

GX Flexi Hydrocarbon Barrier

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- Independently tested against various hydrocarbons
- High puncture, flexibility and tear resistance
- Minimal linear expansion
- Complies with current codes of practice
- Manufactured in the UK

Description

Visqueen GX Flexi Hydrocarbon Barrier is an enhanced polymer modified flexible membrane designed to comply with current guidance on Hydrocarbons. Manufactured using the latest extrusion technology and drawing on our extensive knowledge and expertise in gas protection, Visqueen has developed a new flexible barrier membrane suitable in brownfield applications that are affected by Hydrocarbons.

The product is available in Single Wound Sheeting (SWS) roll format, 1.4mx 50m, and in 2 colours; white to reduce linear expansion in hot weather or grey.

Application

Visqueen GX Flexi Hydrocarbon Barrier offers a safe solution for the protection of buildings and occupiers against all levels of hydrocarbons, methane, carbon dioxide and radon ingress. Typically these are sites previously used as petrol stations, coalfields, landfill sites or are contaminated industrial sites. The membrane also acts as a damp-proof membrane. Due to the polymeric structure Visqueen GX Flexi Hydrocarbon Barrier also provides a flexible membrane suitable for various applications unlike rigid HDPE rich membranes.

Due to the wide variety of hydrocarbon contaminants found, we strongly recommend the use of the Visqueen Building Products Technical Support Team at an early design stage so that the most appropriate detailing and material specifications are adopted.

Testing for Chemical Resistance (EN 14414 and EN 14415)

The membrane has been tested against various harmful gases and dangerous contaminants such as hydrocarbons. In addition to this, the membrane has been subjected to accelerated life immersion tests. EN 14414 and EN 14415 - Chemical resistance to leachates and aggressive chemicals - are designed to stress the membrane at a higher level of chemical concentration and temperature than it would experience in normal use. Changes in weight, volume, tensile strength and visual degradation are recorded to obtain the membrane's suitability to the challenge chemical.

These results are published below and assist designers and engineers in the suitability of Visqueen GX Flexi Hydrocarbon in various applications.

Installation Guidelines

Visqueen GX Flexi Hydrocarbon Barrier and ancillary components must be installed in accordance with the recommendations of CIRIA C665 "Assessing risks posed by hazardous ground gases to buildings", NHBC guidelines, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Ground Gas Handbook and CIRIA C682 the VOC Handbook.

Visqueen GX Flexi Hydrocarbon Barrier system is suitable where hydrostatic pressure is present, however in this application the joints must be welded and not

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taped. The membrane should be installed on a blinded or smooth surface allowing adequate overlap for jointing between the sheets and avoiding bridging (i.e. areas of unsupported membrane).

For taped joints, overlap the membranes by at least 150mm and bond together using Visqueen GX Double Sided Jointing tape. Secure the lap using Visqueen Gas Resistant Lap Tape.

In areas where high levels of unsupported membrane occur it is recommended that Visqueen Pre Applied Membrane is used.

When a welded joint system is being used, punctures to the membrane can only be repaired by welding a patch of membrane with identical thickness and lapped at least 150mm beyond the limits of the puncture. Where this is not possible and the three dimensional shapes are complex it is recommended a preformed unit is used. The membrane has been designed to perform in circumstances where linear expansion could occur, however in high temperatures the membrane should be covered immediately after installation.

Ventilation

When medium to high levels of ground gases are present or when the generation of gases still occurs, then an open void beneath the ground floor should be constructed as ventilation beneath the ground floor will dilute and disperse the gases to atmosphere. Open voids are normally restricted to beam and block floors or other precast concrete floor systems. An alternative for providing ventilation to in situ concrete floor slabs is to install a Visqueen Ventilation System.

System Components:

- Visqueen GX Double Sided Bonding Tape
- Visqueen Gas Resistant Lap Tape
- Visqueen Surface DPC Fixing System
- Visqueen GX DPC

Storage and Handling

Visqueen GX Flexi Hydrocarbon Barrier is classified as nonhazardous when used in accordance with the relevant British Standards. The product is chemically inert and is not affected by acids and alkalis that may be present in the sub-soils. The product should be stored in a warm dry environment and not exposed to long periods of sunlight.

Technical Data and CE Mark

Visqueen GX Flexi Hydrocarbon Barrier complies with the requirements and clauses of EN 13967 - Flexible sheets for waterproofing - Plastic and rubber damp proof sheets including plastic rubber basement tanking sheet - Definitions and characteristics.

British Board of Agreement performed the initial inspection of the manufacturing plant and of factory production control and the continuous surveillance, assessment and evaluation of factory production control, and issued the certificate of constancy of conformity of the factory production control. 0836-CPD – 13/F028 applies.



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heading	Characteristic	Test method	Units	Compliance criteria	Value or Statement
	Colour				Grey or White
	Length	EN 1848-2	m	-0/+10%	50
	Width	EN 1848-2	m	-0/+10%	1.4
	Thickness	EN 1849-2	mm	+/-20%	1
	Mass	EN 1849-2		-12%/+12%	974
	Tensile Strength - MD	EN EN12311	N/mm2	>MLV	22
	Tensile Strength - CD	EN EN12311	N/mm2	>MLV	20
	Tensile Elongation - MD	EN EN12311	%	>MLV	799
	Tensile Elongation - CD	EN EN12311	%	>MLV	848
	Joint Strength	EN12317-2	N	>MLV	515
	Watertightness - 2kPa	EN 1928	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
	Resistance to impact	EN 12691	mm	>=MLV	600
	Resistance to static loading	EN 12730	kg	MLV	Pass-20
	Resistance to Nail tear - MD	EN 12310-1	N	>=MLV	705
	Resistance to Nail tear - CD	EN 12310-1	N	>=MLV	745
	Durability-Heat ageing	EN 1296	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
	Durability-Chemical resistance	EN 1847	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
	Resistance to Low temperature	EN 495-5		MDV	Pass at - 40oC
	Water vapour transmission - resistance	EN 1931	MNs/g	MDV	1171
	Water vapour permeability	EN 1932		MDV	0.11
	Reaction to Fire	EN 13501-1	Class	MDV	F
	Diesel Permeability	ISO 6179		MDV	0.4
	Petrol Permeability	ISO 6179		MDV	8.6
	Xylene Permeability	ISO 6179		MDV	14.6
	Toluene Permeability	ISO 6179		MDV	23
	Chemical Resistance - Acids	EN 14414-A	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
	Chemical Resistance - Alkalies	EN 14414-B	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
	Chemical Resistance - Organic Solvents	EN 14414-C	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
	Chemical Resistance - Visual Defects	EN 14414	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
	Resistance to Leaching - Hot Water	EN 14415-A	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
	Resistance to Leaching - Aqueous alkaline liquids	EN 14415-B	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
	Resistance to Leaching - Organic alcohols	EN 14415-C	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
	Resistance to Leaching - Visual Defects	EN 14415-A	-	Yes/No	No



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Visqueen Building Products

Visqueen is the market leader in the manufacture and supply of structural waterproofing and gas protection systems. Visqueen offers the complete package - a proven, reliable range backed by a technical support service that goes unmatched in the market - everything you would expect from a reputable and ethical company.

System Accessories

To ensure full waterproofing protection please use the following certified system components:

- Visqueen High Performance (HP) Tanking Primer
- Visqueen TreadGUARD1500
- Visqueen Protect&Drain
- Visqueen Top Hat Unit

Downloads Library

- Technical Datasheet
- Declaration of Performance
- Visqueen's Guide to CE Marking

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- Specification advice
- Installation guidance & project sign off
- System design including CAD details

