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Agrément Certificate
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Product Sheet 1

UBBINK FLASHINGS

UBIFLEX WATERPROOF FLASHING

PRODUCT SCOPE AND SUMMARY OF CERTIFICATE

This Certificate relates to Ubiflex Waterproof Flashing for use in flashing applications on flat and pitched roofs.

AGRÉMENT CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Weathertightness – as part of a complete roof, the product will contribute to resisting the passage of moisture into the interior of the building (see section 5).

Properties in relation to fire – tests indicate that the product when used as part of a complete roof will be unrestricted under the Building Regulations (see section 6).

Strength – the product has adequate strength to resist the loads associated with the installation of the roof (see section 7).

Durability – under normal service conditions, the product will have a service life in excess of 20 years (see section 9).

The BBA has awarded this Agrément Certificate to the company named above for the product described herein. This product has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, Ubiflex Waterproof Flashing if used in accordance with the provisions of this Certificate, will meet or contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations:



The Building Regulations 2000 (as amended) (England and Wales)

| | | |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Requirement: | B4(2) | External fire spread |
| Comment: | | Data to BS 476-3 : 2004 indicate that the product when used as part of a complete roof, will not effect the fire rating of the roof construction. See section 6.1 of this Certificate. |
| Requirement: | C2(b) | Resistance to moisture |
| Comment: | | The product will contribute to a roof meeting this Requirement. See section 5 of this Certificate. |
| Requirement: | Regulation 7 | Materials and workmanship |
| Comment: | | The product is acceptable. See section 9 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate. |



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

| | | |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Regulation: | 8(1)(2) | Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship |
| Comment: | | The product can contribute to a construction satisfying this Regulation. See sections 8 and 9 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate. |
| Regulation: | 9 | Building standards – construction |
| Standard: | 2.8 | Spread from neighbouring buildings |
| Comment: | | Data to BS 476-3 : 2004 indicates that the product can be regarded as having a low vulnerability, with reference to clause 2.8.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , and will not effect the fire rating of the roof construction. See section 6.1 of this Certificate. |
| Standard: | 3.10 | Precipitation |
| Comment: | | The product will contribute to a roof satisfying clauses 3.10.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 3.10.8 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ of this Standard. See section 5 of this Certificate. |
| Regulation: | 12 | Building standards – conversions |
| Comment: | | All comments given for this product under Regulation 9, also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and Schedule 6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . (1) Technical Handbook (Domestic). (2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic). |



The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (as amended)

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|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Regulation: | B2 | Fitness of materials and workmanship |
| Comment: | | The product is acceptable. See section 9 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate. |
| Regulation: | B3(2) | Suitability of certain materials |
| Comment: | | The product is acceptable. See section 8 of this Certificate. |
| Regulation: | C4(b) | Resistance to ground moisture and weather |
| Comment: | | The product will contribute to a roof satisfying this Regulation. See section 5 of this Certificate. |
| Regulation: | E5(b) | External fire spread |
| Comment: | | Data to BS 476-3 : 2004 indicate that the product when used as part of a complete roof construction will not effect the fire rating of the roof construction. See section 6.1 of this Certificate. |

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, CDM co-ordinator, designer and contractors to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: 1 *Description* (1.2).

Non-regulatory Information

NHBC Standards 2007

NHBC accepts the use of Ubiflex Waterproof Flashing, when installed and used in accordance with this Certificate, in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapters 6.8 *Fireplaces, chimneys and flues*, 7.1 *Flat roofs and balconies* and 7.2 *Pitched roofs*.

Zurich Building Guarantee Technical Manual 2007

In the opinion of the BBA, Ubiflex Waterproof Flashing, when installed and used in accordance with this Certificate, satisfies the requirements of the *Zurich Building Guarantee Technical Manual*, Section 4 *Superstructure*, Sub-sections *External walls – chimneys*, *External walls – parapets*, *Pitched roofs* and *Flat roofs*.

General

This Certificate relates to Ubiflex Waterproof Flashing for use as an alternative flashing material to traditional lead flashing to provide a weatherproof junction at features such as changes of direction and materials, eg at abutments, chimneys, saddles, valleys, dormers.

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 Ubiflex Waterproof Flashing is manufactured by coating both sides of an aluminium mesh reinforcement with a mixture of modified bitumen and additives. The underside of the product is finished with a kraft paper and film backing. Colour granules are added to the surface, the material cooled and rolled into the required lengths.

1.2 The rolls are available with the nominal characteristics of:

roll widths (mm):

12 m length 150, 200, 250, 300, 400 and 450
6 m length 500, 600 and 1000

roll weight (kgm⁻²): 4.0

colour: black, terracotta, and grey.

