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# Agrément Certificate 23/6868

Product Sheet 1 Issue 1

## **VISQUEEN AXIOM LIQUID WATERPROOFING SYSTEMS**

## VISQUEEN AXIOMGUARD PRO LIQUID WATERPROOFING SYSTEM

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> relates to the Visqueen AxiomGuard PRO Liquid Waterproofing System, a single component, cold liquid-applied polyurethane roof waterproofing membrane, for use on pitched and flat roofs, including those with protected zero falls, and in roof garden and green roof specifications with limited access, on new or existing roofs.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

#### The assessment includes

#### **Product factors:**

- compliance with Building Regulations
- compliance with additional regulatory or nonregulatory information where applicable
- evaluation against technical specifications
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- · uses and design considerations

#### **Process factors:**

- compliance with Scheme requirements
- installation, delivery, handling and storage
- production and quality controls
- maintenance and repair

#### Ongoing contractual Scheme elements†:

- regular assessment of production
- formal 3-yearly review



#### **KEY FACTORS ASSESSED**

- Section 1. Mechanical resistance and stability
- Section 2. Safety in case of fire
- Section 3. Hygiene, health and the environment
- Section 4. Safety and accessibility in use
- Section 5. Protection against noise
- Section 6. Energy economy and heat retention
- Section 7. Sustainable use of natural resources
- Section 8. Durability

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the system described herein. This system 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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Hardy Giesler Chief Executive Officer

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## SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT AND COMPLIANCE

This section provides a summary of the assessment conclusions; readers should refer to the later sections of this Certificate for information about the assessments carried out.

## **Compliance with Regulations**

Having assessed the key factors, the opinion of the BBA is that the Visqueen AxiomGuard PRO Liquid Waterproofing System, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations:



# The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

Requirement: B4(1) External fire spread

Comment: The system is restricted by this Requirement in some circumstances. See section 2

of this Certificate.

Requirement: B4(2) External fire spread

Comment: On a suitable substructure, the system may enable a roof to be unrestricted under

this Requirement. See section 2 of this Certificate.

Requirement: C2(b) Resistance to moisture

Comment: The system will enable a roof to satisfy this Requirement. See section 3 of this

Certificate.

Regulation: 7(1) Materials and workmanship

Comment: The system is acceptable. See sections 8 and 9 of this Certificate.



# The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation: 8(1)(2) Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship

Comment: The system satisfies the requirements of this Regulation. See sections 8 and 9 of this

Certificate.

Regulation: 9 Building standards applicable to construction

Standard: 2.6 Spread to neighbouring buildings

Comment: The system is restricted in some cases by this Standard, under clause 2.6.4<sup>(1)(2)</sup>. See

section 2 of this Certificate.

Standard: 2.7 Spread on external walls

Comment: Use of the system is restricted under clauses 2.7.1<sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 2.7.2<sup>(1)(2)</sup> of this Standard,

in some circumstances. See section 2 of this Certificate.

Standard: 2.8 Spread from neighbouring buildings

Comment: The system, when applied to a suitable structure, may be unrestricted under clause

 $2.8.1^{(1)(2)}$  of this Standard. See section 2 of this Certificate.

Standard: 3.10 Precipitation

Comment: The system will enable a roof to satisfy the requirements of this Standard, with

reference to clauses  $3.10.1^{(1)(2)}$  and  $3.10.7^{(1)(2)}$ . See section 3 of this Certificate.

Standard: 7.1(a) Statement of sustainability

Comment: The system can contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of Regulation 9,

Standards 1 to 6, and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze

level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.

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Regulation: 12 Building standards applicable to conversions

Comment: Comments in relation to the system under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, 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) 2012 (as amended)

Regulation: 23(1)(a)(i)(ii) Fitness of materials and workmanship

Comment: (iii)(iv)(b)(i) The system is acceptable. See sections 8 and 9 of this Certificate.

Regulation: 28(b) Resistance to moisture and weather

Comment: The system will enable a roof to satisfy the requirements of this Regulation. See

section 3 of this Certificate.

Regulation: 36(a) External fire spread

Comment: The system is restricted by this Regulation in some circumstances. See section 2 of

this Certificate.

Regulation: 36(b) External fire spread

Comment: On suitable substructures, the system may enable a roof to be unrestricted under

this Regulation. See section 2 of this Certificate.

