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Agrément Certificate

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Product Sheet 3

## PERMO ROOF TILE UNDERLAYS

### PERMO ECOVENT FOR USE IN COLD VENTILATED AND NON-VENTILATED WARM PITCHED ROOF SYSTEMS

#### PRODUCT SCOPE AND SUMMARY OF CERTIFICATE

This Certificate relates to Permo ecovent a roof tile underlay for use in cold ventilated and non-ventilated warm pitched roof systems.

#### AGRÉMENT 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

**Weathertightness** — when used as part of a complete roof, the product will resist the passage of water and wind-blown snow and dust into the interior of the building (see section 5).

**Risk of condensation** — the product is regarded as a low water vapour resistance (Type LR) underlay and can be used as part of a non-ventilated warm and ventilated cold roof system (see section 6).

**Wind loading** — when installed with appropriately spaced battens the product's physical properties are deemed adequate to resist the wind loads imposed on the underlay. The product will reduce the wind uplift forces acting on the roof covering (see section 7).

**Strength** — the product has adequate strength to resist the loads associated with the installation of the roof (see section 8).

**Durability** — under the normal conditions found in a roof space the product will have a service life comparable to a traditional roof tile underlay (see section 11).



The BBA has awarded this Agrément Certificate to the company named above for the product described herein. This product has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is 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, Permo ecovent, if used in accordance with the provisions of this Certificate, will meet or contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations:



## The Building Regulations 2000 (as amended) (England and Wales)

Requirement:	C2(b)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:		The product will contribute to a roof meeting this Requirement. See section 5.1 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	Regulation 7	Materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See section 11 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.



## The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)(2)	Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product can contribute to a construction satisfying this Regulation. See sections 10 and 11, and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	9	Building standards – construction
Standard:	3.10	Precipitation
Comment:		The product will contribute to a roof satisfying clauses 3.10.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 3.10.7 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> of this Standard. See section 5.1 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	12	Building standards – conversions
Comment:		All comments given for this product under Regulation 9, also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and Schedule 6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . (1) Technical Handbook (Domestic). (2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



## The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (as amended)

Regulation:	B2	Fitness of materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See section 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	B3(2)	Suitability of certain materials
Comment:		The product does not normally require maintenance. See section 11 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	C4(b)	Resistance to ground moisture and weather
Comment:		The product will contribute to a roof satisfying this Regulation. See section 5.1 of this Certificate.

### Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007

### Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, CDM co-ordinator, designer and contractors to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: 1 *Description* (1.2).

## Non-regulatory Information

### NHBC Standards 2008

NHBC accepts the use of Permo ecovent, when installed and used in accordance with this Certificate, in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 7.2 *Pitched roofs*.

### Zurich Building Guarantee Technical Manual 2007

In the opinion of the BBA, Permo ecovent, when installed and used in accordance with this Certificate, satisfies the requirements of the *Zurich Building Guarantee Technical Manual*, Section 4 *Superstructure*, Sub-section *Pitched roofs*.

## General

This Certificate relates to Permo ecovent for use in cold ventilated and non-ventilated warm pitched roof systems. The product will also prevent the ingress of wind-blown rain or snow.

## Technical Specification

### 1 Description

1.1 Permo ecovent is manufactured by heat laminating two spunbond polypropylene layers with a breathable polypropylene film in between the two layers.

1.2 The product has the nominal characteristics of:

Mass per unit area (gm <sup>-2</sup> )	103
Roll length (m)	50
Roll width (m)	1.0, 1.5
Roll weight (kg)	5.150, 7.725
Colour	grey

1.3 Klober Tacto is a double-sided adhesive tape for use in sealing lap joints in the underlay.

1.4 Other ancillary items for use with Permo ecovent include:

- Klober Underlay Support Tray — a PVC-U detail used to provide a run-off detail into gutters and protect the edge of the underlay from the effect of ultraviolet light ageing
- Klober Eaves Closer — a mesh-faced PVC-U unit acting as a barrier against intrusive pests while allowing natural air movements and moisture run-off from the batten space
- Butylon — butyl adhesive tape
- Permo Pro HD — a single-sided adhesive tape.

