

Visqueen Gas Barrier

Features and benefits

- BBA certified - third party accreditation
- Complies with NHBC Foundation's NF94 guidance for use in Type A membrane locations
- Complies with the methane gas transmission rate, mass per unit area and thickness requirements of BS 8485:2015 + A1:2019 - industry standard for methane and carbon dioxide protection
- Also provides radon and damp proof membrane protection
- Dual jointing methods - lap joints can be taped or heat welded

Product description

Visqueen Gas Barrier is a multi-layer reinforced polyethylene gas barrier with a 20 micron aluminium foil. The barrier is coloured blue on the upper surface and silver on the reverse. The product is supplied in single wound rolls (not folded), 2m x 50m.

Approvals and standards

- Third party accreditation (BBA 13/5069)
- Complies with the methane gas transmission rate, mass per unit area and thickness requirements of BS 8485:2015 + A1:2019
- Suitable for all Characteristic Gas Situation (CS) ground gas regimes
- Complies with NHBC Foundation's NF94 guidance for use in Type A membrane locations
- Conforms to the specification requirements of NHBC Amber 1 and Amber 2 applications
- Conforms to the specification requirements of BR 211:2023
- UKCA UKNI CE to EN 13967:2017
- Visqueen certified with Quality Management System ISO 9001:2015
- Visqueen certified with Occupational Health and Safety System ISO 45001:2018
- Visqueen certified with Environmental Management System ISO 14001:2015

Usage

Visqueen Gas Barrier is suitable for use in all types of buildings to prevent the ingress of harmful levels of ground gases e.g. methane, carbon dioxide and radon.

The barrier can be positioned above or below reinforced cast in situ concrete floor slabs or above precast suspended segmental subfloors, e.g. beam and block floor.

The barrier can also be used as a high performance radon membrane and/or damp proof membrane.

Radon, carbon dioxide, and methane protection - NHBC NF94 guidance:

Visqueen Gas Barrier when installed with either taped or welded joints complies with NHBC Foundation's NF94 publication, Hazardous ground gas - an essential guide for housebuilders, in Type A membrane locations in precast suspended segmental subfloors and reinforced cast in situ concrete floor slabs (ground bearing, suspended or raft). For site or zone characteristic gas situations of CS4 and above, contact Visqueen Technical Services.

The product is not intended for use where there is a risk of hydrostatic pressure.

System components

- VisqueenPro Double Sided Jointing Tape, 50mm x 10m
- Visqueen Gas Resistant Foil Lap Tape, 75mm x 50m
- Visqueen GR Lap Tape, 150mm x 10m
- Visqueen Ultimate Top Hat Units
- Visqueen Preformed Units
- VisqueenPro Detailing Strip, 300mm x 10m, 500mm x 10m
- Visqueen TreadGUARD 300, 2m x 75m
- Visqueen TreadGUARD 1500, 1m x 2m

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Storage and handling

Visqueen Gas Barrier should be stored horizontally, under cover in its original packaging.

Care should be taken when handling the product in line with current manual handling regulations.

Preparation

Visqueen Gas Barrier should be installed on a smooth continuous surface e.g. grouted beam and block floor, a compacted blinding layer e.g. 50mm thick sand blinding, or smooth concrete blinding. The substrate should be free from irregularities such as voids or protrusions.

The barrier can be cut with a sharp retractable safety knife or robust scissors.

When installing the membrane in demanding site conditions, use Visqueen GR Lap Tape in place of Visqueen Gas Resistant Foil Lap Tape.

Installation

Visqueen Gas Barrier should be loose laid on the substrate with the blue side up so as to avoid sunlight glare.

The barrier should be clean and dry at the time of jointing. It should be overlapped by at least 150mm, bonded with Visqueen Pro Double Sided Jointing Tape and sealed with Visqueen Gas Resistant Foil Lap Tape. Alternatively lap joints can be heat welded to achieve an effective seal. The overlap in the barrier is typically 100mm and when hand welding, a 35mm weld is normally achieved. When hand welding, a roller must be used.

Airtight seals should be formed around all service entry points. Visqueen Preformed Top Hat Units are recommended for sealing service entry pipes. The base of the top hat and the upstand should be bonded using VisqueenPro Double Sided Jointing Tape and sealed with Visqueen Gas Resistant Foil Lap Tape. The upstand should be secured with the supplied jubilee clip. Alternatively VisqueenPro Detailing Strip can be used to seal service entry points. The upstand should be secured with a jubilee clip.

Forming an effective barrier to gases may give rise to complex three-dimensional detailing where, it is recommended Visqueen Preformed Units are used e.g. corners. Alternatively VisqueenPro Detailing Strip can be used to seal awkward junctions.

If the barrier is punctured or perforated a patch of the same material should be lapped at least 150mm beyond the limits of the puncture and bonded with Visqueen Pro Double Sided Jointing Tape and sealed with Visqueen Gas Resistant Foil Lap Tape. Alternatively a patch can be formed using VisqueenPro Detailing Strip and lapped at least 150mm beyond the extents of the puncture.