# **Additional Information**

#### **NHBC Standards 2023**

In the opinion of the BBA, the Visqueen AxiomGuard PRO Liquid Waterproofing System, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying, the relevant requirements in relation to NHBC Standards, Chapter 7.1 Flat roof, terraces and balconies.

In addition, in the opinion of the BBA, the system, when installed and used in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards for Conversions and Renovations*, taking account of other relevant guidance within the Chapter and the suitability of the substrate to receive the system.

The NHBC Standards do not cover the refurbishment of existing roofs.

## **Fulfilment of Requirements**

The BBA has judged the Visqueen Axiom Guard PRO Liquid Waterproofing System to be satisfactory for use as described in this Certificate. The system has been assessed as a waterproofing layer on new and existing pitched and flat roofs with pedestrian and limited access, including green roofs and roof gardens.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

# Product description and intended use

The Certificate holder provided the following description for the system under assessment. The Visqueen Axiom Guard PRO Liquid Waterproofing System consists of:

- Axiom Guard PRO Primer a two-component, polyurethane-based primer for use over concrete substrates
- Axiom Guard PRO a one-component waterproofing membrane based on polyurethane resin
- Axiom Guard PRO Topcoat a two-component polyurethane resin UV-protection finishing layer
- Axiom Guard PRO Grip plastic beads mixed in to Axiom Guard PRO Topcoat to provide a rough surface.

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The Certificate holder recommends the following ancillary items for use with the product, but these materials have not been assessed by the BBA and are outside the scope of this Certificate:

Visqueen Axiom Guard PRO Matting - a fibreglass mesh

The waterproofing components and primers have the nominal characteristics given in Tables 1 and 2 respectively.

Table 1 Nominal characteristics of the waterproofing components			
Characteristic (unit)	Component		
	Axiom Guard PRO	Axiom Guard PRO Topcoat	
Colour	grey,	Component A: grey,clear Component B: clear	
Percentage solids (%)	90	70-75	
Viscosity at 23°C (cps)	2500-4000	Component A: $4000 \pm 1000$ Component B: $275 \pm 50$	
Specific gravity (g·cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.4–1.5	1.20	

Table 2 Nominal characteristics of the primers		
Characteristic (unit)	Component	
	Axiom Guard PRO Primer	
Colour	Component A: brown Component B: yellow	
Percentage solids (%)	Component A: 0 Component B: 0	
Viscosity at 23°C (MPa·s)	Component A: 450 Component B: 900	
Specific gravity (g·cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.11	

## **Applications**

The Visqueen AxiomGuard PRO Liquid Waterproofing System is satisfactory for use on pitched, flat and protected zero fall roofs with limited access, on:

- concrete
- PU insulation
- metal (steel).

When used over insulation, the system is only suitable for non-accessible areas.

The system is also satisfactory for use on protected zero-fall roofs with limited access, on concrete substrates.

# <u>Definitions for products and applications inspected.</u>

The following terms are defined for the purpose of this Certificate as:

- limited access roof a roof subjected only to pedestrian traffic for maintenance of the roof covering, cleaning of gutters, etc
- flat roof a roof having a minimum finished fall of 1:80<sup>(1)</sup>
- zero fall roof a roof having a finished fall which can vary between 0 and  $1:80^{(1)}$
- pitched roof a roof having a fall in excess of 1:6
- roof garden (intensive) a roof with a substantial layer of growing medium with planting that can include shrubs and trees, generally accessible to pedestrians

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- green roof (extensive) a roof with a shallow layer of growing medium planted with low-maintenance plants such as mosses, sedums, grasses and some wild flower species.
- (1) NHBC Standards 2023 require a minimum fall of 1:60 for green roofs and roof gardens.

# Product assessment – key factors

The system was assessed for the following key factors, and the outcome of the assessments is shown below. Conclusions relating to the Building Regulations apply to the whole of the UK unless otherwise stated.

#### 1 Mechanical resistance and stability

Not applicable

# 2 Safety in case of fire

Data were assessed for the following characteristics.

