**DESCRIPTION**

Since 2002, hundreds of foundations across the United States have been protected with TERM Water|Termite Barrier to exclude both water and termites. TERM Water|Termite Barrier is a “peel and stick” barrier membrane used on concrete or ICF (Insulated Concrete Form) foundation walls.

Before that, Polyguard waterproofing membranes (without termite exclusion) have been used worldwide on both residential and commercial construction since 1970. Research and testing of termite and pest exclusion, in cooperation with scientists at Texas A&M’s Urban and Structural Entomology Laboratory, began in 1999. Today TERM Water|Termite Barrier is a key part of a whole structure waterproofing and termite exclusion system.

TERM Water|Termite Barrier is certified as point-worthy for the National Green Building Standard™ by NAHB’s Home Innovation Research Labs.

**ADVANTAGES**

TERM Water|Termite Barrier is a non-structural barrier which when properly constructed as part of the building envelope, blocks both termites and water. Documentation can be found at: [Link to Termite Barrier Development](#). TERM Water|Termite Barrier does not contain pesticides and is classified by the EPA as a physical barrier.

**TERM® vs TERMITE SHIELDS**

TERM Barriers and termite shields are similar, in that both physically block termites. But TERM is different from termite shields - in that TERM blocks almost every entry point that a subterranean termite could find.

Plus, TERM waterproofs buildings.

**DESCRIPTION OF COMPONENTS**

TERM Water|Termite Barrier is a strong, pliable, self-adhesive sheet made of a 4-mil high density polyethylene film integrally bonded to 64 mils of barrier sealant. Total thickness is 68 mils.

TERM Water|Termite Barrier is formulated for low temperature application down to 30°F (-1°C) TERM Water|Termite Barrier is wound on a disposable treated release sheet which can be peeled away to expose the adhesive face. Standard roll size is 39.4' x 61' (1.0m x 18.6m).

Polyguard 650LT Liquid Adhesive is a fast drying, high tack rubber-based adhesive used on horizontal and vertical surfaces at temperatures above 30°F (-1°C). This solvent base product cannot be used on ICF surfaces.

**REFERENCES**

[LEED](#) Click here to view LEED v4 Documentation.

**INSTALLATION**

**Safety**

All Polyguard products must be handled in a safe manner. Some products (some mastics or primers) contain solvents, and these deserve special attention to safety since their vapors are both flammable and harmful if inhaled. Read both the product label and the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) before use. SDS sheets can be obtained on our website [Link to SDS’s](#). Call Polyguard at 214-515-5000 if you have any questions. Health Product Declaration information is also available [Link to HPD Info](#).

The 650 LT Liquid Adhesive is an industrial coating and would be
harmful or fatal if swallowed. It is marked as red label from the standpoint of flash point.

Solvents could be irritating to the eyes, flush with water and contact physician.

Avoid prolonged contact with skin and breathing of vapor or spray mist from liquid adhesive. In confined areas, use adequate forced ventilation, fresh air masks, explosion-proof equipment and clean clothing.

Preparatory Work
Apply TERM Barrier only in fair weather, when temperatures are above 30°F (-1°C) and rising.

Prior to starting work, check that all horizontal surfaces to be covered slope towards drainage. This material is not designed to be applied in areas where water will pond.

A smooth monolithic concrete surface is required. Broom surfaces are not recommended. Concrete should be dry, frost free and cured a minimum of seven days prior to application of TERM Barriers and Liquid Adhesive. Surface must be free of voids, spalled areas, sharp projections, loose aggregate and form release agents. Concrete curing compounds containing oil, wax or pigments should not be used.

Form release agents must be self-dissipating which will not transfer to the barrier. Surface defects such as cracks, holes or cavities should be filled and finished flush with a Portland cement grout or concrete. Top surfaces of projecting ledges, below grade, except footings, should be filled and finished flush with a Portland cement grout or concrete. Top surfaces may require Liquid Adhesive to obtain bond of barrier to substrate. Field test to determine adhesion level. Surface must be free of contamitants.

Sheet Barrier Application
TERM Water|Termite Barrier must be overlapped. Side laps must be a minimum of 2-1/2" (64 mm). Staggered end laps should be minimum 6" (152 mm).

When applying TERM Water|Termite Barrier on vertical walls, a determined effort must be made to assure complete adhesion of barrier to the primed surface. Hand roll overlap seams with a wall type narrow roller. Use heavy hand pressure while smoothing out the barrier surface, as it is applied.