Long periods of exposure to ultraviolet light will reduce the effectiveness of the membrane. The membrane should be covered by a protective layer immediately after installation to prevent damage from following trades, ultraviolet light, etc. Care should be taken to ensure that the membrane is not punctured, stretched or displaced when applying a screed or final floor covering. A minimum thickness of 50mm screed is recommended. When reinforced concrete is to be laid over the barrier the wire reinforcements and spacers must be prevented from puncturing the barrier. Where there is a high risk of potential damage, the barrier should be covered with Visqueen TreadGuard protection, screed or other approved protection material before positioning the reinforcement.

Usable temperature range

It is recommended that Visqueen Gas Barrier and all associated system components should not be installed below 5°C.

Additional information

When used in accordance BS8485:2015 + A1:2019 a subfloor ventilation system or pressure relief maybe required
Where hydrocarbon or VOC contamination is present use Visqueen Ultimate HC Blok or Ultimate GeoSeal gas protection systems
To assist build sequencing, Visqueen Ultimate Gas DPC is available for gas protection through the wall constructions
For additional detailing information, contact Visqueen Technical Services +44 (0) 333 202 6800

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Property	Test method	Units	Compliance criteria	Result
Dimensions	BS EN 1848-2	m		2 x 50
Overall thickness including scrim mesh	BS EN 1849-2	mm	+/-10%	0.52
Mass	BS EN 1849-2	g/m ²	-0%/+5%	400
Tensile strength - MD	BS EN 12311	N/50mm	MLV	350
Tensile strength - CD	BS EN 12311	N/50mm	MLV	350
Tensile elongation - MD	BS EN 12311	%	MLV	20
Tensile elongation - CD	BS EN 12311	%	MLV	21
Joint strength	BS EN 12317-2	N	MLV	332
Watertightness at 2kPa for 24 hours	BS EN 1928	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
Resistance to impact	BS EN 12691	mm	MDV	150
Dart impact	BS EN 2782	g	MDV	731
Low temperature flexibility	BS EN 495-5	°C	MDV	-40
Durability against ageing	BS EN 1296 and BS EN 1928	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
Durability chemical resistance	BS EN 1847	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
Resistance to tearing (nail shank) CD	BS EN 12310-1	N	MDV	358
Resistance to tearing (nail shank) MD	BS EN 12310-1	N	MDV	368
Resistance to static loading	BS EN 12730	kg	MLV	20
Water vapour resistance	BS EN 1931	MNs/g	MDV	240,000
Water vapour permeability	BS EN 1931	g/m ² /d	MDV	0.0008658
Water vapour resistance factor	BS EN 1931	μ	MDV	120,000,000
Equivalent air layer thickness	BS EN 1931	SD in m	MDV	47,700
BS 8485:2015 + A1:2019 testing requirements				
Mass	BS EN 1849-2	g/m ²	Average >370	400
Methane gas transmission rate	BS ISO 15105-1	ml/m ² /day/atm	MDV	<0.15
Puncture CBR	BS EN 12236	N	MDV	1114
Tensiles yield strength MD	ASTM D4885-01	kN/m	MDV	12.5
Tensiles yield strength CD	ASTM D4885-02	kN/m	MDV	7.3
Resistance to static loading	BS EN 12730	kg	>MLV	20
Yield elongation CD	ASTM D4885-04	%	MDV	19
Tear resistance - trouser method A - MD	BS ISO 34-1	kN/m	MDV	48.2
Tear resistance - trouser method A - CD	BS ISO 34-1	kN/m	MDV	44.8
Tear resistance - angle method B - MD	BS ISO 34-1	N	MDV	53.5
Tear resistance - angle method B - CD	BS ISO 34-1	N	MDV	60.6

Health and safety information

Refer to the Visqueen Gas Barrier safety datasheet (SDS).

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About Visqueen

The Visqueen name has long been recognised as one of the leading manufacturers of high quality advanced membrane technologies and design based solutions by specifiers, distributors, builders merchants and contractors throughout the UK and Europe.

For further guidance on the Visqueen services shown below, please refer to the relevant section of the Visqueen website (www.visqueen.com) or contact Visqueen Technical Services on +44 (0) 333 202 6800 or enquiries@visqueen.com

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Gas
Protection



Damp Proof
Membrane



Tapes



Damp Proof
Course



Stormwater



Vapour
Control

Visqueen Technical Support

Visqueen combine an extensive product portfolio with industry leading levels of service and support which includes guidance over the phone, bespoke CAD drawings to help with complex detailing, electronic NBS specifications and access to a dedicated team of highly knowledgeable and experienced field based Technical Support Managers.

Visqueen Technical Support is available to all our customers including architects, specifiers, distributors, builders merchants, contractors and end users. All of our technical team have been awarded the industry recognised qualification Certificated Surveyor in Structural Waterproofing (CSSW).

Visqueen CPD Seminars

The Visqueen Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Seminars provide up-to-date information on changes within Building Regulations/Building Standards and nationally recognised industry guidance affecting damp proofing, water vapour control, hazardous ground gas protection and below ground structural waterproofing.

The one hour seminars have been produced for design specialists within the construction sector and are delivered by our team of Technical Support Managers.

Visqueen Training Academy

Based at our manufacturing facility in Derbyshire, the Visqueen Training Academy is available to support Visqueen customers throughout the UK by providing a wide range of both theory and practical skills related training.

Courses include one day product awareness training for our distributors and builders merchants to help them in their day-to-day jobs, through to intensive two day courses giving detailed hands-on training in the practical skills required for safe and robust product installation.