

Standard Specification for the installation of the EQUUS SOPREMA NOVATHERM Flameless Warm Roof System to plywood surfaces *The flameless two-layer membrane warm roof system.*

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1.0 PREAMBLE:

This specification is for the installation of the **EQUUS SOPREMA NOVATHERM** flameless warm roof system over a plywood substrate. The system provides a durable, fully insulated and waterproof roof. As the insulation is continuous over the entire roof structure, thermal bridging is largely eliminated. The energy efficiency of the building is improved as a result thereby reducing heating and ventilation costs for the building owner.

The **EQUUS SOPREMA NOVATHERM** flameless warm roof system consists of a self-adhesive vapour barrier, PIR or mineral wool insulation (adhered or mechanically fixed) to the vapour barrier with a two-layer bitumen flameless membrane system installed over the insulation to provide a fully waterproof covering for the roofing system.

The **EQUUS SOPREMA NOVATHERM** flameless warm roof system has been assessed for use on roofs, decks and gutters installed on metal deck or panel, treated plywood and concrete substrates on buildings within the following scope:

- Buildings where the supporting structure and associated elements are designed and constructed within the scope of New Zealand Building Code E2/AS1 clause 1.1.
- Specifically designed buildings constructed to comply with the New Zealand Building Code.

2.0 SURFACE PREPARATION:

2.1 General - Responsibility:

Unless expressly agreed otherwise at time of contract pricing, all work in this section shall be the responsibility of the main contractor, whether carried out by their own staff, other sub-trades or the roofing membrane sub-contractor.

2.2 Plywood:

- (a) Plywood minimum 17mm thick for roofs, and 21mm thick for decks. Lay sheets tight butt jointed to maximise the use of whole sheets with sheet joints laid over framing members, in a staggered brick-bond pattern, running across the fall of the roof.
- (b) Fix plywood in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions using countersunk stainless-steel screws, with all sheets laid in a bead of construction adhesive. Screws fixed at 150mm centres on sheet perimeter and 200mm through the body of the sheet. Fix tongue and groove plywood to same specification.
- (c) The moisture content prior to installation of the membrane system must not exceed 20%. LOSP treated plywood must not be used.



- (d) **Minimum Falls:** Ensure minimum falls for **EQUUS SOPREMA NOVATHERM** flameless warm roof membrane systems are:
- The minimum fall for a roof and deck is not less than 1:80 (0.7°), to CodeMark CMNZ70151
 - The minimum fall for a gutter is not less 1:100 (0.57°), to CodeMark CMNZ70151
- (e) **Corners:**
All leading edges of plywood shall be chamfered with a 5mm radius corner. All internal corners shall have minimum 20x20 H3.2-treated timber fillets or Bitumen Fillets installed.
- (f) **Outlets:**
Roof and deck outlets shall be installed as per clause 8.5.6 of E2 External Moisture of the New Zealand Building Code.
Outlets shall be sized in accordance with E1 Surface Water of the New Zealand Building Code.
Outlets shall be from the Aquaknight Industries range, sourced from Equus Industries, unless otherwise specified.
- (g) Existing substrates and structures must be thoroughly inspected to ensure that they will not compromise the performance of the membrane when applied.

INSTALLATION:

Note: A prestart meeting should be held onsite with the Main Contractor and the Equus Certified Applicator prior to commencement of warm roof installation.

3.0 VAPOUR BARRIER:

3.1 **Primer: (For self-adhered membrane)**

To the dried and prepared surface apply one (1) full coat of **EQUUS PEEL AND STICK** primer at a spreading rate of 6 to 8 m²/L depending on the porosity of the substrate. Allow to dry for minimum one (1) hour depending upon prevailing weather conditions.

3.2 **SOPRASTICK (formerly known as DEBOTACK 2.5 T/F C175): (Self- adhesive)**

Self-adhesive membrane for use as a vapour barrier when the PIR insulation is to be fully adhered by PU FOAM.

Decide the most suitable direction to follow. Unroll and discard packaging. Align the first roll and cut to length as required. Remove the siliconized film and press the membrane into place on the surface ensuring even rolling and no creasing or bubbling. The self-adhesive properties are automatically activated during installation. Use a weighted roller to ensure full coverage. Repeat in sequence with all rolls, maintaining minimum side laps of 80 mm laps and end laps of 150 mm. Offset end laps in adjacent runs. The lap automatically closes during application however it is recommended to have a hot air gun on hand during the process if additional heat is required (temperature dependent). Over upstands, the vapour barrier shall be taken up 50mm past the top of the insulation board. This ensures a suitable connection to create a complete waterproof envelope of the insulation.