1.5 Quality control checks on the finished product include:

- mass per unit area
- hydrostatic head
- water vapour transmission
- tensile strength
- nail tear.

## 2 Delivery and site handling

2.1 The membrane is delivered to site in rolls wrapped in polyethylene with a label bearing the Certificate holder's name and product name. A label bearing the BBA identification mark incorporating the number of this Certificate is applied to the outer polyethylene wrapper.

2.2 The rolls should be stored on their sides, on a smooth, clean surface, under cover and protected from sunlight.

## Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Permo ecovent.

## Design Considerations

### 3 Use

Permo ecovent is satisfactory for use as fully supported or unsupported underlay in tiled and slated cold ventilated and warm pitched roofs constructed in accordance with the relevant Clauses of BS 5534 : 2003.

### 4 Practicability of installation

Installation can be carried out readily by slaters/tilers experienced with this type of installation.

### 5 Weathertightness



5.1 Tests indicate that the product will resist the passage of water and wind-blown snow and dust into the interior of a building, under all conditions to be found in a roof constructed in accordance with the relevant Clauses of BS 5534 : 2003.

5.2 The product resists penetration of liquid water and consequently may be used as a temporary waterproofing prior to the installation of slates or tiles. The period of such use should, however, be kept to a minimum. Advice should be sought from the Certificate holder (see section 16, Table for *Physical properties — general*).

### 6 Risk of condensation

6.1 For design purposes, the product's water vapour resistance may be taken as not more than 0.25 MNsg<sup>-1</sup>, and for roofs designed in accordance with BS 5534 : 2003 or BS 5250 : 2002, Section 8.4, it may be regarded as a Type LR membrane.

6.2 In common with all roofs, care must be taken in the overall design and installation to minimise the risk of water vapour coming into contact with cold parts of the construction. Factors to be considered and minimised include, moisture diffusion through the ceiling, infiltration through unsealed openings/penetrations in the ceilings and services evaporating or venting moisture into cold spaces.

6.3 The risk of condensation is highest in new-build construction during the first heating period, where there is high moisture loading due to wet trades, such as in-situ cast concrete slabs or plaster. The risk of condensation diminishes as the building naturally dries out. See *BBA Information Bulletin No 1 — Roof Tile Underlays in Cold Roofs during the Drying-out Period*.

## Ceiling and insulation horizontal (cold ventilated roof)

6.4 Roofs designed and constructed in accordance with BS 5250 : 2002 will adequately limit the risk of condensation.

## Ceiling and insulation inclined (warm roof)

6.5 For roofs with an insulated inclined ceiling, ventilation above or below the underlay will not be required provided that the passage of moisture by diffusion and by convection is controlled, eg by a vapour control layer or a continuous envelope of insulation with a high vapour resistance.

## Ceiling and insulation partially inclined (warm roof and cold non-ventilated roof)

6.6 Where an insulated ceiling only spans part of the roofline, resulting in cold roof spaces, the installation should be executed in accordance with Certificate 00/3749, Product Sheet 3.

## 7 Wind loading

7.1 Project design wind speeds should be determined and wind uplift forces calculated, in accordance with BS 6399-2 : 1997.

7.2 The product, when fully supported or draped over counter battens, has adequate resistance to wind uplift forces.

7.3 For a cold ventilated system, wind loading on the underlay should be calculated in accordance with BS 5534 : 2003, Section 5.5.2.7. For acceptable wind loads with specific batten spacings for the draped product, using a 25 mm deep tiling batten, see section 16 (Table for *Physical properties — general*).

## 8 Strength

The product will resist the normal loads associated with the installation of the roof (see section 16, Table for *Physical properties — directional*).

## 9 Properties in relation to fire

9.1 The product will melt and shrink away from heat, but will burn in the presence of a naked flame. The product is classified in accordance with EN 13501-1 : 2007 as a Class E material.

9.2 When the product is used unsupported, there is a risk that fire can spread if it is accidentally ignited during maintenance works, eg by a roofer's or plumber's torch. As with all types of underlay, care should be taken during building and maintenance to avoid the material becoming ignited.

