain good adhesion between barrier used for repairs and originally applied barrier.

Mastic Application

650 Mastic should be applied at all terminations at the end of each day's work. *650 Mastic* should never be applied underneath the barrier.

Inspection and Repairs

Visually inspect barrier for tears, punctures, air blisters and "fishmouths", prior to water tests, placement of protection board and backfilling. Make repairs by removing all damaged barrier so that only well bonded barrier remains. Re-prime any exposed surface. After *Liquid Adhesive* is dry, apply a new sheet of barrier, extending 6" (152 mm) onto previously applied barrier. Slit all "fishmouths", overlap the pieces, place patch over area and roll or press in place. Puncture air blisters, expel the air, prime and cover with patch. Seal edges with *650 Mastic*

Ultraviolet Protection

TERM Foundation Water|*Termite Barrier* can be adversely

affected by ultraviolet light. The waterproofing system must be covered and protected from UV as soon as possible and not left exposed to sunlight for over 30 days.

Barrier left exposed on top of foundation walls or parapets should be covered with weather resistant flashing

Barrier Protection and Drainage Mat

Polyguard Polyflow 15-P Drainage Protection/Drainage Mat with built in puncture protection plus drainage for vertical surfaces is required. This helps keep the structure dry and the lack of water makes it less attractive to foraging termites.

Drainage:

Drainage systems should be designed with pipe sizes large enough to prevent water accumulation against the foundation. Perforated pipe should be covered with fabric to prevent fines or dirt from plugging perforations. Pipe should be of sufficient strength to prevent deformation due to soil weight or movement. Consideration should be given to provide drain outlets to the interior of the building when the water table level is above the base of the waterproofing barrier.

Backfill

No waiting is required before backfilling. Backfill material should be dry sand or dry soil dirt as following:

1. Fill material free of large dirt clods, rock, tree roots and debris.
2. Backfill should be of a type readily compactable upon deposit.
3. Backfill should be placed against the drainage mat in 6" (152mm) to 8" (203mm) compacted layers to avoid vertical settlement.

4. Backfill should not have a high-water content that would cause soil to shrink upon drying.

5. Mechanical compaction in horizontal layers should be used to achieve these results if necessary.

6. Avoid sharp impact to the drainage mat when backfilling.

STORAGE

Barrier and accessories should be unloaded and stored carefully. Cartons and containers must be protected from weather, sparks, flames, excessive heat, cold and lack of ventilation. DO NOT stack barrier material higher than 5' (1.5m) vertically, nor double stack pallets. Cartons should be stored on pallets and covered to prevent water damage. For best results, barrier should be stored 50-75°F prior to application.

If 650 WB Waterbase Primer is to be used, the primer must be stored above 32° F (0° C).

HEALTH AND SAFETY

All Polyguard Products Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and precautionary labels should be read and understood by all user supervisory personnel and employees before using. Purchaser is responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, or local laws and regulations covering use, health, safety, and disposal of the product.

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PACKAGING INFORMATION				
PRODUCT	PACKAGING	APPROXIMATE COVERAGE	LB/UNIT	PALLETIZATION
TERM Foundation Water/Termite Barrier 36" x 66.6' (.914m x 20.3m)	Carton (1 roll)	200 ft ²	75	30 cartons
Polyguard 650 LT Liquid Adhesive	5-Gal Pail or 4-1-Gal Pail	250 – 350 ft ² /gallon	45 lb. 31lb.	36 Pails 54 Cartons
Polyguard 650 WB WaterBase Liquid adhesive	5-Gal Pail or 4-1-Gal Pail	250 – 350 ft ² /gallon	50 lb. 37 lb.	36 Pails 54 Cartons
Polyguard Detail Sealant	Carton with 12 20 oz. sausages	1/8" bead – 293 lf/tube 1/4" bead – 73 lf/tube 3/8" bead – 30 lf/tube	32 lb.	25 Cartons
Polyguard 650 Mastic	5-Gal Pail or Ctn of 12 30 oz. tubes	1/2" bead 65 LF/tube 1" bead 100 LF/gallon	48 lb./Pail	36 Pails 25 Cartons

