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Visqueen Ultimate HC BLOK

Features and benefits

- Agrement certified - third party accreditation
- Complies with NHBC Foundation's NF94 guidance for use in Type A and Type B membrane locations
- Complies with CIRIA C748:2014 - industry standard for volatile organic compounds (VOC) protection
- Complies with the methane gas transmission rate, mass per unit area and thickness requirements of BS 8485:2015 + A1:2019 - industry standard for methane and carbon dioxide protection
- Flexible - easy to detail and install on site
- Multi functional - also acts as a radon and damp proof membrane
- Dual jointing methods - lap joints can be taped or heat welded

Product description

Visqueen Ultimate HC Blok is a 0.5mm thick, chemically resistant co-extruded volatile organic compound barrier and gas barrier. It is coloured gold on the upper surface and white on the reverse. The product is supplied in single wound rolls (not folded), 2.44m x 41m.

Approvals and standards

- Third party accreditation (BDA certificate BAF-18-051-P-A-UK)
- Complies with NHBC Foundation's NF94 guidance for use in Type A and Type B membrane locations
- Complies with CIRIA C748:2014
- Complies with the methane gas transmission rate, mass per unit area and thickness requirements of BS 8485:2015 + A1:2019
- Suitable for all Characteristic Gas Situation (CS) ground gas regimes
- Conforms to the specification requirements of NHBC Amber 1 and Amber 2 applications
- Conforms to the specification requirements of BR 211:2023
- CE Mark EN 13967:2012
- Visqueen certified with Quality Management System ISO 9001:2015
- Visqueen certified with Occupational Health and Safety System ISO 45001:2018
- Visqueen certified with Environmental Management System ISO 14001:2015

Usage

Visqueen Ultimate HC Blok is suitable for use in all types of buildings to prevent the ingress of harmful levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), methane, carbon dioxide and radon. The barrier can be positioned above or below a concrete ground floor slab or above a precast suspended segmental ground floor system, e.g. beam and block floor.

The barrier also acts as a damp proof membrane.

Radon, carbon dioxide, methane, and VOC protection – NHBC NF94 guidance:
Visqueen Ultimate HC Blok when installed with either taped or welded joints (welded only for VOC protection) complies with NHBC Foundation's NF94 publication, Hazardous ground gas - an essential guide for housebuilders, in Type A membrane locations in precast suspended segmental subfloors and reinforced cast in situ concrete floor slabs (ground bearing, suspended or raft). Visqueen Ultimate HC Blok also complies with this guidance when installed with welded joints in Type B membrane locations in reinforced cast in situ concrete floor slabs (ground bearing, suspended or raft). For site or zone characteristic gas situations of CS4 and above, contact Visqueen Technical Services.

The product is not intended for use where there is a risk of hydrostatic pressure.

System components

- Visqueen Ultimate Double Sided Jointing Tape, 100mm x 15m
- Visqueen GR Lap Tape, 150mm x 10m
- Visqueen Ultimate Top Hat Units
- Visqueen Preformed Units
- VisqueenPro Detailing Strip, 300mm x 10m, 500mm x 10m

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Storage and handling

Visqueen Ultimate HC Blok should be stored horizontally, under cover in its original packaging.

Care should be taken when handling the product in line with current manual handling regulations.

Preparation

Visqueen Ultimate HC Blok should be installed on a smooth continuous surface free from irregularities such as voids or protrusions e.g. grouted beam and block floor, 50mm thick sand blinding, or smooth concrete blinding.

The membrane can be cut with a sharp retractable safety knife or robust scissors.

Installation

Visqueen Ultimate HC Blok should be loose laid on the substrate with the gold side up so as to avoid sunlight glare.

The barrier should be clean and dry at the time of jointing. It should be overlapped by at least 150mm, bonded with Visqueen 100mm Double Sided Butyl Tape and sealed with Visqueen GR Lap Tape. Alternatively lap joints can be heat welded to achieve an effective seal. The overlap in the barrier is typically 100mm and when hand welding, a 35mm weld is normally achieved. When hand welding, a roller must be used.

Airtight seals should be formed around all service entry points. Visqueen Ultimate Preformed Top Hat Units should be used for sealing service entry pipes. The base of the top hat and the upstand should be bonded using Visqueen 100mm Double Sided Butyl Tape and sealed with Visqueen GR Lap Tape. The upstand should be secured with the supplied jubilee clip. Alternatively VisqueenPro Detailing Strip can be used to seal service entry points. The upstand should be secured with a jubilee clip.

