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# ARDEX WPM 196

## SBS Torch-Applied Tanking Membrane

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Modified Bitumen Tanking Membrane

CE Certification

CodeMark Certification (No. CM70013)

Positive Vapour Barrier

High Resistance to Thermal Ageing

High Resistance to Cracking

Excellent Elongation and Flexibility

4mm Gauge

Mineral Chip Finish



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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

ARDEX WPM 196 is a high performance Styrene-Butadiene-Styrene (SBS) bituminous compound modified with adhesive elasto-plastomeric polymers its excellent quality is highlighted by two indicators: cold flexibility and high adhesiveness. ARDEX WPM 196 is suitable for application in all climatic zones, with excellent cold flexibility (- 20° C) enables an easy application and allows the membrane to be ideally suited to be applied in areas with harsh climates.

The exceptional elongation properties of SBS combined with the strength and dimensional stability of the reinforcing provides an excellent waterproofing membrane in below ground applications. ARDEX WPM 196 is coated with a mineral chip - sand, polymeric film PE/PP, while the bottom surface is embossed and protected by a heat sensitive polythene film.

ARDEX WPM 196 also has the European CE certification for use as a tanking membrane.

### FEATURES/BENEFITS

- Complies with BS EN 13969:2004
- European CE certification - 1381-CPR-381
- CodeMark Certification (No. CM70013)
- Excellent resistance to atmosphere agents
- Excellent resistance to geothermal gas including Hydrogen Sulphide
- High flexibility during application at sub-zero temperature with no physical strains
- High malleability
- Accommodates structural movements
- Resistant to chemical attacks
- Withstand thermal shocks
- Proven performance in colder regions
- Good elongation and flexibility

### USES

ARDEX WPM 196 is used as a single layer or multi-layer membrane in horizontal or vertical applications for waterproofing for below ground tanking. It is primarily applied to the outside of a sub-structure of a building, such as a foundation or basement to prevent water ingress.

Other forms of tanking where ARDEX WPM 196 can be used include under floor slabs, behind masonry walls, the lining of substrates of in situ or precast concrete; retaining walls, lift shafts, tunnels, living roofs and planter boxes.

### SURFACE PREPARATION

Substrates need to be clean, smooth, dry and free of sharp edges, loose or foreign materials, oil, grease and other materials that may damage the membrane. All surface voids greater than 5mm wide shall be properly filled with an acceptable fill material.

Confirm concrete structures are specifically engineered to meet the requirements of the NZBC B1/VM1, 3.0 Concrete.

Ensure concrete substrate has been allowed to cure for at least 28 days before commencing application. The relative humidity of concrete substrates must be 75% or less before membrane application to NZBC E2/AS1, 10.0 Construction moisture. Take a measurement using a hygrometer to verify concrete has sufficiently dried when necessary. This process is essential.

The above criteria do not apply if ARDEX WPM 196 is loose-laid over suitable substrates such as lean site concrete, compacted mudslabs or sandblinding.

ARDEX do not recommend the use of curing compounds; however, when used ensure all traces of compound are gone or removed. Concrete to be finished to NZS 3114, U3 with a light trowel texture. The concrete to have all ridges and protrusions stoned flush.

### INSTALLATION

The application of ARDEX WPM 196 should be carried out by an approved ARDEX Applicator.

Installation shall be undertaken in accordance with all relevant technical information related to the selected installation method, including information contained within the ARDEX specification.

Prior to the application of ARDEX WPM 196 the surface may require priming with ARDEX WPM 240 (Shelter Primer). Coverage of primer will depend on the porosity of the substrate.

ARDEX WPM 196 is normally fully bonded to the prepared substrate with side laps of 100mm and end laps of 150mm. Overlaps shall be sealed by torch.

ARDEX WPM 196 may be used in various combinations to produce a variety of specifications tailored to suit the individual waterproofing need.

The exact specification will depend on functional and economic requirements. Advice should be sought for suitable specification from ARDEX.

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### TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Test Method	Units	Nominal Value	Tolerance
Visible defects	EN 1850-1	visible	Without defects	
Length	EN 1848-1	m	8 -1%	MLV
Width	EN 1848-1	m	1 -1%	MLV
Straightness	EN 1848-1	mm	20 mm x 8 m	MLV
Thickness	EN 1849-1	mm	4	±
Watertightness (A)	EN 1928	kPa	60	MLV
Shear resistance longitudinal / transversal	EN 12317-1	N/50 mm	650 / 450	± 20%
Water vapour transmission properties Method A	EN 1931	μ / Sd (m)	120.000 / 480	-20.000
Tensile Strength Longitudinal / Transversal	EN 12311-1	N/50 mm	750 / 550	± 20%
Elongation at break Longitudinal / Transversal	EN 12311-1	%	45 / 45	- 15 absolut
Resistance to impact	EN 12691	mm	900	MLV
Resistance to static loading Method A	EN 12730	Kg	15	MLV
Resistance to tearing (nail shank)	EN 12310-1	N	180 / 180	- 30%
Dimensional stability Longitudinal / Transversal	EN 1107-1 met. A	%	± 0,3 %	MLV
Flexibility at low temperature	EN 1109	°C	-20	MLV
Flow resistance at elevated temperature	EN 1110	°C	90	MLV
Durability of watertightness against artificial ageing	EN 1296 / EN 1928	kPa	60	MLV
Durability of watertightness against chemicals	EN 1847 / EN 1928	Kpa	60	MLV

### PRECAUTIONS

When installing ensure mineral chip surface is facing inwards towards concrete pour.

Exercise caution when lifting, moving, transporting, storing or handling membrane rolls to avoid sources of punctures and possible physical damage.

Contact ARDEX Technical Services Department for specific recommendations regarding chemical or waste product compatibility with ARDEX WPM 196.

For further information, please consult the latest Safety Data Sheet.

### STORAGE

All rolls of ARDEX WPM 196 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.

### PACKAGING

Roll size: 1m x 8m

Roll weight: Approximately 40kg

Rolls per pallet: 25

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