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Product Sheet 1

LIGNOFOL DAMP-PROOF MEMBRANE

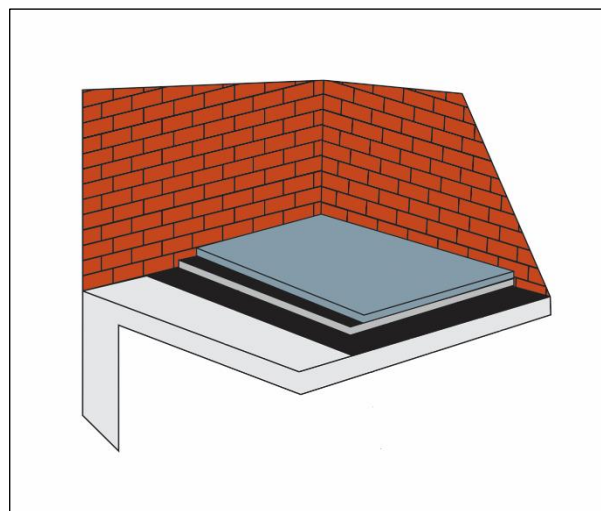
LIGNOFOL 250, 300, AND 500 DAMP-PROOF MEMBRANES

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to Lignofol 250, 300, and 500 Damp-Proof Membranes, polyethylene film membranes for use in solid concrete ground floors not subject to hydrostatic pressure, to protect buildings against moisture from the ground.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Resistance to water and water vapour — the membranes, including joints, will resist the passage of moisture into the structure (see section 6).

Resistance to puncture — the membranes have a high resistance to puncture and on a smooth or blinded surface will not be damaged by foot or site traffic (see section 7).

Durability — under normal service conditions, the membranes will provide an effective barrier to the transmission of moisture for the life of the structure in which they are incorporated (see section 10).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the products described herein. These products have been assessed by the BBA as being fit for their intended use provided they are installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, Lignofol 250, 300, and 500 Damp-Proof Membranes, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

Requirement:	C2(a)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:		The membranes, including joints, will enable a floor to satisfy this Requirement. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	7(1)	Materials and workmanship
Comment:		The membranes are acceptable. See section 10.1 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)	Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials
Comment:		The membranes satisfy the requirements of this Regulation. See section 10.1 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	9	Building standards applicable to construction
Standard:	3.4	Moisture from the ground
Comment:		The membranes, including joints, will enable a floor to satisfy the requirements of this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.4.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 3.4.2 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 3.4.4 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ to 3.4.6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 6 of this Certificate.
Standard:	7.1(a)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:		The membranes can contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, and therefore will contribute to construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.
Regulation:	12	Building standards applicable to conversions
Comment:		Comments made in relation to the products under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and Schedule 6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ .

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).
(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

Regulation:	23(a)(i)	Fitness of materials and workmanship
Comment:	(iii)(b)(i)	The membranes are acceptable. See section 10.1 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	28(a)	Resistance to moisture and weather
Comment:		The membranes, including joints, will enable a floor to satisfy the requirements of this Regulation. See section 6 of this Certificate.

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: 1 *Description* (1.2) of this Certificate.

Additional Information

NHBC Standards 2021

In the opinion of the BBA, Lignofol 250, 300, and 500 Damp-Proof Membranes, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 5.1 *Substructure and ground bearing floors*, Clause 5.1.20 *Damp-proof concrete floors*

CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the products in accordance with harmonised European Standard EN 13967 : 2012.

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 Lignofol 250, 300, and 500 Damp-Proof Membranes consist of a polyethylene film available in black or blue colours.

1.2 The nominal characteristics of the membranes are given in Table 1.

Characteristic (unit)	Lignofol 250	Lignofol 300	Lignofol 500
Thickness (μm)	250	300	500
Width (m)	2-12	2-12	2-12
Roll length (m)	15-50	15-50	12.5-50
Mass per unit area ($\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$)	230	275	535
Tensile strength (N per 50 mm)			
MD	>100	>100	>100
CD	>80	>80	>80
Elongation(%)			
MD	>350	>350	>350
CD	>350	>350	>350
Water vapour resistance ($\text{m}^2\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{Pa}$) kg^{-1}	>1,2 x 10 ¹¹	>1,2 x 10 ¹¹	>1,2 x 10 ¹¹
Watertightness (2 kPa)	Pass	Pass	Pass
Nail tear (N)			
MD	160	>160	>160
CD	155	>155	>155

1.3 Joint tape, a non-hardening, permanently flexible synthetic rubber sealant tape, is used for joining the membranes.

1.4 Girth tape, a non-hardening, permanently flexible synthetic adhesive sealant tape, is used for joining the membranes.

