

SPECIFICATION

**GEOFLEX<sup>®</sup>**

# Tear Off and Replacement

POLYISOBUTYLENE SINGLE PLY MEMBRANE

## NOTES TO SPECIFIER

**SPECIFIED SYSTEM:** This section is a “narrow scope section” specifying a GEOFLEX<sup>®</sup> Polyisobutylene roofing system manufactured by Republic Powdered Metals. Utilize this section specifically for a polyisobutylene system with or without rigid roof insulation, including a complete tear-off of existing roofing and insulation. This specific system is adhered using cold adhesive or a fifty (50) percent hot asphalt application.

Additional “narrow scope sections” are available from Republic Powdered Metals, which suit other specific material systems and construction conditions.

### Selection And Editing Requirements:

**EDITING:** Since this “narrow scope section” has been specifically written for one (1) type of installation, the section requires only minor editing. Additional notes to the specifier that follow identify such specific editing requirements. In the event additional material components or accessories are required, consult the manufacturer prior to adding specific information to the section.

**TITLE:** Use the specific section and number title as stated, which is in accordance with the CSI Masterformat.

**1.01 – RELATED SECTIONS:** Add or delete references to specific sections as necessary to suit project manual contents.

**1.03 – CONFORMANCE STANDARDS:** Select appropriate wind resistance requirements, either “I-60” or “I-90” and UL Class A, B or C. Republic recommends perimeter metal gauge and attachment that conforms to FM 1-49.

**1.10 – WARRANTY:** Select appropriate warranty option.

**2.01 – ROOF INSULATION:** Specific substrate and project conditions determine the type and thickness of insulation required. Consult with manufacturer for approved insulations.

**2.03 – ADHESIVE FOR MEMBRANE:** Select GEOTAC Adhesive, GEOBOND Adhesive or hot asphalt.

**3.02 – SUBSTRATE PREPARATION:** Unique solutions may be necessary to suit and modify existing roofing and deck systems. Consult with manufacturer for approved methods.

**3.03 – ROOF INSULATION:** Specify installation method either utilizing Republic Insulation Adhesive, hot asphalt or a mechanically fastened system depending on the condition of the existing roofing system and as recommended by the manufacturer.

**3.05 – INSTALLATION OF ROOFING MEMBRANE:** Select GEOTAC Adhesive, GEOBOND Adhesive or hot asphalt.

### Drawing Coordination:

**MANUFACTURER’S RECOMMENDED STANDARD DETAILS:** Republic Powdered Metals will provide standard recommended details for use by the design professional, either in hard copy or CAD electronic media. Utilize and edit such details as required to suit specific project criteria.

**END OF NOTES TO SPECIFIER**

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## PART 1 – GENERAL

### 1.01 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 07620 – Sheet Metal Flashing and Trim.
- B. Section 07710 – Prefabricated Roof Specialties.
- C. Section 07720 – Roof Accessories.
- D. Section 07920 – Sealants and Caulking.

### 1.02 REFERENCES

- A. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).
  - 1. ASTM D 312 “Standard Specification for Asphalt Used in Roofing.”
  - 2. ASTM D 92 “Flash and Fire Points by Cleveland Open Cup.”

### 1.03 CONFORMANCE STANDARDS

- A. Factory Mutual (FM).
  - 1. Fire Rating: “Class 1.”
  - 2. Wind Resistance: [“I-60”] and [“I-90”].
- B. Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
  - 1. Fire Rating: “Class [A] [B] or [C].”

### 1.04 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Certify approval of applicator in the form of an affidavit written and submitted by the manufacturer.
- B. Provide on-site instruction and inspection by the manufacturer’s Technical Service Department.
- C. Upon completion, provide an inspection by the manufacturer to assure installation is in accordance with manufacturer’s requirements.