#### 2.1 External fire spread

- 2.1.1 When tested to DD CEN/TS 1187: 2012, Test 4, a system comprising 12 mm calcium silicate board, a coat of Axiom Guard PRO and an overcoat of Axiom Guard PRO Topcoat, achieved a classification of B<sub>ROOF</sub>(t4) under BS EN 13501-5: 2005
- 2.1.2 On the basis of data assessed, the system listed in section 2.1.1 will be unrestricted by the documents supporting the national Building Regulations with respect to proximity to a boundary. Restrictions may apply at junctions with compartment walls.
- 2.1.3 A roof incorporating the system will also be unrestricted under the national Building Regulations in the following circumstances:
- a roof garden covered with a drainage layer of gravel 100 mm thick and a soil layer 300 mm thick.
- when protected by an inorganic covering (eg gravel or paving slabs) listed in the Annex of Commission Decision 2000/553/FC
- when used in an irrigated roof garden or green roof specification.
- 2.1.4 The designation and permissible areas of use of other specifications must be confirmed by reference to the requirements of the documents supporting the national Building Regulations.
- 2.1.5 On the basis of data assessed, the system may be restricted by the documents supporting the national Building Regulations with respect to proximity to a boundary in some cases.
- 2.1.6 If allowed to dry, plants used may allow the spread of flame across the roof. This must be taken into consideration when selecting suitable plants for the roof. Appropriate planting, irrigation and/or protection must be applied to ensure the overall fire rating of the roof is not compromised.

## 2.2 Reaction to fire

- 2.2.1 The Certificate holder has not declared a reaction to fire classification to BS EN 13501-1 : 2018 for the Visqueen AxiomGuard PRO Liquid Waterproofing System.
- 2.2.2 On the basis of data assessed, the system will be restricted in use under the documents supporting the national Building Regulations in some cases.
- 2.2.3 In England, the system, when used in pitches greater than 70°, excluding upstands, should not be used less than 1 m from a boundary, or on residential buildings more than 11 m in height or on other buildings more than 18 m in height. Restrictions apply on assembly and recreation buildings. These constructions should also be included in calculations of unprotected area.

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- 2.2.4 In Wales, the system, when used in pitches greater than 70°, excluding upstands, should not be used less than 1 m from a boundary, or on buildings more than 18 m in height. Restrictions apply on assembly and recreation buildings. These constructions should also be included in calculations of unprotected area.
- 2.2.5 In Scotland and Northern Ireland, for systems used in pitches greater than 70°, excluding upstands, that do not achieve the minimum Class E reaction to fire classification to BS EN 13501-1: 2018, designers should seek guidance on the proposed use of the system from the relevant Building Control Body.

## 3 Hygiene, health and the environment

Data were assessed for the following characteristics.

#### 3.1 Weathertightness

3.1.1 Results of weathertightness tests are given in Table 3.

Table 3 Weathertig	htness results		
Product assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result
			(Mean)
Axiom Guard PRO	Watertightness to EOTA TR 003: 2004	No evidence of water leakage	Pass
	Water vapour transmission to BS EN 1931 : 2000	Value achieved	μ=2455
	Delamination to EOTA TR 004 : 2004 (substrate)	≥50 kPa	
	Concrete		Pass
	Steel		Pass
	PU		Pass
	Day joint		Pass

- 3.1.2 The weathertightness of the system was assessed using test data from a representative related system applied at the same application rate and met the requirement of remaining watertight when subjected to a one metre head of water for 24 hours.
- 3.1.3 On the basis of data assessed, the system will adequately resist the passage of moisture to the inside of a building and so satisfy the requirements of the national Building Regulations.
- 3.1.4 The adhesion of the system to the substrates given in the *Product description and intended use* section of this Certificate is sufficient to resist the effects of wind suction, thermal cycling or other minor structural movements likely to occur in service.