9.3 When the product is used in a fully supported situation, the reaction to fire will be determined by the support.

## 10 Maintenance



As the product is confined to a roof space, there are no maintenance requirements. However, it must be ensured that damage occurring before enclosure is repaired (see section 14).

## 11 Durability



The product will be virtually unaffected by the normal conditions found in a roof space and will have a life comparable with that of traditional roof tile underlays, provided it is not exposed to sunlight for long periods (see section 12.4). Advice regarding exposure can be obtained from the Certificate holder.

## Installation

## 12 General

12.1 Permo ecovent must be installed and fixed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions, provisions of this Certificate and the relevant recommendations of BS 5534 : 2003 and BS 8000-6 : 1990. Installation can be carried out under all conditions normal to roofing work.

12.2 The product is installed with the printed side uppermost and lapped to shed water out and down the slope.

12.3 Overlaps must be provided with the minimum dimensions given in Table 1. Vertical laps should be staggered a minimum of 300 mm and detailed to occur along the rafter lines. All horizontal laps can be taped and sealed using a double-sided tape, if required.

Table 1 Minimum overlaps

Roof pitch (°)	Horizontal lap (mm)		Vertical laps (mm)
	Not fully supported	Fully supported	
12.5 to 14	225	150	300
15 to 34	150	150	300
35+	100	150	300

12.4 Where possible, eaves guards should be used to protect the product from sunlight and to direct water into the gutter. Klobber Underlay Support Tray is recommended for this purpose.

12.5 Hips should be covered with a 600 mm wide strip of the product.

## 13 Procedure

### Fully supported

13.1 The product may be used over sarking boards of softwood or other sarking materials as defined in BS 5534 : 2003 and installed in accordance with BS 5250 : 2002, and either with continuous insulation or insulation placed between the rafters.

13.2 The product is secured to the support with counter battens at least 25 mm thick to create drainage and vapour dispersal space<sup>(1)</sup> between the product and the tiles.

(1) This space should be ventilated in accordance with BS 5250 : 2002 when using tight-fitting roof coverings.

13.3 The counter battens are fixed with corrosion-resistant staples at a maximum of 300 mm centres coinciding with the rafters. Tiling battens are secured to the counter battens and rafters with appropriate fixings.

13.4 Care must be taken to minimise the risk of interstitial condensation as described in section 6.5 particularly for timber sarking which may be below the dew-point for extended periods during winter months.

### Unsupported

13.5 The product, when installed as an unsupported system, is fixed in the traditional method for roof tile underlays, ie draped between the rafters to allow drainage of liquid water under the tiling battens.

## 14 Repair

Damage to the product can be repaired easily prior to the installation of slates or tiles by replacing the damaged areas, by patching and sealing correctly. Care should be taken to ensure that the watertightness of the roof is maintained.

## 15 Finishing

15.1 Detailing of abutments, verges and hips must be in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.

15.2 The tiling and slating must be carried out in accordance with the relevant clauses of BS 5534 : 2003, BS 8000-6 : 1990 and the tile/slate manufacturer's instructions, especially when using tightly-jointed slates or tiles.

## Technical Investigations

## 16 Tests

16.1 Samples of Permo ecovent underlay were obtained from the Certificate holder for testing. The results of the tests carried out by the BBA and from an accredited laboratory are summarised in Tables 2 and 3.

16.2 An examination was also made of test data on the following properties:

- length
- width
- mass per unit area.

## 17 Investigations

17.1 The condensation risk in warm roof constructions incorporating the product was examined.

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

17.3 An assessment of slip resistance characteristics was carried out based on test data for a similar specification product.

*Table 2 Physical properties — directional*

Test (units)	Mean result		Method <sup>(1)</sup>
	Long <sup>(2)</sup>	Trans <sup>(3)</sup>	
Tensile strength (N per 50 mm)			DIN EN 13859-1 (100 mm min <sup>-1</sup> )
control	214	132	
aged <sup>(4)</sup>	175	116	
Elongation at break (%)			DIN EN 13859-1 (100 mm min <sup>-1</sup> )
control	73	103	
aged <sup>(4)</sup>	36	63	
Tear resistance — nail (N)	129	193	DIN EN 13859-1 (100 mm min <sup>-1</sup> )
Dimensional stability (%)	-0.9	+0.7	DIN EN 1107-1

(1) The test documents are detailed in the *Bibliography*. Numbers in the table refer to sections/parts of the various documents.