3.3 **COLPHENE 3000: (Self- adhesive)**

Self-adhesive membrane for use as a vapour barrier when the insulation is to be mechanically fastened.

Decide the most suitable direction to follow. Unroll and discard packaging. Align the first roll and cut to length as required. Remove the siliconized film and press the membrane into place on the surface. The self-adhesive properties are automatically activated during installation. Repeat in sequence with all rolls, maintaining minimum laps of 100 mm. Offset end laps in adjacent runs. Over upstands, the vapour barrier shall be taken up 50 mm past the top of the



insulation board. This ensures a suitable connection to create a complete waterproof envelope of the insulation.

4.0 INSULATION:

4.1 General:

On site cutting of boards is permitted and should be done using a fine-toothed saw or by scoring with a knife and snapping the board over a straight edge. Ensure accurate trimming to achieve a close tight butt finish. Any gaps between boards can be filled with **EASYFOAM** or **COLTACK EVOLUTION**.

Refer to Equus project specific data for fixing patterns and full installation instructions.

4.2 Mechanically fastened:

Where the insulation is to be covered by roofboard.

Install Equus PIR or mineral wool insulation in a brick bond pattern using full boards where possible. Use one fastener per board to tack in place before laying the roofboard in place. Insulation is fully fastened with the roofboard installation as per section 5.1.

Note: In areas where mineral wool insulation is used, roofboard must also be installed.

4.3 Mechanically fastened:

Where the base sheet is self-adhered directly to the insulation.

Install the specified **EQUUS SOPREMA** fixings through the PIR insulation boards into the plywood substrate following the project specific **SOPREMA** wind uplift report fixing layout plan. Ensure the fixings are securely fastened but not overly tightened to crush the insulation boards. Add pre-formed angle fillets in internal corners. Apply silver tape to all sheet joints and exterior parapet joins.

4.4 Fully adhered:

Install Equus PIR insulation in a brick pattern using full boards where possible. Boards shall be fixed in place using **EASYFOAM** or **COLTACK EVOLUTION** adhesive applied in accordance with the fixing pattern in the project specific **SOPREMA** wind uplift report fixing layout plan. Multiple layers of board shall be glued with adhesive between each board. Apply silver tape to all sheet joints and exterior parapet joins.

5.0 ROOFBOARD: (where required)

5.1 Install **PERMABASE DEK** roofboard in a brick bond pattern over insulation, using full boards where possible. Boards shall be fixed in place using **EQUUS SOPREMA** fixings installed in accordance with the fixing pattern in the project specific **SOPREMA** wind uplift report.

5.2 Primer: (For self-adhered base sheet)

The **PERMABASE DEK** roofboard shall be primed with one (1) full coat of **EQUUS PEEL AND STICK** primer at a spreading rate of 6 to 8 m²/L depending on the porosity of the substrate. Allow to dry for minimum one (1) hour depending upon prevailing weather conditions.

6.0 MEMBRANE APPLICATION:

6.1 Base Sheet: NOVA-SK (Self-adhesive)

Decide the most suitable direction to follow. Unroll and discard packaging. Align the first roll



and cut to length as required. Remove the siliconized film and press the membrane into place on the surface ensuring even rolling and no creasing or bubbling. The self-adhesive properties are automatically activated during installation. Use a weighted roller to ensure full coverage. Repeat in sequence with all rolls, maintaining minimum side laps of 80 mm laps and end laps of 150 mm. Offset end laps in adjacent runs. The lap automatically closes during application however it is recommended to have a hot air gun on hand during the process if additional heat is required (temperature dependent).

6.2 Primer:

To the **NOVA-SK** base sheet apply one (1) full coat of **EQUUS PEEL AND STICK** primer at a spreading rate of 6 to 8 m²/L depending. Allow to dry for minimum one (1) hour depending upon prevailing weather conditions.

6.3 Cap Sheet: NOVA-SK MINERAL (Self-adhesive)

Decide the most suitable direction to follow. Unroll and discard packaging. Align the first roll and cut to length as required. Remove the siliconized film and press the membrane into place on the **NOVA-SK** base sheet ensuring even rolling and no creasing or bubbling. The self-adhesive properties are automatically activated during installation. Use a weighted roller to ensure full coverage. Repeat in sequence with all rolls, maintaining end laps of 150 mm. Use hot air gun to apply heat to laps and roll with hand roller to ensure full closure of all laps. All laps shall be offset to prevent coincidence with the base sheet laps. The lap automatically closes during application however it is recommended to have a hot air gun on hand during the process if additional heat is required (temperature dependent).

