

TPO Reinforced Membrane



Overview

WeatherBond PRO TPO membrane is a premium heat-weldable single-ply thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO) sheet designed for new roof construction and re-roofing applications.

WeatherBond PRO TPO membrane is based on advanced polymerization technology that combines the flexibility of ethylene-propylene (EP) rubber with the heat weldability of polypropylene. All WeatherBond PRO TPO membranes include an industry-leading, state-of-the-art weathering package, which enables WeatherBond PRO TPO to withstand extreme weatherability testing intended to simulate exposure to severe climates.

Physical properties of the membrane are enhanced by a strong polyester fabric that is encapsulated between the TPO-based top and bottom plies. The combination of the fabric and TPO plies provides WeatherBond PRO TPO reinforced membranes with high breaking strength, tearing strength and puncture resistance. The relatively smooth surface of the membrane produces a total surface fusion weld that creates a consistent, watertight monolithic roof assembly. The membrane is environmentally friendly and safe to install.

WeatherBond PRO TPO is highly reflective, white in color and available in 45-mil, 60-mil and 80-mil thicknesses. Available widths are 4-, 5- and 6-ft perimeter sheets and 8-, 10- and 12-ft field sheets.

WeatherBond's white TPO membrane can contribute toward LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) credits and is also ENERGY STAR®*** qualified and California Title 24 compliant.

Features and Benefits

- Outstanding puncture resistance
- Chlorine-free with no halogenated flame retardants
- Plasticizer-free; does not contain liquid or polymeric plasticizers
- Excellent low temperature impact resistance
- Excellent chemical resistance to acids, bases and restaurant exhaust emissions
- Exceptional resistance to heat, solar UV, ozone and oxidation
- Low water vapor permeance and water absorption
- Hot-melt extrusion processed for complete scrim encapsulation
- Warp-knitted fabric (not woven) for smooth surface and greater thickness over scrim
- WeatherBond PRO TPO is 100% recyclable

Installation

WeatherBond PRO TPO Roofing Systems are quick to install as minimal labor and few components are required. The systems may be installed with laborsaving devices that make sheet welding fast, clean, consistent and easy to learn, while reducing strain on the roofing technician.

Mechanically Attached Roofing System installation starts with the insulation fastened with a minimum of 5 fasteners per 4 by 8 ft. board. The WeatherBond PRO TPO membrane is mechanically fastened to the deck using HPWX Fasteners and Plates. Adjoining sheets of WeatherBond PRO TPO membrane are overlapped over fasteners and plates and joined together with a minimum 1½" (4 cm) wide hot-air weld.

Fully Ahered Roofing System application begins with the insulation fastened at the required density (max. 1 every 2 sq. ft.) necessary to resist the appropriate wind load. The substrate and membrane are coated with an approved WeatherBond TPO Bonding Adhesive and the membrane is rolled into place.

REVIEW CURRENT WEATHERBOND SPECIFICATIONS AND INSTALLATION GUIDE FOR SPECIFIC INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS.

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Precautions

- Sunglasses that filter out ultraviolet light are strongly recommended as white surfaces are highly reflective. Roofing technicians should dress appropriately and wear sunscreen to protect skin.
- Surfaces may become slippery due to frost and ice buildup. Exercise caution during cold conditions to prevent falls.
- Care must be exercised when working close to a roof edge when surrounding area is snow-covered as the roof edge may not be clearly visible.
- Use proper stacking procedures to ensure sufficient stability of the rolls.
- Exercise caution when walking on wet membrane. Membranes may be slippery when wet.
- Store WeatherBond PRO TPO membrane in the original undisturbed plastic wrap in a cool, shaded area and cover with light-colored, breathable, waterproof tarpaulins. WeatherBond PRO TPO membrane that has been exposed to the weather must be prepared with Weathered Membrane Cleaner prior to hot-air welding.

