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AVCL (AIRTIGHT VAPOUR CONTROL LAYER) SYSTEM

System Function

Airtight vapour barrier membrane.

System Location

AVCL should be located on the warm side of the facade composition and on the top of the substrate (mineral wool insulation, concrete, masonry, aluminium, etc.) in order to provide a barrier to water, air and vapour.

The weatherproofing design of the AVCL membrane systems should be done in detail and project by project basis.

System Method of Installation

Fixing

Depending on substrate characteristics could be used double-sided adhesive tape or past adhesive cartridge.

If AVCL membrane is applied as a facade liner (opaque areas) is recommendable to apply the adhesive tape or past adhesive vertically (or horizontally) spaced with minimum @500mm.

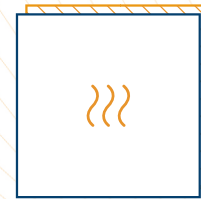
If AVCL membrane is applied on interface/joint it is recommendable to apply the adhesive tape or past adhesive continuously and parallel to the joint.

Membrane mechanical fix not required.



UAE REGULATION - AVCL SYSTEM - FIRE PERMANENCE

AVCL membrane system has a severe impact on facade fire propagation. It should be specified non-combustibility or limited combustibility with minimum Class A2-s1, d0 on EN13501-1, fulfilling all the requirements of the UAE Fire and Life Safety Code of Practice (latest version). Tapes, adhesives and sealants should be tested and certified as part of the membrane system always replicating the end-use.



 Vertical Overlap 150mm

 Horizontal Overlap 100mm

 Perimeter sealing

Double side adhesive/sealant tape (thickness > 1,50mm) or past adhesive 1 bead with 8mm dia. applied continuously on the AVCL end laps and to the substrate.

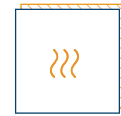
 Details

All the nails/screw perforations < 25mm dia. should be sealed with a patch 50x50mm of double-sided adhesive tape. The facade perforations with irregular shape and above 25mm should be studied in detail case by case. All tapes, adhesives and sealants should be applied when it is not raining and the temperature is above 5°. Primer is required for temperatures below < 5°; Care should be taken on porous surfaces such as concrete.

AVCL SYSTEMS COMMON FAULTS

- Membrane perforations not sealed;
- Lack of compatibility tests;
- Tapes, adhesives and sealants not allowing differential movements;
- Tapes, adhesives and sealant are not tested as a complete system;
- Lack of detailing;

AVCL SYSTEM ACCESSORIES DESIGN



AVCL
MEMBRANE SYSTEM

Application



Overlaps

●



Fixing

Gypsum Sheathing Board,
Calcium Silicate Boards,
Cement Basis or similar
Aluminium Frame
Mineral Wool

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Masonry, Concrete or
similar porous surfaces

●

Galvanized Studs or similar
metallic smooth surface

●

Aluminium Foil (insulation)

●



Perimeter Sealing

Concrete, Masonry or
similar porous surfaces

●

Aluminium

●

EPDM

●



Nail/Screw Perforations Sealing

●

EPDM Membrane System

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✓ Fully Envelope System Tested & All Compatibilities Checked


- It is necessary an accessory tested and developed for that application.
- It is necessary an accessory with elongation and with thickness above 1.0 mm.

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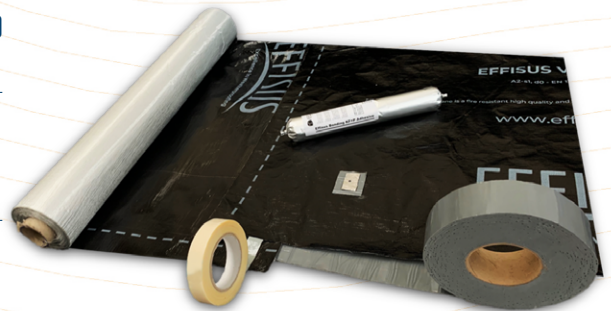
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EFFISUS VAPOUR FR SYSTEM



Effisus Vapour FR system has approved by Dubai Civil Defense, fulfilling all the requirements of the UAE Fire and Life Safety Code of Practice latest version.

 Reaction to fire ^{a)}	System	Class A2-s1,d0 (EN 13501-1)
	Membrane	Class A1 (EN 13501-1)
 Vapour Resistance Sd (m)		> 7500 (EN 1931)
 Resistance to air penetration (m³/(h x m² x 50 Pa)		0,002 (EN 12114)
 Water penetration		W1, passed (EN 1928)
 Tensile Strength MD/CD (N/50mm)		max: 890; max: 861 (EN 12311-1)



^{a)} The fire classification was obtained with Effisus accessories (double-sided adhesive tapes and paste adhesive) tested as a system.

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AVCL SYSTEMS (FIRE & WEATHERPROOFING DESIGN)

EFFISUS ACCESSORIES SYSTEM

X3 SYSTEM POSSIBILITIES

Effisus 2Bond DS Tape

Function

Perimeter sealing;
Sealing nail/screw perforations

Substrates compatibility

Concrete or similar porous surfaces; Aluminum;
aluminium foil

Special notes

Accessory with elongation and movements



Effisus Bonding KF+P paste adhesive

Function

Perimeter sealing; Fixing and sealing nail/
screw perforations

Substrates compatibility

Concrete or similar porous surfaces;
Aluminum



TECHNICAL SUPPORT

- Project by project approach
- Product specifications

- Weatherproofing design
- Technical Submission

- Dedicated CPD's
- Compatibility assessment

- Site support
- Project method statement



  
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