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Agrément Certificate
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Product Sheet 1

MULTIVAP ROOF TILE UNDERLAYS

MULTIVAP 250 BREATHER MEMBRANE IN ENERGY-EFFICIENT NON-VENTILATED COLD PITCHED ROOF SYSTEMS

PRODUCT SCOPE AND SUMMARY OF CERTIFICATE

This Certificate relates to Multivap 250 Breather Membrane, for use in non-ventilated cold 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

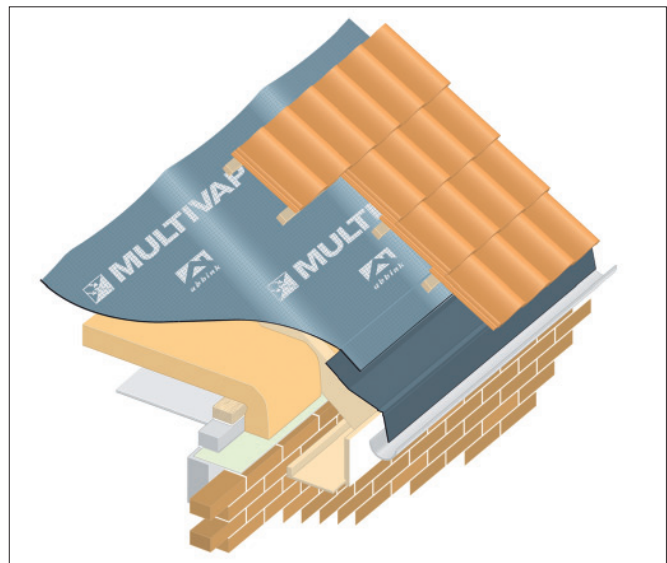
Weathertightness — as part of a complete roof, the product will resist the passage of water and wind-blown snow and dust into the interior of the building (see section 5).

Risk of condensation — the product is regarded as a low water vapour resistance (Type LR) underlay and can be used as part of a cold non-ventilated pitched roof system without specific provisions for ventilation (see section 6).

Wind loading — when installed on appropriately spaced battens the products' 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. The 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, Multivap 250 Breather Membrane, 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:	C2(c)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:		The product will contribute to a roof to meet this Requirement with respect to interstitial condensation. See sections 6.1 to 6.6 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)	Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship
Comment:		The use of the product satisfies the requirements of this Regulation. See section 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 ⁽¹⁾ and 3.10.8 ⁽¹⁾ of this Standard. See section 5.1 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.15	Condensation
Comment:		The product can enable a roof to satisfy this Standard with respect to interstitial condensation. See sections 6.1 to 6.6 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 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and Schedule 6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . (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 11 and the <i>Installation</i> part 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.
Regulation:	C5	Condensation
Comment:		The product can enable a roof to satisfy this Regulation. See sections 6.1 to 6.6 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 Multivap 250 Breather Membrane, when installed and used in accordance with this Certificate, in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 7.2 *Pitched roofs* (ie ridge or high ventilation is not required).

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 Multivap 250 Breather Membrane is a three-layer composite with outer layers of nonwoven polypropylene and a breathable film in the centre.

1.2 The product has the nominal characteristics of:

thickness (mm)	0.6
weight per unit area (g·m ⁻²)	90
roll length (m)	45 and 50
roll width (m)	1.00, 1.50
roll weight (kg)	4.0 and 6.7
colour	Dark Grey

1.3 Quality control checks are carried out on the incoming materials, during production and on the finished product. Quality control checks on the finished product include:

- weight
- tensile strength and elongation
- tear
- water penetration.

2 Delivery and site handling

2.1 Rolls of the membrane are delivered to site individually wrapped in polythene sleeves bearing the BBA identification mark incorporating the number of this Certificate. Labels bearing the manufacturer's name, product name and product code are attached to the inside of each roll core.

2.2 Rolls should be stored flat or on end on a clean, level surface and kept under cover.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Multivap 250 Breather Membrane.