If required, during the back-sealing operation, **MINERAL CHIP** may be carefully scattered over the joint to provide a uniform appearance. This may also be carried out on areas of detailing to provide protection and uniformity of finish.

6.4 Detailing:

Detailing shall be carried out using **NOVA-SK MINERAL** cap sheet and/or in combination with the **ALSAN FLASHING** liquid membrane finished with **CHEVALINE DEXX TOPCOAT** or **MINERAL CHIP**. This includes all outlets, pipe penetrations, gutter stop ends, parapet upstands, machinery plinths and anything above or below the roof surface. This is carried out before, during or, in some cases, after laying the membrane, depending on the type of detail. All detailing shall be completed in accordance with the manufacturer's technical literature and the Warm Roof Application Manual current at the time of design, use, installation and/or maintenance.

6.5 Sealant:

ALSAN MASTIC 2200 shall be used where required.

6.6 Membrane Termination:

The membrane will be terminated with **C-PROFILE** and **ALSAN MASTIC 2200** on upstands and parapets as per the manufacturer's termination details.

6.7 Completion:

Upon completion of the system it shall be inspected and left for a short period (up to 2-3 weeks) to stabilize. At this time the entire installation shall be rechecked prior to any warranties being issued. Where possible, particularly on the deck areas, a pond-test (24 hours) should be carried out.

Note: Damage caused to the completed installation by other trades working over the membrane after the initial inspection shall be the responsibility of the Main Contractor, who shall arrange appropriate protection for the finished membrane system as required.

6.8 Trafficability:

The **EQUUS SOPREMA NOVATHERM** flameless warm roof system is suitable for foot traffic



after the installation of compatible **EQUUS FIXPLUS** tile supports, duckboards and roof walk, or **KRAITEC STEP** rubber tiles.

PERMABASE DEK roofboard shall be installed if additional compressive strength for the roof system is required in areas of high traffic, around plantrooms, air conditioning units and other such roof mounted equipment. This will resist crushing from machinery or plant that may be temporarily placed on the roofing system during maintenance.

The **EQUUS SOPREMA NOVATHERM** flameless warm roof system shall be protected using a temporary protection board before objects are placed on the roof to prevent damage to the waterproofing membrane.

6.9 Photovoltaic Panel Supports (if required):

Where photovoltaic panels are to be installed, **SOPRASOLAR FIX EVO TILT** for bitumen roofs are to be installed as per the installation sheet provided by Equus Industries.

7.0 SPECIFICATION NOTES:

7.1 Quality Assurance (QA):

The Equus Certified Applicator is responsible for onsite QA. The Equus project checklists detailing the required processes shall be completed and signed as each stage of installation is completed. Photographs of each stage shall be taken and submitted as part of the overall QA documentation. A Warranty will not be issued unless a copy has been filed with Equus Industries Ltd. Third party QA documentation is acceptable provided it is in accordance with the Equus issued project QA.

8.0 MAINTENANCE AND WARRANTY:

8.1 Maintenance:

As normal maintenance, Equus Industries Limited recommends that the finished roof areas are inspected every six months for cleaning, and annually, by an Equus Certified Applicator, to ensure weathertightness and durability.

Ensure all outlets are free of blockages and clear of unwanted debris and that all associated flashings and membrane cap flashings are sound. Check the general condition of the membrane and ensure it is free from surface moss, mould, or lichen.

Check all associated building elements that can impact on the durability of the membrane.

Higher risk areas such as sheet joints, substrate movement, edging, gutters, penetrations, corners, upstands, outlets, and overflows require a thorough inspection for weathertightness on an annual basis.

8.2 Warranty:

The **EQUUS SOPREMA NOVATHERM** flameless warm roof system described in this specification may be warranted to be waterproof for a period of up to twenty (20) years providing that:

- (a) All work is carried out by an Equus Certified Applicator.
- (b) The system is installed in accordance with the manufacturers' technical literature at the time of design, use, installation and maintenance.
- (c) The warranty is issued in conjunction with the appropriate maintenance statement.

The warranty period shall be determined for any contract in consultation with the Manufacturer or their representative prior to application.



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The warranty is provided to the client by the Equus Certified Applicator carrying out the work and is backed by the Manufacturer as to the fitness for the purpose of the materials supplied for the contract.

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