2 Manufacture

2.1 The membranes are manufactured from granulated polyethylene, by heating and an extrusion blow moulding process. The blown base film is inflated with compressed air to obtain the desired diameter of a film-collapsing frame.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management system of the manufacturer has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of EN ISO 9001 : 2015 by TUV Rheinland (Certificate 0198 100 00943).

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 Rolls are wound as multi-fold onto cardboard tubes and wrapped individually in polythene film. Each roll bears a product description label and details of the product's Declaration of Performance to EN 13967 : 2012.

3.2 The membranes should be stored under cover and protected from sunlight.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Lignofol 250, 300, and 500 Damp-Proof Membranes.

Design Considerations

4 Use

4.1 Lignofol 250, 300 and 500 Damp-Proof Membranes are suitable for use in solid concrete ground floors not subject to hydrostatic pressure, in accordance with the relevant clauses of CP 102 : 1973.

4.2 The membranes can be installed:

- as oversite membranes, between a blinded hardcore bed and the base concrete slab
- as sandwich membranes in a base concrete slab
- between the base concrete slab and the screed.

4.3 The membranes will remain flexible at temperatures likely to occur in practice.

5 Practicability of installation

The membranes are designed to be installed by a competent general builder, or a contractor, experienced with this type of product.

6 Resistance to water and water vapour



6.1 The product, including joints, provide an effective barrier to the passage of liquid moisture from the ground.

6.2 When installed in accordance with the documents supporting the national Building Regulations, the 300 and 500 μm membranes comply with the minimum required sheet thickness detailed in the Building Regulations for

Scotland. The 250 µm membrane additionally complies with the minimum sheet thickness detailed in the Building Regulations for Scotland.

7 Resistance to puncture

On smooth or blinded surfaces, the membrane will not be damaged by normal foot or site traffic (eg wheelbarrows), but care must be taken to avoid damage during installation, particularly when handling building materials and equipment over the surface and when placing concrete or screeds.

8 Underfloor heating

When used in accordance with this Certificate, there will be no adverse effect on the membrane under normal operating conditions. However, the Certificate holder's advice should be sought in this respect.

9 Maintenance

As the membrane is confined and has suitable durability, maintenance is not required. However, any damage occurring during installation must be repaired prior to overlaying with concrete (see section 14).

10 Durability



10.1 When subject to normal conditions of use, the membranes will provide an effective barrier to the transmission of moisture for the life of the concrete slab in which they are installed.

10.2 Long periods of exposure to UV light will reduce the effectiveness of the membranes. The membranes should be protected from such exposure during storage and installation.

11 Reuse and recyclability

The membranes comprise polyethylene which can be recycled.

Installation

12 General

12.1 Installation of Lignofol 250, 300 and 500 Damp-Proof Membranes should be in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions; CP 102 : 1973, Clause 11; the relevant clauses of BS 8000-0 : 2014 and BS 8000-4 : 1989; and this Certificate.

12.2 The membranes must be kept clean and free from dirt and grease.

12.3 Unless the base is smooth, a surface blinding of soft sand (or similar material) should be used to prevent puncturing during installation or when the concrete or screed is being placed.

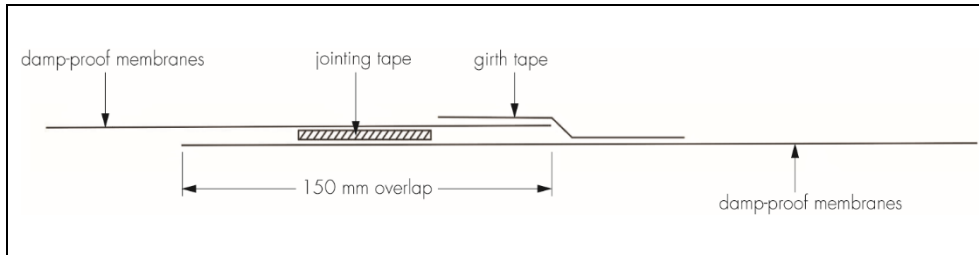
12.4 The membranes can be installed in all conditions normal to ground-floor slab construction. Where there is a risk of the ground becoming waterlogged, sub-soil drainage must be provided in accordance with CP 102 : 1973.

12.5 The type of floor finish to be used may limit the suitability of polyethylene damp-proof membranes (dpms); the guidance given in CP 102 : 1973 should be followed.