1.3 Ubi-Seal (a 15 mm wide butyl tape) and Hi-Tack Sealant (an adhesive sealant compound) are available for use in joints and for sealing onto tiles. Ubiflex fixing clips and Gap Sealant are for use in fixing into chased pointing joints.

1.4 Quality control checks are carried out on incoming materials, during production and on final product, including:

- dimensions
- tearing strength
- tensile strength and elongation
- cold bending.

2 Delivery and site handling

The product is distributed in boxed rolls marked with the size, and the BBA identification mark including the number of this Certificate.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Ubiflex Waterproof Flashing.

Design Considerations

3 General

3.1 Ubiflex Waterproof Flashing when designed and installed in accordance with the relevant parts of BS 5534 : 2003, BS 6229 : 2003 and BS 8000-6 : 1990 is suitable for use in flashing applications, such as abutments, chimneys, saddles, valleys and dormers to provide a weatherproof junction.

3.2 Flat roofs are defined for the purposes of this Certificate as those roofs having a minimum finished fall of 1:80. Pitched roofs are defined as those having falls in excess of 1:6.

3.3 Limited access roofs are defined as those roofs subjected only to pedestrian traffic for maintenance of the roof covering and cleaning of gutters.

3.4 Where the product is likely to come into contact with aggressive chemicals (such as acid, alkali, oil and solvent), a test on the product should be conducted before proceeding. If any doubt arises, the Certificate holder's advice should be sought.

4 Practicability of installation

The material can be installed by roofing contractors experienced with this type of product.

5 Weathertightness



Tests confirm that Ubiflex Waterproof Flashing, when incorporated into a roofing system designed and installed in accordance with conventional good practice will adequately resist the passage of moisture to the interior of the building and so contribute to the roof meeting the requirements of the national Building Regulations:

England and Wales — Approved Document C, Requirement C2(b), Section 6

Scotland — Mandatory Standard 3.10, clauses 3.10.1⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 3.10.8⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).

Northern Ireland — Regulation C4(b).

6 Properties in relation to fire



6.1 Samples of Ubiflex Waterproof Flashing, when tested in accordance with BS 467-3 : 2004 achieved a B rating for surface spread of flame.

6.2 When tested in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 : 2007, the product achieved a Class E classification.

7 Strength

7.1 The product will resist the impacts associated with installation and use.

7.2 Tests conducted on the product applied using Ubi-Seal butyl tape and Hi-Tack Adhesive sealant surrounding a chimney and on flat tiles indicated that it can resist wind speeds of at least 49 ms^{-1} (110 mph) without failing or demonstrating any visible signs of distress.

8 Maintenance



Damaged areas can be repaired by following the Certificate holder's instructions prior to completing the roof covering.

9 Durability



Available test data indicate that the product should have a life in excess of 20 years.

Installation

10 General

10.1 Installation of Ubiflex Waterproof Flashing should be strictly in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and the relevant recommendations of BS 5534 : 2003, BS 6229 : 2003 and BS 8000-6 : 1990.

10.2 The product is worked the same way as lead flashing but without the need for protective measures. It can be cut with a sharp knife or snips

10.3 Cutting and folding can be carried out to a minimum temperature of -10°C and when working with a lead dresser to a minimum temperature of 5°C .

10.4 Foot traffic should be avoided or a protection board should be used when installing the product as a valley lining.

10.5 Overlap joints of 150 mm are required and must be sealed with Ubiflex Hi-Tack Sealant or Ubi-Seal Sealant tape.

10.6 For flashing, the product is fitted into the pointing gap by at least 30 mm and held in place with Ubiflex clips. Ubiflex Gap Sealant should be applied into the pointing gap to ensure the joint remains waterproof.

Technical Investigations

11 Tests

11.1 Samples of Ubiflex Waterproof Flashing were obtained from the Certificate holder for testing. The results of the tests carried out by, or on behalf of the BBA are summarised in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1 Physical properties — directional

| Test (units) | Mean result | | Method ⁽¹⁾ |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|
| | Longitudinal | Transverse | |
| Tensile strength (N per 50mm) | | | BS EN 12311-1 |
| unaged | 445 | 1260 | |
| aged ⁽²⁾ | 445 | 1200 | |
| Elongation at break (%) | | | BS EN 12311-1 |
| unaged | 102 | 22 | |
| aged ⁽²⁾ | 96 | 23 | |
| Tear resistance (nail) (N) | | | BS EN 12310-1 |
| unaged | 340 | 415 | |
| Low temperature foldability (°C) | | | BS EN 495-5 |
| unaged – upper surface | -20 | -20 | |
| aged ⁽³⁾ – upper surface | -20 | -20 | |
| aged ⁽⁴⁾ – upper surface | -20 | -20 | |

(1) The test documents are detailed in the *Bibliography*. Numbers in the table refer to sections/parts of the various documents.