### 1.05 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit eleven (11) inch by eight and one-half (8 1/2) inch samples of roofing membrane and accessories, with manufacturer’s identification labels attached.
- B. Submit manufacturer’s application manual, which completely describes the preparation of surfaces and application of specified materials.
- C. Submit shop drawings showing details, fabrication and fastening devices for each condition encountered.
- D. Submit test data illustrating compliance with each conformance standard and criteria listed.

### 1.06 PRE-INSTALLATION CONFERENCE

- A. Prior to ordering materials and commencing roofing, conduct a pre-installation conference to discuss the specified roofing system and its proper application. Notify the manufacturer’s representative when the prerooting conference is scheduled.

### 1.07 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Deliver roofing materials, insulation, and accessories in manufacturer’s original protective containers with labels intact and legible. Comply with manufacturer’s published instructions for storage and handling.
- B. Store materials on clean, raised platforms with securely anchored weather protective covering.
- C. Store flammable products away from sparks or open flames.

### 1.08 ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Proceed with elastomeric sheet roofing work only when weather conditions comply with manufacturer’s recommendations. Do not exceed temperature limitations recommended by roofing manufacturer.

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- B. Do not apply roofing membrane during inclement or windy weather with ambient temperatures below 40°F and falling. During cold weather conditions, the temperature/humidity ratio must be at least 5°F above the dew point of ambient air and rising.
- C. Prior to application of elastomeric sheet roofing, provide clean surfaces, free from moisture.

## 1.09 PROTECTION AND COORDINATION

- A. Owner will occupy the premises during the entire period of the roof removal and replacement. Cooperate with Owner's Representative during construction operations to minimize conflict, and to facilitate continued use of the facility.
- B. Coordinate scheduling with the Owner in order to relocate or protect the building occupants and to protect the building contents from damage during construction operations.
- C. Protect roof deck, insulation and existing roofing from moisture by providing water cut-offs at the end of each day's work or when the weather is threatening. Failure to protect the deck and roofing from moisture will result in the removal of damaged materials or materials containing excessive moisture. Remove water cut-offs prior to start of new work.
- D. Protect building and adjacent surfaces from bitumen spillage.
- E. Do not permit traffic or material storage on completed roof surfaces. When unavoidable, provide walktreads or insulation boards.

## 1.10 WARRANTY

- A. Provide manufacturer's standard ten (10) year material warranty.
- B. Provide manufacturer's standard ten (10) year warranty covering materials and labor.
- C. Provide manufacturer's fifteen (15) year warranty covering materials and labor.
- D. Provide manufacturer's standard twenty (20) year warranty covering materials and labor. Must be 100 mil GEOFLEX PIB membrane adhered with GEOTAC or GEOBOND FIELD Adhesive.

## PART 2 – PRODUCTS

### 2.01 ROOF INSULATION

- A. See the current edition of Factory Mutual and Underwriters' Laboratory for approved insulation combination.
- B. Approved Base sheets

### 2.02 ROOFING MEMBRANE AND ACCESSORIES

- A. Approved manufacturer: Republic Powdered Metals, Inc.
- B. Roof membrane: GEOFLEX<sup>®</sup> PIB Polyisobutylene
  - 1. Color: White.
  - 2. Composition: Reinforced with a non-woven synthetic fleece backing and produced with a prefabricated sealing edge; single or double sealing edge as required.
  - 3. Weight: Approximately zero point five four (0.54 ± .02) pounds per square foot.
- C. Flashing membrane
  - 1. Material: Polyisobutylene.
  - 2. Composition: Reinforced with a non-woven synthetic fleece backing and produced with a prefabricated sealing edge; single or double sealing edge as required.
- D. Tape
  - 1. Self-sealing covering tape with removable release paper.
- E. Paste
  - 1. Material: Gun grade polyisobutylene.

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## F. Solvent

1. Manufacturer's recommended solvent for cleaning membrane under self-sealing edge and for welding non-reinforced polyisobutylene surfaces.

