ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR COLD, LIQUID-APPLIED, BELOW-GRADE, EXTERIOR DAMPPROOFING AND WATERPROOFING MATERIALS

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PREFACE

Evaluation reports issued by ICC Evaluation Service, Inc. (ICC-ES), are based upon performance features of the International family of codes and other widely adopted code families, including the Uniform Codes, the BOCA National Codes, and the SBCCI Standard Codes. Section 104.11 of the *International Building Code*® reads as follows:

> The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any materials or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been approved. An alternative material, design or method of construction shall be approved where the building official finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this code in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability and safety.

Similar provisions are contained in the Uniform Codes, the National Codes, and the Standard Codes.

This acceptance criteria has been issued to provide all interested parties with guidelines for demonstrating compliance with performance features of the applicable code(s) referenced in the acceptance criteria. The criteria was developed and adopted following public hearings conducted by the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee, and is effective on the date shown above. All reports issued or reissued on or after the effective date must comply with this criteria, while reports issued prior to this date may be in compliance with this criteria or with the previous edition. If the criteria is an updated version from the previous edition, a solid vertical line (**l**) in the margin within the criteria indicates a technical change, addition, or deletion from the previous edition. A deletion indicator (➜) is provided in the margin where a paragraph has been deleted if the deletion involved a technical change. This criteria may be further revised as the need dictates.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose: The purpose of this acceptance criteria is to establish requirements for cold, liquid-applied, below-grade, exterior dampproofing and waterproofing materials to be recognized in an ICC Evaluation Service, Inc. (ICC-ES), evaluation report under the 2006 *International Building Code*® (IBC), the 2006 *International Residential Code*® (IRC), the BOCA® *National Building Code*/1999 (BNBC), the 1999 *Standard Building Code*© (SBC) and the 1997 *Uniform Building Code*™ (UBC). Bases of recognition are IBC Section 104.11, IRC Section R104.11, BNBC Section 106.4, SBC Section 103.7 and UBC Section 104.2.8.

1.2 Scope: This acceptance criteria is limited to a fluid-applied membrane, intended for use as a below-grade waterproofing or dampproofing. The membranes are alternatives to dampproofing and waterproofing materials described in Section 1807 of the IBC, Section R406 of the IRC, Appendix Chapter 18 of the UBC, Section 1813 of the BNBC and Section 1814 of the SBC.

1.3 Reference Standards:

1.3.1 2003 *International Building Code*® (IBC), International Code Council.

1.3.2 2003 *International Residential Code*® (IRC), International Code Council.

1.3.3 BOCA® *National Building Code*/1999 (BNBC).

1.3.4 1999 *Standard Building Code*© (SBC).

1.3.5 1997 *Uniform Building Code*™ (UBC).

1.3.6 ASTM C 836-00, Standard Specification for High Solids Content, Cold Liquid-Applied Elastomeric Waterproofing Membrane for Use with Separate Wearing Course, ASTM International.

1.3.7 ASTM D 2939-98, Standard Test Methods for Emulsified Bitumens Used as Protective Coatings, ASTM International.

1.3.8 ASTM E 96-00$^{\varepsilon 01}$, Standard Test Methods for Water Transmission of Materials, ASTM International.

1.3.9 ASTM C 1306-95, Standard Test Method for Hydrostatic Pressure Resistance of a Liquid-Applied Waterproofing Membrane, ASTM International.

1.3.10 ASTM E 154-99, Standard Test Method for Water Vapor Retarders Used in Contact with Earth Under Concrete Slabs, on Walls, or Ground Cover, ASTM International.

1.4 Definitions:

1.4.1 Dampproofing: Treatment of a surface or structure located below grade to resist the passage of water in liquid form, in the absence of hydrostatic pressure.

1.4.2 Waterproofing: Treatment of a surface or structure located below grade to resist the passage of water in liquid form, under hydrostatic pressure.

1.4.3 Hydrostatic Pressure: Pressure exerted by water at rest.

2.0 BASIC INFORMATION

The applicant for an evaluation report concerning exterior dampproofing and waterproofing materials shall submit the following:

2.1 General:

2.1.1 Product Description: The description shall include the following:

2.1.1.1 Material specifications.

2.1.1.2 Wet and dry film thicknesses.

2.1.1.3 Percent-solids content of the waterproofing material and/or adhesive used to adhere materials.

2.1.1.4 Type and amount of priming material applied to the substrate prior to the application of the membrane.

2.1.1.5 For multicomponent systems, the mix ratio, mixing procedure, and working time for the material.

2.1.1.6 Amount of liquid material per shipping container.

2.1.1.7 Shelf life, including identification provisions.

2.1.1.8 Type and amount of sealer materials applied as a top coat to the dampproofing and waterproofing materials.

2.1.1.9 Description of the base material and thinning agent.

2.1.1.10 Description of protective barriers, as applicable.

2.1.2 Installation Instructions: The installation instructions shall include the following:

2.1.2.1 The application rate of liquid material applied to substrate, measured in gallons per square foot and dry film thickness. Application procedures shall specify substrates, such as portland cement plaster, treated wood, parged and/or unparged masonry or concrete. Conditions necessary for proper application, such as ambient temperature, age of substrate, substrate temperature, site condition (such as wet or muddy), and material temperature, shall be included.