## 3.2 Resistance to mechanical damage

3.2.1 Results of resistance to mechanical damage tests are given in Table 4.

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Product assessedAssessment methodRequirementResultsAxiom Guard PRODynamic indentation to EOTA TR 006 : 2004 (on steel) Control tested at 23°C Tested at -20°CValue achieved IdDynamic indentation to EOTA TR 006 : 2004 (on PU) Control tested at 23°C (on PU) Control tested at 23°C Tested at -20°CValue achieved IdControl tested at 23°C Tested at -20°CIgStatic indentation to EOTA TR 007 : 2004Value achieved
(on steel) Control tested at 23°C I4 Tested at -20°C I4  Dynamic indentation to EOTA TR 006 : 2004 (on PU) Control tested at 23°C Tested at -20°C I2
Control tested at 23°C I4 Tested at -20°C I4  Dynamic indentation to EOTA TR 006 : 2004 Value achieved  (on PU) Control tested at 23°C I2 Tested at -20°C I2
Tested at -20°C $I_4$ Dynamic indentation to EOTA TR 006 : 2004 Value achieved (on PU)  Control tested at 23°C $I_2$ Tested at -20°C $I_2$
Dynamic indentation to EOTA TR 006 : 2004 Value achieved (on PU)  Control tested at 23°C I <sub>2</sub> Tested at -20°C I <sub>2</sub>
(on PU)
Tested at -20°C I <sub>2</sub>
Static indentation to EOTA TR 007: 2004 Value achieved
(on PU)
Control tested at 23°C L <sub>1</sub>
Static indentation to EOTA TR 007 : 2004 Value achieved
(on steel)
Control tested at 23°C L <sub>4</sub>
Static indentation to EOTA TR 007 : 2004 Value achieved
(on PU)
tested at 60°C L <sub>1</sub>
Static indentation to EOTA TR 007 : 2004 Value achieved
(on steel)
tested at 90°C L <sub>4</sub>
tested at 60°C L <sub>4</sub>
Maximum tensile strength Value achieved
to BS EN ISO 527-3 : 2018
Control 5 MPa
Elongation Value achieved
to BS EN ISO 527-3 : 2018
Control 418 %
Fatigue No evidence of
to EOTA TR 008 : 2004 leakage after
Control tested at -10°C (1000 cycles) 24 hours exposure to
100 mm head of
water. No debonding Pass
or, if any, not
exceeding
75 mm in total or
50 mm on one side of
the gap

- 3.2.2 The mechanical damage testing of the system was assessed using test data from a representative related system applied at the same application rate and met all testing requirements.
- 3.2.3 On the basis of data assessed, the system can accept, without damage, the foot traffic and light concentrated loads associated with installation, maintenance and the effects of minor movement likely to occur in practice while remaining weathertight.
- 3.2.4 Where traffic in excess of the examples given in section 3.2.3 is envisaged, such as for maintenance of lift equipment, a walkway must be provided (for example, using concrete slabs supported on bearing pads). Reasonable care must be taken to avoid puncture by sharp objects or concentrated loads.
- 3.2.5 The system is capable of accepting minor structural movement while remaining weathertight.
- 3.3 Resistance to root penetration
- 3.3.1 Results of root penetration tests are given in Table 5.

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Table 5 Root penetration re	sults		
Product assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result
Axiom Guard PRO	Root penetration	No penetration	Pass
	to EN 13498 : 2007		

3.3.2 On the basis of data assessed, the system will resist penetration by plant roots and can be used as a waterproofing system in green roof and roof garden specifications.

## 3.4 Slip resistance

#### 3.4.1 Results of slip resistance tests are given in Table 6

Table 6 Slip resistance resu	ılts		
Product assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result
Axiom Guard PRO	Slip resistance	Value achieved	Rd=50
	to DD ENV 12633: 2003		

On the basis of data assessed, the system, when incorporating Axiom Guard PRO Grip, has adequate slip resistance in wet conditions and may be used in pedestrian access areas

# 4 Safety and accessibility in use

Not applicable.

# 5 Protection against noise

Not applicable.

# 6 Energy economy and heat retention

Not applicable.

## 7 Sustainable use of natural resources

Not applicable.

## 8 Durability

- 8.1 The potential mechanisms for degradation and the known performance characteristics of the materials in this system were assessed.
- 8.2 Specific test data were assessed, as given in Table 7.