(2) Longitudinal direction.

(3) Transverse direction.

(4) Ageing in accordance with Annex C of EN 13859-1 : 2004.

*Table 3 Physical properties — general*

Test (units)	Mean result	Method <sup>(1)</sup>
Water vapour transmission at 25°C/75% RH (gm <sup>-2</sup> day <sup>-1</sup> )	1429	BS 3177
Vapour resistance (MNsg <sup>-1</sup> ) at 25°C/75% RH (gm <sup>-2</sup> day <sup>-1</sup> )	0.14	BS 3177
Resistance to water		DIN EN 13859-1
control	class W1	
aged <sup>(2)</sup>	class W1	
Low temperature flexibility (°C) <sup>(3)</sup>	≤-20	DIN EN 1109
Resistance to wind loads (kPa) <sup>(4)</sup>		MOAT 69:4.2.1
batten spacing 330 mm	0.5 <sup>(5)</sup>	
batten spacing 300 mm	0.5 <sup>(5)</sup>	
batten spacing 250 mm	1.5 <sup>(5)</sup>	
batten spacing 200 mm	2.5 <sup>(5)</sup>	

(1) The test documents are detailed in the *Bibliography*. Numbers in the table refer to sections/parts of the various documents.

(2) Ageing in accordance with Annex C of EN 13859-1 : 2004.

(3) Lowest temperature tested -20°C.

(4) Test carried out using 25 mm thick battens and a 600 mm rafter spacing.

(5) Maximum pressure achieved.

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- BS 5250 : 2002 *Code of practice for control of condensation in buildings*
- BS 5534 : 2003 *Code of practice for slating and tiling (including shingles)*
- BS 6399-2 : 1997 *Loading for buildings — Code of practice for wind loads*
- BS 8000-6 : 1990 *Workmanship on building sites — Code of practice for slating and tiling of roofs and claddings*
- DIN EN 1107-1 : 1999 *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Determination of dimension stability — Bitumen sheets for roof waterproofing*
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- EN 13859-1 : 2005 *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Definitions and characteristics of underlays — Part 1 Underlays for discontinuous roofing*
- MOAT No 69 : 2004 *UEAtc Technical Report for the Assessment of Discontinuous Roofing Underlay Systems*

## 18 Conditions

18.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is granted only to the company, firm or person named on the front page — no other company, firm or person may hold or claim any entitlement to this Certificate
- 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
- is subject to English law.

18.2 References in this Certificate to any Act of Parliament, Statutory Instrument, Directive or Regulation of the European Union, British, European or International Standard, Code of Practice, manufacturers' instructions or similar publication, are references to such publication in the form in which it was current at the date of this Certificate.

18.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and the manufacture and/or fabrication including all related and relevant 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.

18.4 In granting this Certificate, the BBA is not responsible for:

- the presence or absence of any patent, intellectual property or similar rights subsisting in the product/system or any other product/system
- the right of the Certificate holder to manufacture, supply, install, maintain or market the product/system
- individual installations of the product/system, including the nature, design, methods and workmanship of or related to the installation
- the actual works in which the product/system is installed, used and maintained, including the nature, design, methods and workmanship of such works.

18.5 Any information relating to the manufacture, supply, installation, use and maintenance of this product/system which is contained or referred to in this Certificate is the minimum required to be met when the product/system is manufactured, supplied, installed, used and maintained. It does not purport in any way to restate the requirements of the Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974, or of any other statutory, common law or other duty which may exist at the date of this Certificate; nor is conformity with such information to be taken as satisfying the requirements of the 1974 Act or of any statutory, common law or other duty of care. In granting this Certificate, the BBA does not accept responsibility to any person or body for any loss or damage, including personal injury, arising as a direct or indirect result of the manufacture, supply, installation, use and maintenance of this product/system.