Typical Properties and Characteristics

Physical Property	ASTM D6878 Requirement	45-mil	60-mil	80-mil
Tolerance on nominal thickness, % ASTM D751 test method	+15, -10	± 10	± 10	± 10
Thickness over scrim, in. (mm) ASTM D6878 optical method, average of 3 areas	0.015 min (0.381)	0.018 typ (0.457)	0.024 typ (0.610)	0.034 typ (0.864)
Breaking strength, lbf (kN) ASTM D751 grab method	220 (976 N) min	225 (1.0) min 320 (1.4) typ	250 (1.1) min 360 (1.6) typ	350 (1.6) min 425 (1.9) typ
Elongation break of reinforcement, % ASTM D751 grab method	15 min	15 min 25 typ	15 min 25 typ	15 min 25 typ
Tearing strength, lbf (N) ASTM D751 proc. B 8 in. x 8 in.	55 (245) min	55 (245) min 130 (578) typ	55 (245) min 130 (578) typ	55 (245) min 130 (578) typ
Brittleness point, °F (°C) ASTM D2137	-40 (-40) max	-40 (-40) max -50 (-46) typ	-40 (-40) max -50 (-46) typ	-40 (-40) max -50 (-46) typ
Linear dimensional change, % ASTM D1204, 6 hours at 158°F	± 1 max	± 1 max -0.2 typ	± 1 max -0.2 typ	± 1 max -0.2 typ
Ozone Resistance, no cracks 7X ASTM D1149, 100 pphm, 168 hrs	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS
Water absorption resistance, mass % ASTM D471 top surface only 166 hours at 158°F water	± 3.0 max	± 3.0 max 2.0 typ	± 3.0 max 2.0 typ	± 3.0 max 2.0 typ
Factory seam strength, lbf/in (kN/m) ASTM D751 grab method	66 (290) min	66 (290) min	66 (290) min	66 (290) min
Field seam strength, lbf/in (kN/m) ASTM D1876 tested in peel	No requirement	25 (4.4) min 50 (8.8) typ	25 (4.4) min 60 (10.5) typ	40 (7.0) min 70 (12.3) typ
Water vapor permeance, perms ASTM E96 proc. B	No requirement	0.10 max 0.05 typ	0.10 max 0.05 typ	0.10 max 0.05 typ
Puncture resistance, lbf (kN) FTM 101C, method 2031 (see supplemental section)	No requirement	250 (1.1) min 325 (1.4) typ	300 (1.3) min 350 (1.6) typ	400 (1.8) min 450 (2.0) typ
Properties after heat aging ASTM D573, 32 weeks @ 240°F				
Breaking strength, % retained	90 min	90 min	90 min	90 min
Elongation reinf., % retained	90 min	90 min	90 min	90 min
Tearing Strength, % retained	60 min	60 min	60 min	60 min
Weight change, %	± 1.0 max	± 1.0 max	± 1.0 max	± 1.0 max
Typical Weights		0.23 lb/ft ² (1.1 kg/m ²)	0.29 (1.4)	0.40 (2.0)

Typical properties and characteristics are based on samples tested and are not guaranteed for all samples of this product. This data and information is intended as a guide and does not reflect the specification range for any particular property of this product.

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Extreme Testing for Severe Climates

ASTM Standard D6878 is the material specification for Thermoplastic Polyolefin Based Sheet Roofing. It covers material property requirements for TPO roof sheet and includes initial and aged properties after heat and xenon-arc exposure. As stated in the scope of the standard, "the tests and property limits used to characterize the sheet are values intended to ensure minimum quality for the intended purpose." WeatherBond's goal is to produce TPO that ensures maximum performance for the intended purpose of roofing membranes. Maximum performance requires the membrane to far exceed the requirements of ASTM D6878. For severe climates like Miami, FL and Phoenix, AZ, EXTREME testing is required.

Heat Aging accelerates the oxidation rate that roughly doubles for each 10°C (18°F) increase in roof membrane temperature. Oxidation (reaction with oxygen) is one of the primary chemical degradation mechanisms of roofing materials.

		ASTM Requirement	WeatherBond PRO TPO Requirement
ASTM TEST	240°F	32 weeks	52 weeks [†]
WeatherBond Extreme Test	275°F	N/A	13 weeks

[†]Comparable to 1,024 weeks (20 yrs) at 185°F for 6 hrs/day.

- Test specimen is 1" by 4" piece of 45-mil membrane unbacked, placed in a circulating hot-air oven.
- Criterion - no visible cracks after bending aged test specimen around ¼"-diameter mandrel.