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roduct assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result (mean
xiom Guard PRO	EOTA TR 004 : 2004	≥50kPa	
_	Exposed to hot water at 60°C for 180 days.		
	Concrete		Pass
	Dynamic indentation to EOTA TR 006:2004	Declared value	
	at 80°C for 200 days		
	Tested at -20°C		
	Steel		<b>l</b> 4
_	PU		l <sub>1</sub>
	Dynamic indentation to EOTA TR 006 :2004	Declared value	
	UV exposed for 5000 hrs		
	Tested at -20°C		
	Steel		<b>l</b> 4
_	PU		l <sub>1</sub>
	Static indentation to EOTA TR 007: 2004	Declared value	
	Hot water, at 60°C for 60 days		
	(as defined in EOTA TR 012)		
	Steel		$L_4$
_	PU		$L_1$
	Static indentation to EOTA TR 007: 2004	Declared value	
	Hot water, at 60°C for 180 days		
	(as defined in EOTA TR 012)		
<u>-</u>	Steel		L <sub>4</sub>
	Static indentation to EOTA TR 007: 2004	Declared value	
_	Hot water, at 90°C for 60 days		
	(as defined in EOTA TR 012)		
	Steel		L <sub>4</sub>
	Static indentation to EOTA TR 007: 2004	Declared value	
	Hot water, at 90°C for 180 days		
	(as defined in EOTA TR 012)		
_	Steel		$L_2$
_	Tensile strength to BS EN ISO 527-1: 2019	Value achieved	
	UV exposed for 5000 hrs severe climatic.		
_	(as defined in EOTA TR-010)		6 MPa
_	Elongation to BS EN ISO 527-3: 2018	Value achieved	
	UV exposed for 5000 hrs severe climatic.		
_	(as defined in EOTA TR-010		82 %
_	Tensile strength to BS EN ISO 527-1: 2019	Value achieved	
	Heat ageing exposed for 200 days at 80 °C		
_	(as defined in EOTA TR 011)		6 MPa
_	Elongation to BS EN ISO 527-3: 2018	Value achieved	
	Heat ageing exposed for 200 days at 80 °C		
	(as defined in EOTA TR 011)		115 %
<del>-</del>	Fatigue	No evidence of leakage	
	to EOTA TR 008 : 2004	after 24 hours of exposure	
	-10°, 50 cycles. Heat aged for 200 days at 80 °C	to 100 mm head of water.	Pass
		No debonding or, if any,	
		not exceeding 75 mm in	
		total or 50 mm on one	
		side of the gap	

8.2.1 The durability testing of the system was assessed using test data from a representative system applied at the same application rate and met all testing requirements.

# 8.3 <u>Service life</u>

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8.3.1 Under normal service conditions, the system will have a life of at least 25 years, provided it is designed, installed and maintained in accordance with this Certificate and the Certificate holder's instructions.

## **PROCESS ASSESSMENT**

Information provided by the Certificate holder was assessed for the following factors:

#### 9 Design, installation, workmanship and maintenance

#### 9.1 Design

- 9.1.1 The design process was assessed by the BBA, and the following requirements apply in order to satisfy the performance assessed in this Certificate.
- 9.1.2 Decks to which the system is to be applied must comply with the relevant requirements of BS 6229: 2018, BS 8217: 2005 Sections 5.1.2 and 6.7 and, where appropriate, *NHBC Standards* 2023, Chapter 7.1. Attention is drawn to the requirements of these Standards to ensure that reinforced concrete roof slabs are finished to an acceptable standard, allow free drainage of water and are allowed to dry prior to the installation of the waterproofing. When these conditions are not met, appropriate remedial treatment is essential.
- 9.1.3 For design purposes of flat roofs, twice the minimum finished fall must be assumed, unless a detailed analysis of the roof is available, including overall and local deflection, and direction of falls.
- 9.1.4 Imposed loads, dead loading and wind loads must be calculated by a suitably experienced and competent individual in accordance with BS EN 1991-1-1: 2002, BS EN 1991-1-3: 2003 and BS EN 1991-1-4: 2005, and their UK National Annexes.
- 9.1.5 The growing medial used in roof planting must be of a type that will be removed, or become delocalised, owing to wind scour experienced on the roof.
- 9.1.6 It must be recognised that the type of plants used in roof gardens could significantly affect the expected wind loads experienced in service.
- 9.1.7 For roof garden (intensive) specifications, the following species must be excluded or managed:
- · Invasive weeds including buddleia
- Plants and grasses with aggressive rhizomes such as bamboo.
- Self-setting woody weeds such as sycamore and ash seedlings should be removed at early germination stage.
- Other woody plants which spread aggressively including rhododendron.
- 9.1.8 The Green Roof Organisation (GRO) can provide guidance on species not included in section 9.1.7 but such advice is outside of the scope of this Certificate.
- 9.1.9 The green systems for zero fall roofs, green roofs or roof gardens must be correctly designed, and the following points should be addressed:
- provision made for access for maintenance purposes
- for zero fall roofs, it is particularly important to identify the correct drainage points, to ensure that drainage is sufficient and effective
- dead loads for green roofs and roof gardens can increase if the drains become partially or completely blocked causing waterlogging of the drainage layer.
- 9.1.10 Insulation materials to be used in conjunction with the system must be in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and either:
- as described in the relevant clauses of BS 6229: 2018 and BS 8217: 2005, or
- the subject of a current BBA Certificate and used in accordance with, and within the limitations of, that Certificate.

