JM EPDM Ballasted Membrane System Over JM Approved Substrate over an approved Deck

General
This specification is for use over any approved structural deck including wood decks which is suitable to receive a mechanically fastened insulation. This specification can also be used in certain re-roofing applications. Install insulation in accordance with the appropriate JM insulation specification detailed in the current JM EPDM Commercial Roofing Application Guide book.

• Insulation: Mechanically fasten using UltraFast Fasteners and Plates
• Membrane: Secure using approved adhesive

Note: Consider all general instructions contained in the current EPDM Commercial Roofing Application Guide book as part of the specification.

Design
Consider local conditions and characteristics when designing, specifying and installing any roofing system. Information from the Single Ply Roofing Industry (SPRI), FM Global® and local building codes can provide guidelines for the designer.

This specification shall only be installed where the structure can accommodate the weight of the complete roofing system, including insulation, membrane, ballast, snow loads, etc. The determination of whether or not the structure is capable of supporting the weight of the complete roofing system is solely the responsibility of the owner and their design professional.

Design and installation of the deck and/or roof substrate must result in the roof draining freely to outlets numerous enough and so located as to remove water promptly. Minor ponding is acceptable.

Deck Preparation
Ensure the deck is clean, dry and smooth so that the insulation lays flat. Steel decks must be a minimum 22 gage and FM approved fastening methods must be followed to achieve the desired uplift. Please check with the deck manufacturer for further guidelines.

Flashings
Refer to the Flashing Details in Section 3 of the EPDM Commercial Roofing Application Guide book, or on the Web at www.jm.com/roofing.

Note: For the most current information on general guidelines, please refer to the System Considerations tab under Systems Introduction & Selection on the JM Roofing Web site. For specifications, flashing details and general installation information please refer to the System Application tab.

Insulation Application
Store products per manufacture’s recommendations. Remove any wet product and discard.

A minimum offset of 6’ (15.2 cm) is recommended from the previous layer of insulation. The top layer of insulation must be a minimum 1.5” (3.8 cm) thick.

Position the insulation with the long side of the board running parallel with the flutes of the steel deck only. Each of the edges must be centered on the flute top of a steel deck. No board widths less then 6” (15.2 cm) are allowed. Perimeters and corners fastener density must be enhanced per FM publication 1-29.

EPDM Membrane Application
It is essential that JM products be correctly installed in order for the completed roofing system to perform properly. The following procedures are to be used in performing the various operations in installing roofing products:

Tape to Standard Sheet Installation Method
Position the roll at the approximate application point, and unroll. If the membrane is wider than 16’8” (5.08 m), unfold the membrane to its fullest width. Move the membrane into place without stretching. Allow a minimum of 30 minutes before fastening or splicing so that the membrane can relax and release any tension induced by packaging and handling.

After unrolling the first sheet position adjoining sheets in the same manner, lapping the edges a maximum of 4” (10.16 cm) for 4” FIT sheets and 6” for 6” (15.24 cm) FIT sheets. Sheets should be laid out in an offset pattern, with a minimum of 3’ (91.44 cm) between adjacent end laps. Laps should be constructed with the upslope sheet overlapping the adjoining sheet in a shingle manner to avoid any laps opposing natural drainage.

FIT Seaming Note: On hotter days over 85 degrees F or in cases where the sheets are aligned while still cool but seaming will take place at a later time, overlap the sheets a maximum of 3” (7.62cm) for 4” FIT applications and 5” (12.7 cm) for 6” FIT applications on the upslope side where the seam tape faces up.

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Seaming of Laps
The splice area must be completely free of all dust, debris and other contaminants. Fold back the top sheet and hold the membrane away from the seam area using the “tack back” primer method or other acceptable means. Using a scrub pad apply primer to both the folded EPDM membrane and bottom sheet in an area wider than the lap to ensure bonding to a primed surface. Allow the primer to flash off to a tacky state.

Once dry, roll the top sheet back into place forming the lap. Starting at one end of the lap, remove the release liner from the EPDM Seam Tape by peeling it back parallel to the roof surface and away from the splice at a 45° angle. Hand roll using an appropriate roller first diagonally across the entire splice toward the outside edge, and then along the length of the splice. Provide sufficient pressure to ensure a good seal but avoid excessive pressure that could stretch or deform the tape. EPDM Seam Tape splices must be overlapped a minimum of 2” (50 mm) to ensure a continuous tape surface. When there is a splice in the seam tape, that location must be stripped in with either 6” minimum Peel & Stick Flashing or a T-Joint patch.