Forming an effective barrier to gases may give rise to complex three-dimensional detailing where, it is recommended Visqueen Ultimate Preformed Units are used e.g. corners. Alternatively VisqueenPro Detailing Strip can be used to seal awkward junctions.

If the barrier is punctured or perforated a patch of the same material should be lapped at least 150mm beyond the limits of the puncture and bonded with Visqueen 100mm Double Sided Butyl Tape and sealed with Visqueen GR Lap Tape. Alternatively a patch can be formed using VisqueenPro Detailing Strip and lapped at least 150mm beyond the extents of the puncture.

Long periods of exposure to ultraviolet light will reduce the effectiveness of the membrane. The membrane should be covered by a protective layer immediately after installation to prevent damage from following trades, ultraviolet light, etc. Care should be taken to ensure that the membrane is not punctured, stretched or displaced when applying a screed or final floor covering. A minimum thickness of 50mm screed is recommended. When reinforced concrete is to be laid over the barrier the wire reinforcements and spacers must be prevented from puncturing the barrier. Where there is a high risk of potential damage, the barrier should be covered with Visqueen TreadGUARD protection, screed, or other approved protection material before positioning the reinforcement.

Usable temperature range

It is recommended that Visqueen Ultimate HC Blok and all associated system components should not be installed below 5°C.

Additional information

When used in accordance with CIRIA C748:2014 or BS8485:2015 + A1:2019, a subfloor ventilation system or pressure relief maybe required
To assist build sequencing, Visqueen Ultimate Gas DPC is available for gas protection through the wall constructions.
For suspended beam and block floor detailing see HC-01
Visqueen Ultimate Preformed Top Hat Units should be used at service pipe penetrations see HC-51
For internal and external corners Visqueen Ultimate Preformed Corner Units are available see PFU-553
To seal around steel columns use VisqueenPro Detailing Strip see HC-52
For additional detailing information, contact Visqueen Technical Services +44 (0) 333 202 6800.

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Property	Test method	Units	Criteria	Result	
Colour				Gold/white	
Weight		kg		49	
Length	EN 1848-2	m	-0/+10%	41	
Width	EN 1848-2	m	-0/+10%	2.44	
Thickness	EN 1849-2	mm	+/-10%	0.5	
BS 8485 and C748 physical test results		Units	Criteria	Result	
Puncture	BS EN ISO 12236:2006	N	MDV	1640	
Impact resistance Method A hard surface	EN 12691	mm	MDV	200	
Impact resistance Method B soft surface	EN 12691	mm	MDV	1250	
Tensiles yield strength MD 1	ASTM D4885-01	kN/m	MDV	5.1	
Tensiles yield strength CD 1	ASTM D4885-01	kN/m	MDV	4.91	
Yield elongation MD 1	ASTM D4885-01	%	MDV	76	
Yield elongation CD 1	ASTM D4885-01	%	MDV	62	
Tear resistance - trouser method A - MD	BS ISO 34-1	kN/m	MDV	60.2	
Tear resistance - trouser method A - CD	BS ISO 34-1	kN/m	MDV	66.1	
Tear resistance - angle method B - MD	BS ISO 34-1	N	MDV	48.7	
Tear resistance - angle method B - CD	BS ISO 34-1	N	MDV	49.6	
1 - this is at yield and not break as the equipment used was not strong enough to break the membrane					
BS 8485 - Methane testing	Test method	Units	Criteria	Result	
Methane gas transmission rate (unjointed)	ISO 15105-1	ml/m^2/day/ atm	<40	1.3	
Methane gas transmission rate (welded joint)	ISO 15105-1	ml/m^2/day/ atm	<40	24	
Carbon dioxide gas transmission rate	ISO 15105-1	ml/m^2/day/ atm	<40	8.3	
C748:2014 - Permeation vapour tests - 100% concentration		Criteria	ml/m^2/d	mg/m^2/d	mg/m^2/ hr
Benzene	ISO 15105-2	MDV	0.08	70	2.92
Toluene	ISO 15105-2	MDV	0.09	78.5	3.27
Ethyl benzene	ISO 15105-2	MDV	0.11	93.8	3.91
m,p xylene	ISO 15105-2	MDV	0.01	6.7	0.28
Hexane	ISO 15105-2	MDV	gas	2.6	0.11
Vinyl chloride	ISO 15105-2	MDV	0	6.4	0.27
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	ISO 15105-2	MDV	0	3.2	0.13
Trichloroethene (TCE)	ISO 15105-2	MDV	solid	0.3	0.01
Naphthalene	ISO 15105-2	MDV	0.03	19.7	0.82
C748:2014 - Chemical immersion testing		weight %	Thickness %	Tensiles/ elongation	
Pass is achieved if the aged membrane is within 25% of the fresh sample					
Benzene	EN 14414	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Toluene	EN 14414	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Ethyl benzene	EN 14414	Pass	Pass	Pass	
(m,p, and o) xylene	EN 14414	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Hexane	EN 14414	Pass	Pass	Pass	