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES			
PROPERTY	ASTM METHOD	RESULTS (ENGLISH)	RESULTS (METRIC)
Color	--	White and red	White and red
Barrier Thickness	ASTM D 1000 inch (mm)	.068	1.73
Complies with International Code Council AC3080 <i>Acceptance Criteria for Termite Physical Barrier</i>	ICC AC 380 Acceptance Criteria See link below	ICC ESR 3632 Evaluation Report Compliant	ICC ESR 3632 Evaluation Report Compliant
Elongation of Barrier Sealant – % Stretch Before Failure	ASTM D 412	> 1000%	> 1000%
Resistance to Radioactive Radon Gas	Radon Reduction Technology Laboratory % Reduction in radon gas diffusion	97.1%	97.1%
Pesticide Repellency (<i>Chlordane, fipronil, permethrin</i>)	ASTM F 2130	0% penetration	0% penetration
Permeance to Moisture / Water Vapor	ASTM E 96-B Grains/ft ² /hr./in HGF (grains/hr./m ²)	.03	.02
Tensile Strength – Film Backing	ASTM D 882 PSI / (N/mm ²)	6500	44.82
Tensile Strength – Barrier Composite	ASTM D 412(Modified Die C) PSI / (N/mm ²)	325	2.24
Peel Adhesion	ASTM D 1000lb/in width / (N/mm)	10.0	1.75
Overlap Bond	ASTM D 1000lb/in width / (N/mm)	8.0	1.4
Low Temperature Flexibility	ASTM D 146 180° bend over 1” mandrel at -25°F(-32°C)	No cracking or delamination	No cracking or delamination
Barrier Puncture Resistance	ASTM E 154 (Blunt Instrument) lb. / (N)	50	182
Resistance to Hydrostatic Head	ASTM D 5385Ft / M	231	70.4

** Link to ICC ESR 3632: <https://icc-es.org/report-listing/esr-3632/>

* Please refer to testing at this web address: www.polyguardproducts.com/term/techref.htm

Next page: Visual instructions

TERM Water|Termite Barrier - Application over ICF foundation

ICF requires *Polyguard 650 WB* water-based primer. Primer is rolled onto ICF surface and allowed to tack.

Apply *Polyguard 650 Mastic* at all terminations.
Termination Bar (if necessary)

Polyguard Polyflow 15P Drainage / Protection Mat required before backfilling. Adhere to waterproofing with adhesive.

12" barrier flashing strip is adhered to footer / foundation wall intersection for reinforcement. Place first for proper shingle effect.

Overlap 2 1/2"
overlap 2-1/2"

Full width sheets can be applied extending down the outside of the footer min. 6" (see note on footers)

Apply *Polyguard 650 Mastic* to cuts and terminations.

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<https://www.polyguardproducts.com/term/>



LIMITATIONS**The TERM Foundation Water|Termite Barrier is just one piece of an extensive termite barrier system**

When properly installed, TERM Barrier products will physically block termites from entering the structure at the protected area but will not block termites from entering at other points on the structure. Installing more TERM components blocks more termite entry points, but does not guarantee protection in areas the TERM products are not applied

<https://www.polyguardproducts.com/term/exclusion-101/how-pests-enter-structures/>

If you look at the termite web link above, you will see some of the many places on a structure where termites can enter.

Polyguard's TERM Division has developed products and applications to exclude termites at most entry points, but not all of them. We have in development barriers for additional entry points. Each correctly installed TERM barrier component adds to the probability that the structure will have less termite problems and will require less chemical treatment to treat termite infestations.

Polyguard's TERM Barrier has been extensively tested, both in the laboratory and in long term field trials at multiple sites, against *Reticulitermes flavipes* and *Coptotermes formosanus* subterranean termites, which can be said to be the most voracious insects in the United States measured in terms of property damage. Polyguard's TERM Barrier System products are part of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program and where local regulations require, may be used to supplement termiticide applications.

There are numerous other termite species, not known to be present in the United States, which are highly voracious. Limited testing outside of the United States has been done or is in progress. Contact Polyguard for information about non-domestic testing.

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