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9.1.11 Where the system is installed over insulation boards, the resistance to wind uplift will be dependent on the cohesive strength of the insulation and the method by which the boards are secured to the roof deck. This must be taken into account when selecting a suitable insulation material.

#### 9.2 Installation

- 9.2.1 Installation instructions provided by the Certificate holder were assessed and judged to be appropriate and adequate and visits were carried out to sites in progress to assess the practicability of installation.
- 9.2.2 Installation of the system must be in accordance with the relevant clauses of BS 8000-0 : 2014 and BS 8000-4 : 1989, the Certificate holder's instructions and this Certificate. A summary of instructions and guidance is provided in Annex A.
- 9.2.3 All of the components must be applied when the air and substrate temperatures are greater than 5°C. Special precautions may be necessary when temperatures exceed 30°C; advice can be obtained from the Certificate holder but such advice is outside the scope of this Certificate.
- 9.2.4 Substrates to which the system is to be applied must be sound, clean, frost free and dry, and free from fatty/oily residues, contaminants (eg moss or algae) and sharp projections such as nail heads and concrete nibs. Substrates are high-pressure washed and rinsed to remove loose or flaking materials, but must be visibly dry before application of the system. Concrete surfaces must have a moisture content of less than 5%. The Certificate holder's advice must be sought for the suitability of the substrate to receive the system and for suitable cleaning procedures, including the use of a proprietary surface cleaner/HSE-approved fungicidal wash, where required, but such advice is outside the scope of this Certificate.
- 9.2.5 All points of potential weakness such as splits, cracks, joints and crazed surfaces must be reinforced in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions prior to application of the system.
- 9.2.6 Gutters and outlets must be checked to ensure that they are, and remain, clear of all debris.
- 9.2.7 Adhesion checks must be carried out to ensure that the system is compatible with the existing surfaces. The Certificate holder must be consulted for details of suitable test methods and requirements before use, but such advice is outside the scope of this Certificate.
- 9.2.8 Expansion or construction joints must be additionally reinforced prior to the application of the main waterproofing layer, in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.
- 9.2.9 Primer components Parts A and B must be thoroughly mixed for two minutes using a rod stirrer.
- 9.2.10 The mixed primer is applied to the substrate, with a typical application rate of 0.2 kg·m<sup>-2</sup>. The primer must be completely dry before the waterproofing layer is applied.
- 9.2.11 Axiom Guard PRO is applied to the roof at a coverage rate of 1.8 kg·m<sup>-2</sup>, using a roller.
- 9.2.12 On completion, the surface must be inspected for any pinholes, and a second layer of Axiom Guard PRO applied if required.
- 9.2.13 Axiom Guard PRO Topcoat is applied as a topcoat to increase UV stability. Components A and B must be thoroughly mixed and applied at a coverage rate of 250  $\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ .
- 9.2.14 Axiom Guard PRO Grip (8% weight) is mixed with Axiom Guard PRO Topcoat and applied with a roller onto Axiom Guard PRO.
- 9.2.15 The NHBC requires that the Visqueen AxiomGuard PRO Liquid Waterproofing System, once installed, is inspected in accordance with *NHBC Standards* 2023, Chapter 7.1, Clause 7.1.11, and undergoes an appropriate integrity test, where required. Any damage to the system assessed in this Certificate must be repaired in accordance with section 9.4 of this Certificate and reinspected, in order to maintain system performance.

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#### 9.3 Workmanship

Practicability of installation was assessed by the BBA on the basis of the Certificate holder's information. To achieve the performance described in this Certificate, the system must only be installed by contractors who have been trained and approved by the Certificate holder.