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Property	Test method	Units	Criteria	Result	
Vinyl chloride	EN 14414	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Tetrachlororthene	EN 14414	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Trichloroethene	EN 14414	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Naphthalene	EN 14414	Pass	Pass	Pass	
CE Marking to EN13967 Type A					
Characteristic	Test method	Units	Criteria	Result	
Tensile strength - MD	EN 12311	N/mm^2	MDV	32.8	
Tensile strength - CD	EN 12311	N/mm^2	MDV	33.1	
Tensile elongation - MD	EN 12311	%	MDV	699	
Tensile elongation - CD	EN 12311	%	MDV	723	
Joint strength	EN 12317-2	N	MDV	265	
Watertightness 2kPa	EN 1928	-	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Resistance to impact	EN 12691	mm	>MLV	200	
Durability watertightness after heat ageing	EN 1296	-	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Durability watertightness against chemicals	EN 1847	-	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Resistance to tearing (nail shank) CD	EN 12310-1	N	MDV	245	
Resistance to tearing (nail shank) MD	EN 12310-1	N	MDV	270	
Water vapour transmission - resistance	EN 1931	MNs/g	MDV	1034	
Water vapour transmission - permeability	EN 1931	$g/m^2/d$	MDV	0.13	
Radon permeability	Sp Method 3873	m^2/s	MDV	$<1.5 \times 10^{-12}$	

Health and safety information

Refer to the Visqueen Ultimate HC Blok safety datasheet (SDS).

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The Visqueen name has long been recognised as one of the leading manufacturers of high quality advanced membrane technologies and design based solutions by specifiers, distributors, builders merchants and contractors throughout the UK and Europe.

For further guidance on the Visqueen services shown below, please refer to the relevant section of the Visqueen website (www.visqueen.com) or contact Visqueen Technical Services on +44 (0) 333 202 6800 or enquiries@visqueen.com

Complete Range, Complete Solution

Structural Waterproofing | Gas Protection | Damp Proof Membrane | Tapes | Damp Proof Course | Stormwater | Vapour Control

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Visqueen combine an extensive product portfolio with industry leading levels of service and support which includes guidance over the phone, bespoke CAD drawings to help with complex detailing, electronic NBS specifications and access to a dedicated team of highly knowledgeable and experienced field based Technical Support Managers.

Visqueen Technical Support is available to all our customers including architects, specifiers, distributors, builders merchants, contractors and end users. All of our technical team have been awarded the industry recognised qualification Certificated Surveyor in Structural Waterproofing (CSSW).

Visqueen CPD Seminars

The Visqueen Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Seminars provide up-to-date information on changes within Building Regulations/Building Standards and nationally recognised industry guidance affecting damp proofing, water vapour control, hazardous ground gas protection and below ground structural waterproofing.

The one hour seminars have been produced for design specialists within the construction sector and are delivered by our team of Technical Support Managers.

Visqueen PI designs and special projects

From initial design to the completed project, Visqueen are with you every step of the way. Whether it be hazardous ground gas protection and/or below ground waterproofing protection employing barrier, structurally integral or drained systems, Visqueen can offer professional indemnity (PI) insurance for bespoke Visqueen design solutions.

Visqueen Technical Support Managers work with all stakeholders to provide cost effective Visqueen solutions offering complete peace of mind throughout the construction phase and beyond.

Visqueen Training Academy

Based at our manufacturing facility in Derbyshire, the Visqueen Training Academy is available to support Visqueen customers throughout the UK by providing a wide range of both theory and practical skills related training.

Courses include one day product awareness training for our distributors and builders merchants to help them in their day-to-day jobs, through to intensive three day courses giving detailed hands-on training in the practical skills required for safe and robust product installation.

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