Xenon-Arc exposes the membrane samples to the combined effect of ultraviolet, visible and infrared radiation as well as ozone, heat and water spray, to greatly accelerate the effects of outdoor weathering. The radiation dose is measured in kilojoules per square meter (kJ/m²) at 340 nm machine UV wavelength. The irradiance power of the xenon-arc lamp is measured in Watts per square meter (W/m²).

ASTM TEST	ASTM D6878 REQUIREMENT	WeatherBond PRO TPO Results		
		45-MIL	60-MIL	80-MIL
kJ/m ² at 340 nm	10,080	17,640	20,160	27,720

- Test specimen is 2¾" by 5½" piece of membrane, unbacked, weathering side facing arc lamp.
- Criterion – no visible cracks viewed under 10x magnification while wrapped around 3"- diameter mandrel.

Environmental Cycling subjects the membrane to repeated cycles of heat aging, hot-water immersion or acid fog followed by xenon-arc exposure. The acid fog accelerates acid etching that may occur from acid rain if the roof membrane is not resistant to acidic conditions.

- ASTM requirement - none
- WeatherBond EXTREME test^{††}:
 - 10 days heat aging at 240°F (116°C) followed by
 - 5 days water immersion at 158°F (70°C) or with another specimen set
 - 5 eight-hour cycles in Kesternich sulfur dioxide chamber (sulfurous acid fog) followed by
 - 5040 kJ/m² (2000 hrs at 0.70 W/m² irradiance) xenon-arc exposure

^{††} Test specimen is 2.75" by 5.5" piece of membrane with edges sealed.

^{††} Criterion - after 3 complete cycles, test specimens shall remain flexible and not have any cracking under 10x magnification while wrapped around a 3"-diameter mandrel.

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Supplemental Approvals, Statements and Characteristics:

- WeatherBond PRO TPO meets or exceeds the requirements of ASTM D6878 Standard Specification for Thermoplastic Polyolefin Based Sheet Roofing.

Radiative Properties for ENERGY STAR, Cool Roof Rating Council (CRRC) & LEED®

	Test Method	White TPO	Tan TPO	Gray TPO
ENERGY STAR initial solar reflectance	Solar Spectrum Reflectometer	0.79	0.71	N/A
ENERGY STAR initial solar reflectance after 3 years	Solar Spectrum Reflectometer (after cleaning)	0.70	0.64	N/A
CRRC initial solar reflectance	ASTM C1549	0.79	0.71	0.46
CRRC solar reflectance after 3 years	ASTM C1549 (uncleaned)	0.70	0.64	0.43
CRRC initial thermal emittance	ASTM C1371	0.90	0.86	0.89
CRRC thermal emittance after 3 years	ASTM C1371 (uncleaned)	0.86	0.87	0.88
LEED thermal emittance	ASTM E408	0.95	0.95	0.95
Solar Reflectance Index (SRI)	ASTM E1980	99	88	53

Solar Reflectance Index (SRI) is calculated per ASTM E1980. The SRI is a measure of the roof's ability to reject solar heat, as shown by a small temperature rise. It is defined so that a standard black (reflectance 0.05, emittance 0.90) is 0 and a standard white (reflectance 0.80, emittance 0.90) is 100. Materials with the highest SRI values are the coolest choices for roofing. Due to the way SRI is defined, particularly hot materials can even take slightly negative values and particularly cool materials can even exceed 100.

- WeatherBond PRO TPO membranes conform to requirements of the U.S.E.P.A. **Toxic Leachate Test** (40 CFR part 136) performed by an independent analytical laboratory.
- WeatherBond PRO TPO reinforced membrane was tested for **dynamic puncture** resistance per ASTM D5635-04 using the most recently modified impact head. 45-mil was watertight after 12.5 J (9.2 ft-lbf). The 80-mil product was watertight after an impact energy of 30.0 J (22.1 ft-lbf).

LEED® Information

Pre-consumer Recycled Content	10%
Post-consumer Recycled Content	0%
Manufacturing Location(s)	Senatobia, MS Tooele, UT
Solar Reflective Index	White: 99 Tan: 88 Gray: 53