

### A pattern-designed APP or SBS membrane that adds colorful designs to modified bitumen roofs

#### OVERVIEW

Bitec's Mineral Design is a pattern-designed, mineral surfaced modified bitumen waterproofing membrane that provide designers, specifiers and building owners the ability to add colorful designs to their modified bitumen roofs. It is composed of carefully selected asphalts and blended with high-quality polymers. Mineral Design is reinforced with a dimensionally stable polyester composite fabric. Mineral Design waterproofing membrane yields the following performance characteristics:

- Special mineral design
- Impermeable to water
- Low temperature flexibility
- UV resistance
- Excellent adhesion
- Resistant to acids and most bases
- Puncture resistant
- Excellent workability

The polyester reinforcement used in Mineral Design has isotropic mechanical properties providing the composite membrane with similar mechanical characteristics in all directions in relation to the membrane surface. The polyester fabric gives the following properties to the Mineral Design membrane:

- Dimensional stability
- Flexibility
- Puncture resistance
- Elasticity
- Mechanical strength
- Fatigue resistance
- Tear strength
- Deterioration resistance

The mineral surface protects the membrane from aging caused from heat and ultra violet light. Most mineral surfacings yield sufficiently high amounts of solar reflectivity to realize some energy savings, depending on building construction and use.

**Mineral Design APP** incorporates a smooth and even application of polyethylene film to prevent blocking of rolls and to provide a smooth, acceptable torching surface. Polyethylene film is contained on the torchable face of the roll. The polyethylene film acts as a "sight indicator" for the applicator in determining the proper flow needed to ensure

adequate bonding of plies and seams.

**Mineral Design SBS** incorporates a smooth and even application of fine sand to prevent blocking of rolls and to provide a smooth, acceptable application surface. It can be applied by using hot asphalt or by using any Bitec-approved elastomeric cold-process adhesive. (When using cold adhesives, always follow the specific adhesive manufacturer's installation specifications.)

#### PACKAGING

Palletized units contain 20 rolls of Mineral Design™ waterproofing membrane. Each unit is shrink wrapped in a special polyethylene bag for stability. Bitec recommends that units of material be single stacked.

#### APPLICATION

##### Mineral Design MDA (APP)

Proper application temperature is essential. The installer should produce a continuous, uninterrupted flow of bitumen from all laps, not to exceed 1/8 to 1/4 inch. Flow beyond this range may produce unsightly results.

For slopes greater than 3/4" in 12", blind-nailing the end laps is required to reduce the potential of membrane displacement resulting in pattern distortion. The fastener used will depend on the substrate. Typically blind nailing 6" to 9" o.c. is acceptable.

Begin torching the burn-off film surface of the membrane, using a sweeping motion, maintaining even heating. The actual torching motion should be done in an "L" configuration, preheating the previously installed membrane lap, then sweeping across the roll face while advancing the roll over the roof surface. As the roll is advanced, a bead of modified bitumen should be seen flowing from between the lap seam a distance of 1/8 to 1/4" from the membrane edge. This "flow out" should be consistent and uninterrupted. Seams that are not fully bonded can be repaired by inserting a hot trowel between the affected seam and lightly torching. Upon removal of the hot trowel, pressure should be applied to the top ply, forcing the modified bitumen to flow out the desired distance.

All side and end laps should be a minimum of 4" and 6" respectively. If the membrane is loose laid, an area of 40"

each side of the end lap should be fully bonded to roof surface.

**NOTE:** Bitec APP membranes may not be installed in hot roofing asphalt, cold process adhesives or by mechanical attachment.

Bitec APP membranes are not recommended for use over coal tar or pitch roofs unless the existing deck is separated from the Bitec membrane by a min. 1/2" thick, mechanically attached recovery board. Bitec does not allow the use of plastic roofer's cement with any of its membranes.

### Mineral Design MDS (SBS)

Depending on the type of roof, Mineral Design must be fully adhered. Bitec specifications applicable to this product should be consulted to determine which system should be employed. When applying the membrane, the fine slag surface should always be down, facing the roof deck. Prior to application, the membrane should be unrolled completely, aligned, allowed to relax and set before the actual installation of the membrane occurs. The membrane should then be rolled up half way, leaving the other half fully extended. (This will ensure the membrane will remain aligned during the installation process.)

Mineral Design is designed to be applied by conventional methods of hot mopping, using ASTM D312 TYPE III mopping asphalt. ASTM TYPE IV should be used on slopes greater than 3" in 12". The roofing contractor shall not let the mopping asphalt temperature fall below 450°F, or overheat the asphalt to overcome rapid cooling. Bitec recommends that mopping asphalt EVT requirements be met when heating asphalt.

Mopping of base and cap sheet plies shall be done at a rate of 25 lbs./100 ft. sq. in a solid mopping of hot asphalt. It is essential that the asphalt be applied uniformly at a distance not to exceed 4' in front of the advancing roll surface. A continuous, 1/4" bead of uninterrupted mopping asphalt shall be seen coming from the end and side laps. Seams that are not fully bonded can be repaired by inserting a hot trowel between the affected seam and lightly torching. Upon removal of the hot trowel, pressure should be applied to the top ply, forcing the modified bitumen to flow out the desired distance.

All side and end laps should be a minimum of 4 and 6 inches respectively.

**NOTE:** Bitec SBS hot-applied membranes can be installed in hot roofing asphalt or in Bitec-approved cold process adhesives.

Bitec SBS membranes are not recommended for use over coal tar or pitch roofs unless the existing deck is separated from the Bitec membrane by a minimum 1/2" thick, mechanically attached recovery board. Bitec does not allow the use of plastic roofer's cement with any of its membranes.