## G. Adhesive

1. GEOTAC Adhesive for adhering reinforced membrane to base ply, insulation substrates and vertical surfaces up to counterflashing conditions.
2. GEOBOND FIELD Adhesive for use in VOC regulated areas for adhering reinforced membrane to base ply and insulation substrates only.
3. GEOBOND CONTACT FLASHING Adhesive for use in VOC regulated areas for adhering reinforced membrane to vertical surfaces only up to counterflashing conditions.

## H. Primer

1. Manufacturer's recommended primer for adhering self-sealing edge to metal, concrete, masonry or other materials.

## I. Backer rod

1. Extruded closed cell polyurethane foam rod for use with elastomeric sheet roofing.

## J. Pan fill

1. Pourable elastic filler for pitch pans.

## K. Walkway tread

1. Geoflex 28" D Sheet.
2. Republic Single Ply Primer / Solargard Ultra.

## L. Surface mounted reglet.

1. GEOREGLET - Per manufacturer's recommendations.

## 2.03 ADHESIVE FOR MEMBRANE INSTALLATION

- A. GEOTAC Adhesive or GEOBOND FIELD Adhesive applied with GEO-KART applicator, or hot asphalt.
- B. Roofing Asphalt Conformance criteria: ASTM D 312, Type III or IV.
- C. Use only that asphalt, which has all of the following information printed on the asphalt packages or on the bills of lading covering bulk asphalt.
  1. Softening point range. The temperature ranges of the asphalt determined in accordance with ASTM D 312 and ASTM D 36.
  2. Flash point: The flash point of the asphalt as determined by ASTM D 92.
  3. Equiviscous temperature range. The temperature range, plus or minus twenty-five (25) degrees Fahrenheit, at which a viscosity of one hundred twenty-five (125) centistokes is attained.
  4. Finishing blowing temperature: The temperature at which the blowing of the asphalt has been completed.

## PART 3 – EXECUTION

### 3.01 EXAMINATION

- A. Prior to removal of existing roofing and insulation, conduct a detailed inspection of the supporting structure. Notify the Owner of deficient construction or hazardous conditions to be rectified. Do not commence construction until such conditions are corrected.
- B. Verify suitability of existing roof openings, pipes, curbs, sleeves, ducts, vents, drains and other penetrations.
- C. Verify proper securement of existing or roof mounted equipment, with fastening devices flush with surfaces.

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## 3.02 REMOVALS

- A. Remove entire existing roof system, including aggregates, roofing membranes and insulation down to the supporting deck.
- B. Remove multiple roof and insulation systems down to the supporting deck in the event more than one (1) system exists.
- C. Remove only portions of the existing roofing system that can be covered by insulation and roofing during the same day, or tear-off the entire roof and dry it in completely prior to installation of the new roofing assembly. Seal new roofing system each day to protect insulation, new membrane and the structure from water penetration.

## 3.03 ROOF INSULATION / TAPERED INSULATION AND CRICKETS / DRAIN SUMPS

- A. Neatly fit insulation to all penetrations, projections, and nailers. Install tapered or feathered insulation around roof drains in such a way as to provide proper slope (maximum 3:12 pitch) for drainage.
- B. Install no more insulation than can be covered with roofing membrane and completed before the end of the day's work, or before the onset of inclement weather.
- C. Adhere insulation with Republic Insulation Adhesive, hot asphalt, or mechanically fasten per manufacturer's recommendations.
- D. SPECIAL NOTE: Insulation panels installed in hot asphalt or Insulation Adhesive shall have a maximum panel size of four (4) feet by four (4) feet.
- E. Tapered roof insulation shall be installed sloping to drains, scuppers, or edges. Furnish shop drawings showing all slopes, saddles, crickets, and drain details.
- F. Apply the tapered roof insulation to assure positive flow to roof drains, exercising care to install in proper layout.
- G. Tapered crickets and saddles shall be installed to provide a minimum ¼" per foot net slope to assure positive flow to roof drains. Widen saddles where necessary to move the valley line away from obstructions in the flow of the valley.
- H. Provide tapered edge strips along the low edge of isocyanurate saddles or crickets.
- I. **Install a minimum 48" (4ft.) tapered insulation around drain sumps to provide a smooth transition to the drain bowl. Steep or sharp sump will not be accepted.**
- J. Project conditions may require that drain bowls be raised using extensions to ensure proper sump.