On horizontal surfaces, apply barrier from low to high pitch for maximum drainage. Use linoleum roller or water filled garden roller, covered with two plies of indoor-outdoor carpet to roll barrier immediately after application, with special attention at overlaps and "T-Joint". Seal all end laps with 650 Mastic.

It is recommended that when vertical sections of more than 8' (2.4 M) are to be protected, barrier should be applied in sections no longer than 8' (2.4 M), starting from the lower foundation base and rising to the top with the 6" (152 mm) overlap, shingling down on each ply of barrier.

TERM Water|Termite Barrier should be applied over the edge of the footing at the foundation base with the 6" (152 mm) overlap, shingling down on each ply of barrier. The upper terminating edge of TERM Water|Termite Barrier applied to a vertical wall should be completed over the top of the wall. If terminated in the vertical surface, such termination should be at a reglet or counter flashing. The terminated edge should be pressed firmly with a silicone roller and protected from water with a troweled bead of 650 Mastic.

Flashing and Detailing Edges
Finish vertical wall barrier on top edge under flashing or in reglet. Seal T-Joints and terminations with a troweled bead of *Polyguard 650 Mastic*.

Care should be taken to obtain good adhesion between barrier used for repairs and originally applied barrier.

**Mastic Application**

650 Mastic should be applied at all terminations at the end of each day's work. 650 Mastic should never be applied underneath the barrier.

**Inspection and Repairs**

Visually inspect barrier for tears, punctures, air blisters and "fishmouths" prior to water tests, placement of protection board and backfilling. Make repairs by removing all damaged barrier so that only well bonded barrier remains. Re-prime any exposed concrete. After Liquid Adhesive is dry, apply a new sheet of barrier over the concrete, extending 6” (152 mm) onto previously applied barrier. Slit all "fishmouths", overlap the pieces, place patch over area and roll or press in place. Puncture air blisters, expel the air, prime and cover with patch. Seal edges with *Polyguard Detail Sealant or Polyguard 650 Mastic*.

**Ultraviolet Protection**

TERM Water | Termite Barrier can be adversely affected by ultraviolet light. The waterproofing system must be covered as soon as possible and not left exposed to sunlight for over 30 days.

Barrier left exposed on top of foundation walls or parapets should be covered with weather resistant flashing.

**Barrier Protection and Drainage Mat**

*Polyguard Polyflow 15-P Drainage Protection/Drainage Mat* with built-in puncture protection plus drainage for vertical surfaces is required. This helps keep the structure dry, and makes it less attractive to foraging termites.

**Drainage**: Drainage systems should be designed with pipe sizes large enough to prevent water accumulation against the foundation. Perforated pipe should be covered with fabric to prevent fines or dirt from plugging perforations. Pipe should be of sufficient strength to prevent deformation due to soil weight or movement. Consideration should be given to provide drain outlets to the interior of the building when the water table level is above the base of the waterproofing barrier.

**Backfill**

No waiting is required before backfilling. Backfill material should be dry sand or dry soil dirt as following:

- Fill material free of large dirt clods, rock, tree roots and debris.
- Backfill should be of a type readily compactable upon deposit.
- It should be placed against the drainage mat in 6” (152mm) to 8” (203mm) compacted layers to avoid vertical settlement.
- Backfill should not have high water content that would cause the soil to shrink upon drying.
- Mechanical compaction in horizontal layers should be used to achieve these results if necessary.
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**Material Storage:** Barrier and accessories should be unloaded and stored carefully. Cartons and containers must be protected from weather, sparks, flames, excessive heat, cold and lack of ventilation. DO NOT stack barrier material higher than 5’ (1.5m) vertically, nor double stack pallets. Cartons should be stored on pallets and covered to prevent water damage. For best results, barrier should be stored 50-75°F prior to application.

**LIMITATIONS**

*Polyguard’s TERM Barrier* has been extensively tested, both in the laboratory and in long term field trials at multiple sites, against *Reticulitermes flavipes* and *Coptotermes formosanus* subterranean termites, which are the most voracious insects in the United States in terms of property damage. Polyguard’s TERM Barrier System products are part of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program and where local regulations require, may be used to supplement termiticide applications.

There are numerous other termite species, not known to be present in the United States, which are equally or more voracious than the U.S. species which were tested. Limited testing outside of the United States has been done or is in progress. Contact Polyguard for up to date information about non-domestic testing.

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