### Planning

Each Mineral Design pattern has a specific pattern repeat. To align the pattern and achieve maximum use of the roll, a certain portion of the repeat will not be used; so the installer should expect to have a certain percentage of waste on each project.

To help you approximate the material needed, the following table is given designating each pattern's repeat length. You may have to remove up to and including 50% of this figure for alignment purposes, depending upon project requirements. Also, remember that you must provide a 6" minimum endlap.

PATTERN	REPEAT
Circles & Squares	12.0"
Tiles	13.6"
Strip Slates	8.1"
Winding Fantasy	30.3"
Oval Slates	7.9"
Rhombus	12.0"
Bricks	3.5"
Camouflage	0.0"

When cutting the membrane, it is recommended that the applicator use a straight-edge. Proper side lap alignment is essential to successfully complete the pattern. A factory 3.5" side lap is provided with adjacent design to facilitate this. Bitec has produced this product within design tolerances, and is not responsible for the improper and/or unsuccessful installation of this product.

**Caution:** It is the installer's responsibility to align patterns correctly. Bitec will not be responsible for incorrect installation of Mineral Design products.

### TOOLS REQUIRED

Tools required to apply Bitec Mineral Design include: spatula or round nose roofer's trowel, a roofer's knife and straight-edge, a pair of work gloves, flat-soled shoes, and for APP application: a propane torch with UL certified regulator, propane bottle, and an ABC dry chemical fire extinguisher.

Before using this product, be certain that all information concerning the installation of this product and safety guide-

lines pertaining thereto have been read and fully understood. The application of some modified membranes requires the use of explosive gas and molten asphalts, which if mis-handled can and will cause personal injury and/or property damage.

## STORAGE

Successful application and a good finished appearance depend on careful handling and storage of the Mineral Design rolls. This is extremely important.

- All rolls must be stored on original factory pallets having a corrugated paper pad as a barrier to prevent marking of roll ends and possible distortion of the factory pattern; this corrugated paper pad comes as a part of factory packaging
- Rolls must be stored on end with selvedge edge up
- Rolls must never be left leaning or laying flat
- All products must be stored away from direct sunlight and weather until shortly before use
- Never double-stack pallets of Mineral Design
- Should pallets of Mineral Design be stored outside, at the job site, the polyethylene shrink-wrap bag should be slit vertically, on all sides, to improve circulation and reduce product stress during warmer weather.

## SAFETY

### Contractor

It is the contractor's responsibility to observe all fire prevention policies and practices, to train, instruct and warn employees on the use of torching equipment. Follow OSHA and NRCA provisions for fire protection, including but not limited to those listed in OSHA 1910.151, 155, 156, 157, and 1910.1101, which apply to torch application. The contractor should be familiar with NFPA 58 "Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gas" and any other appropriate publications of the National LP Gas Association.

### Fire Department Regulations

The contractor should be familiar with all local fire codes in his area. The contractor is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits or certificates before any work is started.

### Personnel

Proper clothing should be worn at all times while installing any modified membrane. Long-sleeve shirt, long pants, leather or durable flat-soled shoes and work gloves. Workmen, other than the torch operator, should be no closer

than 3' from open flame.

It is essential that the installer be well trained and fully understand the methods of application. Installation of this membrane should be performed only by a professional roofing contractor, well-trained in the methods described herein.

As with any roofing project, good roofing practices should always be followed. Consult the Bitec Specification and Details book for information governing certain systems.

**NOTE:** The roofing contractor and his employees are the key to success regarding safety. Safety should always be first!

Technical Schedule	MDA (APP)	MDS (SBS)
<b>ROLL SIZE</b>	10 m <sup>2</sup>	10 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>APPROVALS</b>	UL (R13231)	UL (R13231)
<b>SOFTENING POINT</b> (ASTM D-36)	302°F (150°C)	250°F (120°C)
<b>REINFORCEMENT</b>	polyester fabric	polyester fabric
<b>PENETRATION</b> (ASTM D5)	40 dmm @ 25°C	40 dmm @ 25°C
<b>SLIDE</b> (UNI-8202)	<1 mm	<1 mm
<b>COLD FLEXIBILITY</b> (UNI-8202)	passed +5°F (-15°C)	passed -23°F (-30.1°C)
<b>WATER TIGHTNESS</b> (CGSB 37-GP-56M)	passed	passed
<b>DYNAMIC PUNCTURE</b> (CGSB 37-GP-56M)	passed	passed
<b>STATIC PUNCTURE</b> (CGSB 37-GP-56M)	passed	passed
<b>TENSILE STRENGTH</b> (ASTM D-412)	MD = 100 lbf/in    XMD = 100 lbf/in	MD = 105 lbf/in    XMD = 105 lbf/in
<b>ELONGATION</b> (ASTM D412)	MD = 45%    XMD = 45%	MD = 60%    XMD = 60%
<b>LOAD STRAIN PRODUCT</b> (CGSB 37-GP-56M)	MD = 40,012 n    XMD = 40,012 n	MD = 56,048 n    XMD = 56,048 n
<b>THICKNESS</b>	4 mm	4 mm
<b>ROLL WEIGHT, APPROX.</b>	107 lbs.	107 lbs.
<b>COVERAGE, INSTALLED APPROX.</b>	97 ft. <sup>2</sup>	97 ft. <sup>2</sup>
<b>TOTAL SURFACE AREA, APPROX.</b>	107.6 ft. <sup>2</sup>	107.6 ft. <sup>2</sup>

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