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## 4.0mm Plain Bitumen Membrane

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Compliant to AS4654.1

High puncture resistance

High mechanical characteristics

Reinforced APP Bitumen Membrane

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### DESCRIPTION

ARDEX WPM 444 is an APP (Atactic Polypropylene) plastomeric type modified bitumen membrane, consisting of a specially formulated bituminous compound of distilled asphalt modified with selected high grade visco-elastic polymers and reinforced with a combined reinforcement (polyester and fibreglass).

ARDEX WPM 444 is coated with either a sanded or talc top surface finish, while the bottom surface is embossed and protected by a heat sensitive polythene film. This type of finish for the lower surface has been chosen for two specific purposes.

- To act as a temperature gauge during application. When the film melts it shows that the compound is at the correct temperature.
- The embossing is to allow the gases to rapidly escape when heated to its correct installation temperature avoiding possible problems of bubbling and blistering.

### FEATURES

- Excellent cold flexibility to -15°C
- High mechanical characteristics
- High puncture resistance
- Good elongation
- Will not decay

### USES

ARDEX WPM 444 is used as a single layer or multi layer tanking membrane in horizontal or vertical applications under a protective topping such as paving slabs or concrete.

- Non-accessible & accessible flat roofing
- Below ground environments
- Bridges, car parks and road structures

### SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

By way of mechanical method and vacuum cleaning as necessary, remove all dirt, dust, curing compounds, oils, grease, surface sealers, and any other contaminants prior to application. Prepare surface to leave sound, clean, free from sharp edges, loose or other materials which may damage the membrane.

Damaged concrete between 2mm-30mm can be treated with ARDEX A46. Spalling concrete must be treated accordingly with the ARDEX Concrete Repair range such as ARDEX BR 345, please review the respective product data sheets on treating spalling concrete.

### SUBSTRATE PRIMING

Prior to the application of ARDEX WPM 444 all prepared concrete surfaces should be primed with ARDEX WPM 240 at a rate of 5m<sup>2</sup>-6m<sup>2</sup> per litre and allowed to dry. Coverage rate will depend on the porosity of the substrate being treated.

NOTE: when used as an intermediate layer over a base sheet, ARDEX WPM 240 is not required. Ensure the previous base layer is clean, sound, dry, and free from sharp edges, loose or other materials which may damage the ARDEX WPM 444 membrane.

### INSTALLATION

The application of ARDEX WPM 444 should be carried out by an approved ARDEX Applicator.

A layer of ARDEX WPM 444 should be completely unrolled and aligned. Using a suitable pressure roller and suitable LPG torch equipment, the membrane is to be applied using appropriate application techniques.

The ARDEX WPM 444 must be fully bonded with minimum side laps of 100mm and minimum end laps of 120mm

ARDEX WPM 444 can be installed prior to the installation of toppings, road base or hot melt asphalt or bitumen. Application of toppings may be applied on completion. Road base may be installed directly to the membrane without an extra protection layer. The asphalt should be applied as soon as possible after the ARDEX WPM 444 membrane has been installed. ARDEX recommend applying a minimum 50mm compacted overlay for carpark areas. The topping should be applied in two layers at a temperature between 120°C - 150°C. The exact specification will depend on functional and economic requirements. Technical advice should be sought for suitable specification from ARDEX Australia.

### PACKAGING

Roll size: 1m x 10m

Roll weight: Approximately 40kg

Rolls per pallet: 23

### STORAGE

All rolls of ARDEX WPM 444 should be stored in a covered area protected against sunlight and UV radiation. Rolls should be stored in a vertical position on a smooth floor so as not to damage the edges.

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### LIMITATIONS

ARDEX WPM 444 cannot be left UV exposed for extended periods. ARDEX WPM 444 is not designed as a trafficable membrane. New concrete must be cured at least 28 days.

Before any substrate preparation, installation or finishing methods relating to ARDEX product are undertaken, please be aware of any potential risks and use appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment). This may involve contacting substrate manufacturers for Safety Data Sheets.

### TECHNICAL DATA

CHARACTERISTICS	TEST METHOD	NOMINAL VALUE
Length	EN 1850-1	10m
Width	EN 1848-1	1m
Thickness	EN 1849-1	4mm
Watertightness (A)	EN 1928	60kPa
Shear Resistance Longitudinal Transverse	EN 12317-1	500 N/50mm 500 N/50mm
Tensile Strength Longitudinal Transverse	EN 12311-1	900 N/50mm 650 N/50mm
Elongation at Break Longitudinal Transverse	EN 12311-1	40% 45%
Resistance to Impact	EN 12691	1250mm
Resistance to Static Loading Method A	EN 12730	20kg
Resistance to Tearing (nail shank)	EN 12310-1	170/170 N
Flexibility at Low Temperature	EN 1109	-15°C
Flow Resistance at Elevated Temperature	EN 1110	130°C
Durability of Watertightness Against Chemicals	EN 1847 / EN 1928	60kPa
Surface Finsih	Lower <sup>1</sup> Top <sup>2</sup>	Polymeric Film PE/PP Sand

Note 1) Lower surface; the surface which is applied to the structure being waterproofed.

Note 2) Top surface; exposed to underside of covering membrane or topping.

### SAFETY DATA

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. In case of contact with the eyes, wash out immediately with fresh running water. If irritation continues, seek medical attention. Wear protective gloves, clothing, face and eye protection. Suspected of causing cancer. This product is combustible. On combustion, may emit toxic fumes of carbon monoxide (CO). Avoid inhaling dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray. If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove

from contaminated area. Ensure adequate ventilation during application. Check with your local Council regarding the disposal of contents. Call the Poisons Information Centre on 131 126 (AUS) and 0800 764 766 (NZ) or call a doctor if you feel unwell. At times updates can occur to data. To ensure you have the most current technical and safety information please consult the latest data sheets found on the product page at [www.ardexaustralia.com](http://www.ardexaustralia.com).

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