Design Considerations

3 General

3.1 Multivap 250 Breather Membrane is satisfactory for use as an unsupported, vapour permeable roof tile underlay in cold-pitched roofs without conventional ventilation. The product is laid in the traditional manner, parallel to the eaves, and fixed in accordance with BS 5534 : 2003 to the rafters. The insulation, laid horizontally at ceiling level, is pressed tightly into the eaves against the underlay to ensure no gaps are present. The tiling and slating of the pitched roofs should be constructed in accordance with the relevant clauses of BS 5534 : 2003.

3.2 The product is satisfactory for use in dwellings with non-ventilated tiled or slated roofs of any conventional plan and of any size. Features⁽¹⁾ successfully assessed include:

- duo-pitched
- mono-pitched
- hipped
- mansard
- gable ends
- verges
- abutments
- valleys
- room-in-roof
- dormers
- timber sarking⁽²⁾.

(1) For roofs incorporating other features or non-conventional roof geometries or construction materials, the advice of the distributor should be sought.

(2) As Scottish practice, with slates nailed through the breather membrane directly onto timber planks (nominally 150 mm wide with a 2 mm gap) without battens.

3.3 It is important that the designers, planners contractors and/or installers ensure that the roof and ceiling are constructed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and information given in the Certificate.

3.4 The product can be installed by draping over to and securing with tiling battens, or installed taut over rafters and secured with counter battens and tiling battens.

3.5 In conventionally-ventilated roof constructions, energy loss by ventilation can account for up to 25% of the total heat lost through the roof. The non-ventilated system will substantially reduce this mechanism of heat loss.

3.6 In non-ventilated roof systems, the risk of condensation is equivalent to, or less than, that attending conventionally-ventilated cold roof systems (see section 6).

4 Practicability of installation

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

5 Weathertightness



5.1 Tests indicate that the Multivap 250 membranes 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 temporary waterproofing, prior to the installation of slates or tiles. The period of such use, however, should 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 underlay's resistance to water vapour transmission may be taken as not more than $0.15 \text{ MN}\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$. This value can be used in roof designs shown in BS 5250 : 2002, Section 8.4. For roofs designed in accordance with BS 5534 : 2003, it may be regarded as a type 'LR' membrane.

6.2 The complete roof construction, ceiling boards to roof tiles, must be considered as a total system with regard to condensation risk. It is important that the products are laid in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and this Certificate to minimise the risk of condensation.

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*.

6.4 All penetrations into and out of the roof space must be properly sealed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions which includes the use of the Certificate holder's recommended sealing tape. In addition, such features as vent stacks and boiler flues, passing through the roof space must be sealed.

6.5 It is essential to minimise water vapour transfer into the loft space from the dwelling below. Appropriate measures include:

- ventilating the dwelling below in accordance with national Building Regulations and Standards for the dispersal and rapid dilution of water vapour, particularly from rooms that may experience high humidity (such as kitchens, utility rooms and bathrooms)
- covering all water tanks in the loft space and lagging pipework
- sealing penetrations in the ceiling and making loft hatches convection-tight by using a compressible draught seal
- ensuring that there is continuity of jointing with walls (and behind wall linings) at ceiling perimeters
- ensuring that masonry wall cavities do not interconnect with roof cavities.

6.6 For additional protection, the use of a vapour control layer/vapour check plasterboard can be considered.

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 When unsupported, 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 draped product using a 25 mm deep tiling batten, see section 16, Table for *Physical properties — general*.

8 Strength

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

9 Properties in relation to fire

9.1 The product has similar properties in relation to those of traditional roof tile underlays.

9.2 When the product is used unsupported, there is a risk that fire can spread if the material is accidentally ignited during maintenance works, eg by a roofer's or plumber's torch. As with all types of sarking material, 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 the roof space, and has suitable durability (see section 11) maintenance is not required. 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 to 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.

12 General

12.1 Multivap 250 Breather Membrane must be installed and fixed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions, 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 coloured 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.