Tape to Tape Installation Method
Position the roll at the approximate application point, and unroll. If the membrane is wider than 16’6” (5.08 m), unfold the membrane to its fullest width. Move the membrane into place without stretching. Allow a minimum of 30 minutes before fastening or splicing so that the membrane can relax and release any tension induced by packaging and handling. After unrolling the first sheet position adjoining sheets in the same manner, lapping the edges a maximum of 4” (10.16 cm) for 4” FIT sheets and 6” for 6” (15.24 cm) FIT sheets. Sheets should be laid out in an offset pattern, with a minimum of 3’ (91.44 cm) between adjacent end laps. Laps should be constructed with the up slope sheet overlapping the adjoining sheet in a shingle manner to avoid any laps opposing natural drainage.

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Starting at one end of the lap simultaneously remove the plastic release liners on both the upper and lower JM EPDM FIT panels by peeling them back parallel to the roof surface and away from the splice at a 45° angle. If preferred, remove the lower liner first followed by the top liner being careful not to exceed more than a 18” distance between the two. Hand roll using an appropriate roller first diagonally across the entire splice toward the outside edge, and then along the length of the splice. Provide sufficient pressure to ensure a good seal but avoid excessive pressure that could stretch or deform the tape. EPDM Seam Tape splices must be overlapped a minimum of 2” (50 mm) to ensure a continuous tape surface. When there is a splice in the seam tape, that location must be stripped in with either 6” minimum Peel & Stick Flashing or a T-Joint patch.

Surfacing
Requirements for type and amount of ballast are as follows:

Ballast Surfacing: The ballast should be of a suitable type, and of sufficient amount, to provide protection against wind uplift. Local wind conditions and characteristics should be taken into account when assessing the ballast requirements. The Single Ply Roofing Industry (SPRI) has issued guidelines to assist the designer in its “Wind Design Guide for Ballasted Single Ply Roofing Systems” (ANSI/SPRI RP-4). Information can also be obtained from local building codes and from FM Global Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-29. The final decision on type and amount of ballast ultimately rests with the building owner or his or her technical representative but should not be less than 10 lb/ft² (1000 lb/100 ft² [48.8 kg/m²]).

Note: This amount may not provide complete coverage of the EPDM membrane. JM does not supply ballast materials; however, the following materials are approved for use with ballasted Specifications SE4B and SE6B:

Nominal 1½” (40 mm) Aggregate: Clean, smooth, river bottom stone consisting of ballot gradation Size #4 (or, alternatively, Size #3), as specified in ASTM D448 “Standard Sizes of Coarse Aggregate”. The ballast should consist of (4#) ¼” to ½” (20 mm to 40 mm) or (#3) 2” to 1” (50 mm to 25 mm) washed river stone with a minimum of 85% retained on a ¾” (20 mm) screen (4#) or a 1” (25 mm) screen (#3).

Nominal 2½” (65 mm) Aggregate: Clean, smooth river bottom stone consisting of ballot gradation Sizes #1 or #2 as specified in ASTM D448 “Standard Sizes of Coarse Aggregate”. It should consist of 3½” to 1½” (90 mm to 40 mm) (#1) or 2½” to 1½” (65 mm to 40 mm) (#2) washed river stone with a minimum of 85% retained on a 1½” (40 mm) screen. If crushed rock or ballast with sharp edges is used, a protective layer of JM Polyester Mat Protection Material, or other approved protection material must be used under the ballast. Gravel ballast must be clean and free of excessive fines, to avoid clogging the drains.

Pavers: Standard pavers (minimum 18 psf [87.9 kg/m²]), or interlocking lightweight pavers (minimum 10 psf [48.8 kg/m²]) may be substituted for nominal 1½” (40 mm) stone. Interlocking, lightweight pavers with documented or demonstrated equivalent wind performance data can be substituted for nominal 2½” (65 mm) stone. When pavers are used as ballast, and these pavers do not incorporate integral drainage channels, the pavers must be placed on supports or pedestals. These supports should be located at the intersection of the corners of the paver blocks. All four corners of adjacent pavers should rest on the same 6” (150 mm) square support or pedestal. The approximate ½” (15 mm) air space between the pavers and the membrane will allow moisture vapor to vent to the atmosphere.

When concrete pavers are not installed on pedestals or supports, one layer of JM Polyester Mat Protection Material, or another approved slip sheet must be installed between the paver and the membrane. JM recommends that sufficient ballast be applied to the membrane surface as soon as areas are completed, to provide immediate protection against wind uplift.

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