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# ARDEX WPM 188

## Garden Tanking Membrane

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Compliant to AS4654.1

3.0mm SBS Bitumen Membrane

Designed for planter boxes, garden beds, green roofs and retaining walls

Premium root inhibitor – stops root growth in both the membrane and membrane laps

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### DESCRIPTION

ARDEX WPM 188 is an S.B.S. (Styrene Butadiene Styrene) torch applied modified bitumen waterproofing membrane, consisting of a specially formulated bituminous compound of distilled asphalt modified with selected high grade visco-elastic polymers and reinforced with a high quality combined reinforcement (fibreglass and polyester).

ARDEX WPM 188 is coated with either a sanded or talc top surface finish, while the bottom surface is embossed and protected by a heat sensitive polythene film. This type of finish for the lower 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.
- The embossing is to allow the gases to rapidly escape when heated to its correct installation temperature avoiding possible problems of bubbling and blistering.

### FEATURES

- Excellent resistance to pollutants and aging
- High flexibility during application at sub zero temperature with no physical strain
- Maintains shape stability at high temperatures
- Resists root growth ingress into both the membrane and membrane laps
- Good elongation and flexibility

### USES

ARDEX WPM 188 has been specially formulated to be applied in environments such as:

- Planter Boxes
- Garden Beds
- Green Roofs
- Structures covered with soil/backfill

ARDEX WPM 188 is used as a single layer or multi layer tanking membrane in horizontal or vertical applications.

### 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.

### SUBSTRATE PRIMING

Prior to the application of ARDEX WPM 188 all prepared concrete surfaces should be primed with ARDEX WPM 240 at a rate of 5m<sup>2</sup>–6m<sup>2</sup> per litre and allowed to dry. Coverage rate will depend on the porosity of the substrate being treated.

### INSTALLATION

The application of ARDEX WPM 188 should be carried out by an approved ARDEX Applicator.

To ensure the correct shedding of water, the membrane must be installed from the lowest point of the area and work towards the highest point, in the direction of the slope. A layer of ARDEX WPM 188 should be completely unrolled and aligned. Using a suitable pressure roller and suitable LPG torch equipment, the membrane is to be applied using appropriate application techniques.

The ARDEX WPM 188 must be fully bonded with minimum side laps of 100mm and minimum end laps of 120mm.

### BACKFILLING AND DRAINAGE APPLICATION

The membrane must be protected against damage by the placement of protection material between the membrane and granular backfill. The ARDEX Drainage System range offers solutions for effective drainage and membrane protection requirements.

- ARDEX PROTECTION BOARD
- ARDEX DRS 10/18 GC
- ARDEX DRS 30/50 DC
- ARDEX DRS 1 GT

### PACKAGING

Roll size: 1m x 10m

Roll weight: Approximately 35kg

Rolls per pallet: 28

### STORAGE

All rolls of ARDEX WPM 188 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

ARDEX WPM 188 cannot be left UV exposed for extended periods. ARDEX WPM 188 is not designed as a foot trafficable membrane. New concrete must be cured at least 28 days.

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

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### TECHNICAL DATA

CHARACTERISTICS	TEST METHOD	NOMINAL VALUE
Length	EN 1848-1	10m
Width	EN 1848-1	1.0m
Thickness	EN 1849-1	3.0mm
Aeric Mass	EN 1849-1	3.5kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Resistance to Root Penetration	EN 13948	Pass
Flow Resistance at Elevated Temperature	EN 1110	100°C
Flexibility at Low Temperature	EN 1109	-20°C
Tensile Strength Longitudinal Transverse	EN 12311-1	750N/5cm 550N/5cm
Elongation at Break Longitudinal Transverse	EN 12311-1	40% 45%
Tear Resistance Longitudinal Transverse	EN 12310-1	180N 180N
Dimensional Stability Longitudinal Transverse	EN 1107-1 met. A	± 0.3%
Resistance to Tearing (nail shank)	EN 12310-1	150/150 N
Reinforcement	Combined	180 g.s.m
Surface Finishes	Lower <sup>1</sup> Top <sup>2</sup>	Torch Film 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 or topping.

### SAFETY DATA

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. In case of contact with the eyes, wash out immediately with fresh running water. If irritation continues, seek medical attention. Wear protective gloves, clothing, face and eye protection. Suspected of causing cancer. This product is combustible. On combustion, may emit toxic fumes of carbon monoxide (CO). Avoid inhaling dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray. If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area. Ensure adequate ventilation during application. 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. 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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