13 Procedure

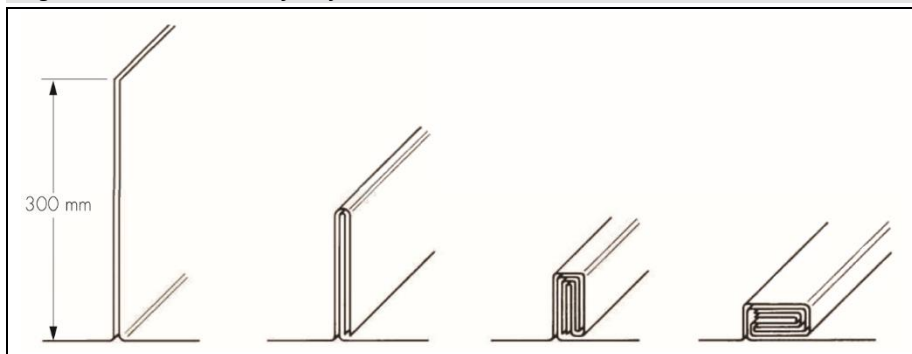
13.1 Adjacent sheets should be overlapped by at least 150 mm, and should be bound with jointing tape and sealed with 100 mm wide girth tape (see Figure 1).

Figure 1 Lap joints



13.2 The dpm must be continuous and linked in with the damp-proof course (dpc) in the surrounding walls. Where necessary, the products should be used as a vertical dpc to link the two. The dpm and dpc joint must be overlapped by a minimum of 150 mm and sealed with an appropriate jointing tape and girth tape. Where there is doubt about the compatibility of materials, the advice of the Certificate holder should be sought.

Figure 2 Double-welted fold joint



13.3 Alternatively, when it is not possible to keep the membrane dry, a double-welted fold should be formed using at least 300 mm of the membrane (see Figure 2). The dpm must be continuous with the dpc in the surrounding walls. Where necessary, the membrane should be used as a vertical dpc to link the two. It is essential that the fold is held in position prior to placing the concrete, eg by weighting with bricks.

13.4 50mm minimum thickness of screed is recommended and when reinforced concrete is to be laid over the product the wire reinforcement and spacers must be prevented from contacting the membrane.

13.5 The membranes must be covered with a screed or other protective layer as soon as possible after installation. Care should be taken to ensure that the membranes are not stretched or displaced and to avoid the creation of areas of unsupported membrane when placing the concrete or screed, for example at internal angles.

14 Repair

Perforations or punctures in the membranes must be patched with Lignofol membranes of identical thickness, lapped at least 150 mm beyond the limits of the puncture, and bound with jointing tape and sealed with 100 mm wide girth tape (see Figure 1).

Technical Investigations

15 Tests

15.1 Tests were carried out on Lignofol 250, 300 and 500 Damp-Proof Membranes and the results assessed to determine:

- thickness and mass per unit area
- low temperature flexibility
- tear strength (trouser tear method)
- tensile strength and elongation
- resistance to leakage at joints
- dimensional stability

- visual inspection for defects
- resistance to dart impact.

15.2 An assessment was made of existing test data for the Lignofol 250 Damp-Proof Membrane to determine:

- watertightness
- tensile properties
- tensile strength and elongation
- resistance to tearing (nail shank)
- shear resistance of joints
- resistance to impact
- resistance to static loading
- resistance to alkali
- watertightness after alkaline ageing and artificial ageing
- water vapour transmission.

16 Investigations

The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

Bibliography

BS 8000-0 : 2014 *Workmanship on construction sites — Introduction and general principles*

BS 8000-4 : 1989 *Workmanship on building sites — Code of practice for waterproofing*

EN 13967 : 2012 + A1 : 2017 *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Plastic and rubber damp proof sheets including plastic and rubber basement tanking sheet — Definitions and characteristics*

EN ISO 9001 : 2015 *Quality management systems — Requirements*

CP 102 : 1973 *Code of practice for protection of buildings against water from the ground*

17 Conditions

17.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page – no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
- has to be read, considered and used as a whole document – it may be misleading and will be incomplete to be selective
- is copyright of the BBA
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17.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:

- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

17.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

17.5 In issuing this Certificate the BBA is not responsible and is excluded from any liability to any company, firm, organisation or person, for any matters arising directly or indirectly from:

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- any works and constructions in which the product/system is installed, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any loss or damage, including personal injury, howsoever caused by the product/system, including its manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal
- any claims by the manufacturer relating to CE marking.

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