Roof pitch (°)	Horizontal lap (mm)		Vertical laps (mm)
	not fully supported	fully supported	
12.5 to 14	225	150	100
15 to 34	150	100	100
35+	100	75	100

12.4 In closed eaves construction, the use of eaves guards is recommended.

13 Procedure

Fully supported (cold roofs)

13.1 The product may be laid over timber plank sarking as described in section 3.2, footnote 2.

Fully supported (warm room-in-roofs)

13.2 The product may be used over sarking boards of softwood, C4 grade chipboard or water-resistant grade plywood, and either continuous insulation or insulation placed between the rafters.

13.3 The product is secured to the support with counter battens at least 12 mm thick to create an air space between the product and the tiles for drainage and vapour dispersal. The counter battens are fixed with corrosion-resistant staples or galvanized clout nails as appropriate. Tiling battens are secured to the counter battens and support 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 membrane, when installed as an unsupported system, is fixed in the traditional method for roof tile underlays, ie draped between the rafters.

14 Repair

Damage to the underlay can be repaired prior to the installation of slates or tiles by replacement of the damaged sheet, or for limited areas, by patching and sealing correctly. Care should be taken to ensure the weathertightness 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 It is important that the following details are maintained to achieve a convection-tight loft space (see also section 6.5).

- all pipework, electrical fittings, that penetrate the loft space must be sealed
- the loft hatch must be securely sealed to ensure draught-free fit
- the insulation must be pushed into the eaves and against the underlay to avoid gaps.

15.3 The tiling and slating must be carried out in accordance with the relevant clauses of BS 5534 : 2003 and the manufacturer's instructions, especially when using tightly jointed slates or tiles.

16 Tests

16.1 Samples of Multivap 250 Breather Membrane were obtained for testing. The result of the tests carried out by, or on behalf of, the BBA, which show typical results for the material, are summarised in Tables 2 and 3.

Table 2 Physical properties — directional

Test (units)	Mean result		Method ⁽¹⁾
	long ⁽²⁾	trans ⁽³⁾	
Tensile strength (N per 50 mm)			EN 12311-1
unaged	109	134	
UVA/heat ageing ⁽⁴⁾	150	88	
Elongation at break (%)			EN 12311-1
unaged	85	56	
UVA/heat ageing ⁽⁴⁾	45	35	
Tear resistance (nail) (N)			BS EN 12310-1
unaged	131	188	

(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) UV/heat aged at 50°C UVA/heat ageing for 90 days at 70°C ±2.

Table 3 Physical properties — general

Test (units)	Mean result	Method ⁽¹⁾
Mullen burst strength (kN·m ⁻²)	379	BS 3137
Head of water (cm)	527	BS EN 20811
Water vapour permeability at 25°C/75% RH (g·m ⁻² ·day ⁻¹)	1960	BS 3177
Vapour resistance (MN·s·g ⁻¹)	0.11	BS 3177
Resistance to water penetration		EN 1928
aged	pass	
UV/heat aged ⁽²⁾	pass	
Spray test	no leakage	MOAT 69 : 4.2.2
Resistance to wind loads (kPa)		MOAT 69 : 4.2.1
batten spacing 330 mm	0.5 ⁽³⁾	
batten spacing 300 mm	0.5 ⁽³⁾	
batten spacing 250 mm	1.5 ⁽³⁾	
batten spacing 200 mm	2.5 ⁽³⁾	

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

(2) UV/heat aged at 50°C UVA/heat ageing for 90 days at 70°C ±2.

(3) Maximum pressure achieved.

16.2 Test data relating to Multivap 350 Membrane (covered by Product Sheet 2 of this Certificate) was assessed:

- wet strength
- dimensional stability
- slip resistance.

17 Investigations

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

17.2 Using computer modelling, roofs described in section 3.2 were analysed for the risk of condensation.

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- 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*
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- EN 1928 : 2000 *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Bitumen, plastic and rubber sheets for roof waterproofing — Determination of watertightness*
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- 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 Publications and documents referred to in this Certificate are those that the BBA deems to be relevant at the date of issue or re-issue of this Certificate and include any: Act of Parliament; Statutory Instrument; Directive; Regulation; British, European or International Standard; Code of Practice; manufacturers' instructions; or any other publication or document similar or related to the aforementioned.

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.