#### 9.4 Maintenance and repair

- 9.4.1 Ongoing satisfactory performance of the system in use requires that it is suitably maintained. The guidance provided by the Certificate holder was assessed by the BBA and found to be appropriate and adequate.
- 9.4.2 The following requirements apply in order to satisfy the performance assessed in this Certificate:
- 9.4.2.1 The system must be the subject of six-monthly inspections and maintenance in accordance with the recommendations of BS 6229 : 2018, Chapter 7, and the Certificate holder's own maintenance requirements, where relevant, to ensure continued satisfactory performance.
- 9.4.2.2 Green roofs and roof gardens must be the subject of regular inspections, particularly in autumn after leaf fall and in spring, to ensure unwanted vegetation and other debris are cleared from the roof and drainage outlets(see the Annex, section A.1 and A.2).
- 9.4.2.3 Should minor damage occur, it can be repaired by cleaning back to the unweathered material and recoating the damaged area with the membrane at the appropriate application rate.
- 9.4.2. Should a leak occur in the waterproofing layer in green or roof garden specifications, access to it is achieved by removing the layers above the waterproofing and replacing them once the repair has been carried out.

#### 10 Manufacture

- 10.1 The production processes for the system have been assessed, and provide assurance that the quality controls are satisfactory according to the following factors:
- 10.1.1 The manufacturer has provided documented information on the materials, processes, testing and control factors.
- 10.1.2 The quality control operated over batches of incoming materials has been assessed and deemed appropriate and adequate.
- 10.1.3 The quality control procedures and system testing to be undertaken have been assessed and deemed appropriate and adequate.
- 10.1.4 The process for management of non-conformities has been assessed and deemed appropriate and adequate.
- 10.1.5 An audit of each production location was undertaken, and it was confirmed that the production process was in accordance with the documented process, and that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated.
- †10.1.6 The BBA has undertaken to review the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

## 11 Delivery and site handling

11.1 The Certificate holder stated that the system is delivered to the site in packaging bearing the system name, batch number, health and safety data, and the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate. Table 8 gives the packaging types and sizes.

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Table 8 Liquid component packaging and size			
Component	Packaging	Package weights (kg)	
Axiom Guard PRO Primer	Clamp top tins	15	
Axiom Guard PRO	Clamp top tins	15	
Axiom Guard PRO Topcoat	Clamp top tins	Component A: 4.3, Component B: 0.7,	

- 11.2 Delivery and site handing must be performed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and this Certificate.
- 11.2.1 The liquid components must be stored in a dry, shaded area and away from ignition sources.

## **ANNEX A – SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION †**

Supporting information in this Annex is relevant to the system but has not formed part of the material assessed for the Certificate.

# <u>Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015</u> <u>Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016</u>

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

## **CLP Regulations**

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of classifying and labelling the product and/or components under the GB CLP Regulation and CLP Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 - classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures. Users must refer to the relevant Safety Data Sheet(s).

## **CE** marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the system in accordance with ETA 10/0121 and ETAG 005 : 2000, Parts 1 and 6.

## Additional information on installation

- A.1 Recommendations for the design of green roof and roof garden specifications are available within the latest edition of the GRO Green Roof code *Green Roof Code of Best Practice for the UK*.
- A.2 Green roofs and roof gardens should be of a suitable design. In cases of doubt, the Certificate holder's advice should be sought, but such advice is outside the scope of this Certificate.

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EOTA TR 008 Determination of the resistance to fatigue movement

EOTA TR 010 Exposure procedure for artificial weathering

EOTA TR 011 Exposure procedure for accelerated ageing by heat

EOTA TR 012 Exposure procedure for accelerated ageing by hot water

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## **Conditions of Certificate**

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#### 1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product that is named and described on the front page
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- is valid only within the UK
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- 3 This Certificate will be displayed on the BBA website, and the Certificate Holder is entitled to use the Certificate and Certificate logo, provided that the product and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:
- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
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- any works and constructions in which the product is installed, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any loss or damage, including personal injury, howsoever caused by the product, including its manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal
- any claims by the manufacturer relating to UKCA marking and CE marking.
- 6 Any information relating to the manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal of this product which is contained or referred to in this Certificate is the minimum required to be met when the product is manufactured, supplied, installed, used, maintained and removed. It does not purport in any way to restate the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, or of any other statutory, common law or other duty which may exist at the date of issue or reissue 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.

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