(2) UVB aged 2000 total hours UVB: 4 h UVB 313 at 50 ± 2°C, followed by 4 h condensation at 50 ± 2°C.

(3) 12 weeks at 80°C.

(4) 3024 h UVB ageing.

Table 2 Physical properties — general

| Test (units) | Mean result | Method ⁽¹⁾ |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Dimensional stability (%) | 0.0 | BS EN 1107-1 |
| Water vapour transmission (gm ⁻² 24h ⁻¹) | 0.18 | BS 3177 |
| Water vapour resistance (MNsg ⁻¹) | 1140 | |
| Resistance to water penetration | Pass | BS EN 1928 |
| Resistance to impacts | | EN 12691 |
| EPS | pass | |
| perlite | pass | |
| Resistance to wind uplift (m/s) | | wind tunnel test ⁽²⁾ |
| double pan-tiles and Ubi-Seal sealant | 49 | |
| concrete flat tiles and Hi-Tack sealant | 49 | |

(1) The test documents are detailed in the *Bibliography*. Numbers in the table refer to sections/parts of the various documents.

(2) Based on wind tunnel tests on the product including traditional code 4 lead flashing.

11.2 Tests were also carried out by or on behalf of the BBA to examine the following properties:

- dimensional checks
- ash content
- weight per unit area
- water absorption
- effect of heat ageing.

12 Investigations

12.1 An assessment was made of results of a fire test in accordance with BS 476-3 : 2004 carried out by an independent test authority.

12.2 An examination of independent test data was made on the following:

- flow resistance
- resistance to corrosion
- deformation under compressive load
- watertightness of joints
- shear resistance of joints
- exposure to elevated temperature
- thermal shock.

12.3 The manufacturing process was examined, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials.

Bibliography

- BS 476-3 : 2004 *Fire tests on building materials and structures — Classification and method of test for external fire exposure to roofs*
- BS 3177 : 1959 *Method for determining the permeability to water vapour of flexible sheet materials used for packaging*
- BS 5534 : 2003 *Code of practice for slating and tiling (including shingles)*
- BS 6229 : 2003 *Flat roofs with continuously supported coverings — Code of practice*
- BS 8000-6 : 1990 *Workmanship on building sites — Code of practice for slating and tiling of roofs and claddings*
- BS EN 495-5 : 2001 *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Determination of foldability at low temperature — Plastic and rubbers sheets for roof waterproofing*
- BS EN 1107-1 : 2000 *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Determination of dimension stability — Bitumen sheets for roof waterproofing*
- BS EN 1928 : 2000 *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Bitumen, plastic and rubber sheets for roof waterproofing — Determination of watertightness*
- BS EN 12311-1 : 2000 *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Determination of tensile properties — Bitumen sheets for roof waterproofing*
- BS EN 12310-1 : 2000 *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Determination of resistance to tearing (nail shank) — Part 1 — Bitumen sheets for roof waterproofing*
- BS EN 12691 : 2001 *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Bitumen, plastic and rubber sheets for roof waterproofing — Determination of resistance to impact*
- BS EN 13501-1 : 2007 *Fire classification of construction products and building elements. Classification using test data from reaction to fire tests*

13 Conditions

13.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is granted only to the company, firm or person named on the front page — no other company, firm or person may hold or claim any entitlement to this Certificate
- is valid only within the UK
- has to be read, considered and used as a whole document — it may be misleading and will be incomplete to be selective
- is copyright of the BBA
- is subject to English law.

13.2 References in this Certificate to any Act of Parliament, Statutory Instrument, Directive or Regulation of the European Union, British, European or International Standard, Code of Practice, manufacturers' instructions or similar publication, are references to such publication in the form in which it was current at the date of this Certificate.

13.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and the manufacture and/or fabrication including all related and relevant processes thereof:

- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

13.4 In granting this Certificate, the BBA is not responsible for:

- the presence or absence of any patent, intellectual property or similar rights subsisting in the product/system or any other product/system
- the right of the Certificate holder to manufacture, supply, install, maintain or market the product/system
- individual installations of the product/system, including the nature, design, methods and workmanship of or related to the installation
- the actual works in which the product/system is installed, used and maintained, including the nature, design, methods and workmanship of such works.

13.5 Any information relating to the manufacture, supply, installation, use and maintenance of this product/system which is contained or referred to in this Certificate is the minimum required to be met when the product/system is manufactured, supplied, installed, used and maintained. It does not purport in any way to restate the requirements of the Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974, or of any other statutory, common law or other duty which may exist at the date of this Certificate; nor is conformity with such information to be taken as satisfying the requirements of the 1974 Act or of any statutory, common law or other duty of care. In granting this Certificate, the BBA does not accept responsibility to any person or body for any loss or damage, including personal injury, arising as a direct or indirect result of the manufacture, supply, installation, use and maintenance of this product/system.