## 3.04 ASPHALT

- A. Do not heat at extreme temperatures for long periods of time.
- B. Do not heat to or above the flash point as determined by ASTM D 92.
- C. Do not heat asphalt hotter than five hundred twenty-five (525) degrees Fahrenheit.
- D. Do not heat and hold above the finished blowing temperature for more than four (4) hours.
- E. Control the temperatures so that the equiviscous temperature, plus or minus twenty-five (25) degrees Fahrenheit, at the point of application attains a viscosity of one hundred twenty-five (125) centistokes = three hundred seventy-five (375) degrees Fahrenheit.

## 3.05 INSTALLATION OF ROOFING MEMBRANE SYSTEM

- A. Cut, trim, lay, lap, seal, and install in GEOTAC Adhesive, GEOBOND FIELD Adhesive or hot roofing asphalt in strict accordance with manufacturer's published instructions and as directed by the manufacturer's field service representative.
  - 1. Over deck or insulation: Apply GEOTAC Adhesive or GEOBOND FIELD Adhesive with GEO-KART or evenly cover fifty (50) percent of area with hot asphalt in a serpentine pattern at the rate of fifteen to eighteen (15–18) pounds per one hundred (100) square feet. Center serpentine equally between adjacent membrane sealing edges.

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2. At perimeter increase GEOTAC Adhesive or GEOBOND FIELD Adhesive coverage to fully adhere at a rate of 75 sq. ft. to 100 sq. ft. per gallon or increase asphalt coverage to eight-five (85) percent, a minimum of 10 ft. at all corners and perimeters.
- B. Thoroughly clean all required surfaces with solvent. Replace solvent, which has become contaminated through use.
- C. Flash all roof penetrations and projections with flashing membrane solvent welded and with self-adhesive covering tape.
- D. Flash all roof drains with GEOFLEX Drain Collars, solvent welded.
- E. Adhere base flashing conditions by using GEOTAC Adhesive or GEOBOND CONTACT FLASHING Adhesive applied to both surfaces at 50 to 60 sq. ft. per gallon.
- F. If wall height exceeds 36" (3 feet), the GEOFLEX 42" field sheet can be used for wall flashings. When running the sheets horizontally the use of cap nails every 12" or the use of a flat termination bar fastened every 12" is required to ensure wall adhesive gains sufficient "green strength." Use additional cap nails or flat bars for every additional 42" flashing sheet.
- G. Roll all side lap seams. Thoroughly check with seam probe to insure watertight integrity of the seams.

## 3.06 INSTALLATION OF WALKTREAD

- A. Install Geoflex 28" D Sheet around units, penetrations or walk areas as necessary. Adhere and make seams as with any flashing sheet, pulling the release paper and adhering to the field membrane. All details remain the same. Use PIB paste in t-joints, close the ends using 5" cover tape, etc. This method allows for a secondary protection layer over the PIB membrane, separate from the field.
- B. Apply Republic Single Ply Primer at 200-300 sq. ft. per gallon. Allow to cure and install Solargard Ultra at a rate of 24-32 wet mils (1 1/2 - 2 gallons per 100 sq. ft.), broadcasting roofing granules into the wet coating to form the required walk surface.

## END OF SECTION

### Specification Disclaimer:

This "narrow scope" specification provides general guidelines and details only regarding the installation of solely GEOFLEX materials. Republic has not been employed or retained to prepare specifications tailored to this particular project. The specifier using this "narrow scope" specification is responsible for editing or modifying the specifications to suit specific project conditions. Neither the issuance of this specification nor any information contained herein implies the acceptance by Republic of any particular roof design, installation procedure or roof component.



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