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## Fibre Backed Base Sheet

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Cold flexibility to  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$

Designed for heat sensitive substrates

3.0mm APP Bitumen Fibre Backed Base Sheet

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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

ARDEX WPM 116 is an A.P.P. (Atactic Polypropylene) Plastomeric type modified bitumen membrane base sheet, consisting of a specially formulated bituminous compound of distilled asphalt modified with selected high grade visco-elastic polymers. The product is reinforced with a combination of fibreglass and non-woven polyester.

ARDEX WPM 116 top surface is embossed and protected by a heat sensitive polythene film. This type of finish for the top surface has been chosen for two specific purposes:

- To act as a temperature gauge during application. When the film melts it shows that the compound is at the correct temperature.
- To allow the gases to rapidly escape when heated to its correct installation temperature avoiding possible problems of bubbling and blistering.

### FEATURES

- Excellent elongation.
- Cold flexibility  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- Good mechanical characteristics.
- Good dimensional stability.
- Good puncture resistance.

### USES

ARDEX WPM 116 is installed as a base sheet in multi-layer waterproofing systems. ARDEX WPM 116 has been specifically designed for applications to heat sensitive substrates such as:

- Plywood
- Timber decks
- Thermal insulation board

Due to the underside fibre-backing, ARDEX WPM 116 can be installed as a base-layer on rough or un-even concrete decks, and allows vapour permeating through the substrate to diffuse underneath the waterproofing system.

The placement of the ARDEX Torch On Vapour Vents shall be as nominated by the engineer/consultant. As a guide, the placement per vent is at the highest point(s) of the area, with one vent to be placed every 50m<sup>2</sup> - 100m<sup>2</sup> and must be placed at the furthest point from drains.

### SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

By way of mechanical method and vacuum cleaning as necessary, remove all dirt, dust, curing compounds, oils, grease, surface sealers, and any other contaminants prior to application. Prepare surface to leave sound, clean, free from sharp edges, loose or other materials which may damage the membrane.

Damaged concrete between 2mm-30mm can be treated with ARDEX A46. Spalling concrete must be treated accordingly with the ARDEX Concrete Repair range such as ARDEX BR 345, please review the respective product data sheets on treating spalling concrete.

### INSTALLATION

The application of ARDEX WPM 116 should be carried out by an approved ARDEX Applicator. ARDEX WPM 116 may be installed on prepared substrates via two methods:

1. Mechanically fixed system
2. Fully adhered system

A combination of both methods may be used, dependent on the application and environment.

### MECHANICALLY FIXED SYSTEM

This method of installation can be used over existing failed membranes, heat sensitive substrates, concrete, or thermal insulation board.

Unroll the ARDEX WPM 116 and set into position to be mechanically fixed. The type/dimension of the mechanical fixing and frequency shall be as nominated by the engineer/consultant such as to be sufficient to hold under the most extreme wind lift forces likely to be experienced. Generally, a mechanical fixing is placed every 50cm - 100cm around the perimeter of the membrane, with the adjacent membrane sheet layered over the fixing to encapsulate. In extreme conditions additional fixings may be placed in the centre of ARDEX WPM 116 spaced 1 meter apart. The subsequent membrane layers will encapsulate the center fixings.

Using an LPG gas torch, fuse the laps of the ARDEX WPM 116 to form a continuous membrane layer, with minimum side laps of 50mm and minimum end laps of 120mm.

### FULLY ADHERED SYSTEM

Fold ARDEX WPM 116 sideways to expose half of the membrane underside. Apply ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive to prepared substrate using a roller at a coverage rate of 2m<sup>2</sup> - 2.5m<sup>2</sup> per litre. Allow ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive to become tacky, generally between 5 to 20 minutes depending on substrate temperature and ambient air conditions, prior to working the folded half of the membrane back into position. During application care must be taken to not incorporate air bubbles under the membrane or wrinkles in the membrane. Repeat the process for the rest of the sheet. Once ARDEX WPM 116 has been installed onto the applied adhesive begin to firmly roll the membrane with either a weighted roller or a large water filled heavy roller to achieve a sound bond.

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Ensure the ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive has completely dried prior to using any heat source such as an LPG gas torch. A minimum of 1 - 2 hours is suggested, longer drying times may be required depending on environment and ambient air conditions.

### PACKAGING

Roll size: 1.05m x 10m  
(Fleece is 1.0m wide leaving 50mm selvedge for lap bonding)  
Roll weight: Approximately 30kg  
Rolls per pallet: 28

### TECHNICAL DATA

CHARACTERISTICS	TEST METHOD	NOMINAL VALUE
Length	EN 1848-1	10m
Width	EN 1848-1	1.05m
Thickness	EN 1849-1	3mm
Flow Resistance at Elevated Temperature	EN 1110	100°C
Flexibility at Low Temperature	EN 1109	-5°C
Tensile Strength Longitudinal Transverse	EN 12311-1	400 N/5cm 300 N/5cm
Elongation at Break Longitudinal Transverse	EN 12311-1	50% 50%
Tear Resistance Longitudinal Transverse	EN 12310-1	90N 90N
Surface Finishes	Lower <sup>1</sup> Top <sup>2</sup>	Polyester Torch film

Note 1) Lower surface; the surface which is applied to the structure being waterproofed.

Note 2) Top surface; exposed to underside of covering membrane.

### STORAGE

All rolls of ARDEX WPM 116 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.

### LIMITATIONS

**The application of ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive must be used for external applications only. ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive is a highly flammable liquid and vapour, and must be used only in well ventilated area(s).**

When not in use, ensure lid is tightly placed back on packaging. Ensure ARDEX WA 98 Adhesive is removed from the area when using LPG gas torch or other heat sources. ARDEX WPM 116 should not be used as a stand alone waterproofing membrane, but must be used as part of a multi-layer waterproofing system. ARDEX WPM 116 cannot be left UV exposed for extended periods. ARDEX WPM 116 should not be applied on upturns/vertical applications.

Before any substrate preparation, installation or finishing methods relating to ARDEX product are undertaken, please be aware of any potential risks and use appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment). This may involve contacting substrate manufacturers for Safety Data Sheets.

### SAFETY DATA

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. In case of contact with the eyes rinse with running water until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes. If irritation continues, seek medical attention. Wear protective gloves, clothing and eye protection. Suspected of causing cancer. This product is combustible. On combustion, may emit toxic fumes of carbon monoxide (CO). When handling the product do not eat, drink or smoke. Avoid inhaling dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area. Ensure adequate ventilation during application. Store locked up. Check with your local Council regarding the disposal of contents. Call the Poisons Information Centre on 131 126 (AUS) and 0800 764 766 (NZ) or call a doctor if you feel unwell. Additional information is in the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) at [www.ardexaustralia.com](http://www.ardexaustralia.com). At times updates can occur to data. To ensure you have the most current technical and safety information please consult the latest data sheets found on the product page at [www.ardexaustralia.com](http://www.ardexaustralia.com).

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