2.1.2.2 Preparation of materials prior to application, including components, proportions, temperature and humidity conditions, method of mixing and pot life of mixture.

2.1.2.3 Maximum spacing, method of installation, and other information on expansion and control joints.

2.1.2.4 Details and instructions for terminations/flashing of waterproofing and dampproofing system.

2.1.2.5 Type, location, and installation procedures for all flashing, counterflashing, caulking and other special treatments.

2.1.2.6 Conditions necessary for proper application of protective barriers, if applicable.

2.1.3 Substrate Preparation: Substrate preparation shall address the following:

2.1.3.1 Removal of deleterious materials that may affect bond and performance.

2.1.3.2 Treatment of voids, cracks, tie-rod holes, joints, honeycombed areas, brick ledges and other excessively rough areas.

2.1.3.3 Compatibility of primers and other substrate conditioning materials with the dampproofing and waterproofing material.

2.1.3.4 Cure time, drying period and other time-related requirements.

2.1.4 Packaging and Identification: A description of the method of packaging and field identification of the waterproofing or dampproofing membrane. Identification provisions shall include the evaluation report number and the manufacturer's name/logo.

2.1.5 Field Preparation: A description of the methods of field storing, application and finishing.

2.2 Testing Laboratories and Reports of Tests:

2.2.1 Testing laboratories shall comply with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Test Reports (AC85), and Section 4.2 of the ICC-ES Rules of Procedure for Evaluation Reports.

2.2.2 Test reports shall comply with AC85. Test reports shall include test specimen description, details of the test method, manner of testing, test results, calculated results, and photographs, when necessary. The test reports shall also include information required by the applicable ASTM standard or this acceptance criteria.

2.2.3 Specimen sampling shall comply with Section 3.2 of AC85.

3.0 TEST AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 General: Cold, liquid-applied, dampproofing and waterproofing products shall comply with the properties and test methods indicated in Table 1 of this acceptance criteria. Testing of the material shall be done for each substrate for which recognition is sought.

4.0 TEST METHODS

4.1 Preparation of Test Specimens (Soil Conditioning): Test specimens shall be prepared for each of the tests in Table 1 as follows: The soil is prepared in accordance with the applicable portions of Section 13 of ASTM E 154. Three specimens are buried in the soil and incubated in accordance with Section 13.5. The incubation period is determined in accordance with Section 13.6. After the conditioning period, the specimens are removed from the soil and washed clean of all soil.

5.0 QUALITY CONTROL

5.1 Quality documentation complying with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Quality Documentation (AC10) shall be submitted.

5.2 Third-party follow-up inspections are not required under this criteria.

5.3 Inspection procedures to verify proper installation shall be submitted.■

TABLE 1—TESTING

PROPERTIES	NUMBER OF SPECIMENS	TEST METHOD	REQUIREMENTS
Hydrostatic pressure over cracks[2]	3	ASTM C 1306[5] or ASTM D 5385[5]	50 percent of lowest value achieved
Low-temperature flexibility and crack bridging[2]	5	ASTM C 836, Section 6.7[4]	No cracking, splitting, pinholes or loss of adhesion
Adhesion strength	3	ASTM C 836, Section 6.9	1 lbf./in. on surfaces desired
Resistance to water	3	ASTM D 2939, Section 15	No blistering or reemulsification
Resistance to decay[1]	4	ASTM E 154, Section 13	10 percent maximum weight loss; 1 perm maximum water vapor transmission
Remain in place during application	1	ASTM C 836, Section 6.8	As recommended by manufacturer[3] ±5 mils
Water vapor permeance	3	ASTM E 96, Water Method	Maximum 1 perm
Extensibility after heat aging[2]	3	ASTM C 836, Section 6.11	$^1/_4$ inch, no cracking

For **SI:** 1 inch = 25.4 mm,1 mil = 0.0254 mm, 1 lbf./in. = 0.175 N/mm, 1 perm = 5.745 x 10^{-11} kg/pa·s·m^2.

[1]Required for dampproofing only. Sections 13.5.1.2 and 13.5.1.3 of ASTM E 154 may be revised, allowing the test specimen to be placed directly on the concrete before placement into the soil.
[2]Required for waterproofing only.
[3]Manufacturer to recommend the actual wet and dry film thicknesses for testing. The reported thicknesses will be part of the evaluation report.
[4]The test temperature is recommended by the manufacturer. The test temperature must be reported in the test report and be part of the evaluation report.
[5]The test specimen shall be tested over a minimum $^1/_{16}$-inch crack.