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# GUIDANCE FOR CONSULTANTS/ARCHITECTS

FACADE WEATHERPROOFING - FIRE

The background features a dark blue field with abstract, flowing shapes in shades of orange and green, resembling flames or smoke. Overlaid on this is a grid of thin, light-colored lines that curve and warp across the page, creating a sense of depth and movement.

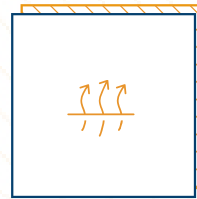


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## FACADE WEATHERPROOFING - FIRE

### BREATHER / AVCL SYSTEMS



### BREATHER MEMBRANE SYSTEM

#### System Function

Waterproofing vapour permeable system.

#### System Location

It should be installed on top of the external insulation (cold side) protecting the entire facade composition. However and depending on the cladding brackets complexity (size/shape) it is acceptable that breather membrane systems be fixed on the top of the sheathing board. The weatherproofing design of the breather membrane systems should be done in detail and in project by project basis.

#### System Method of Installation

##### Fixing

Double-sided adhesive/sealant tape spaced minimum @500mm (placed vertically or horizontally). Membrane mechanical fixed shortly (1 metal plate per/m2).

#### Vertical Overlap 150mm

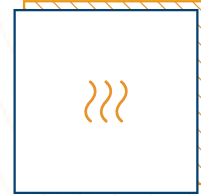
#### Horizontal Overlap 100mm

#### Perimeter sealing

Double-sided adhesive/sealant tape (thickness > 1,50mm) applied continuously on top of the weatherproofing EPDM membranes or any other substrate always allowing the inter-face movement (windows frame/sheathing board; parapet wall/roofing membrane; concrete/sheathing board, etc.).

#### 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 over 25mm should be studied in detail case by case. All the tapes, adhesives and sealants should be applied when it is not raining and the temperature is above 5°C. Primer is required for temperatures below < 5°C; Care should be taken on porous surfaces such as concrete.



## AVCL (AIRTIGHT VAPOUR CONTROL LAYER) SYSTEM

### System Function

Airtight vapour barrier membrane.

### System Location

AVCL should be located on the internal face (warm side) of the back wall and fixed on top of the vertical Galvanized Steel SFS Studs. The weatherproofing design of the AVCL membrane systems should be done in detail and project by project basis.

### System Method of Installation

#### Fixing

Double-sided adhesive/sealant tape spaced minimum @500mm (placed vertically and horizontally).  
Membrane mechanical fix not required.



## BREATHER & AVCL SYSTEM - FIRE PERFORMANCE

Breather and AVCL membrane systems are generally applied as facade liners (opaque areas) with severe impact on facade fire propagation – externally and internally. It should be specified noncombustibility or limited combustibility with minimum Class A2-s1, d0 on BS EN13501-1. Tapes, adhesives and sealants should be tested and certified as part of membrane system always replicating the end use.

 Vertical Overlap 150mm

 Horizontal Overlap 100mm

### Perimeter sealing

Double side adhesive/sealant tape (thickness > 1,50mm) applied continuously on the connections of ACVL membrane edges/end laps to concrete, aluminium or any other substrate allowing always the interface movement (AVCL/Windows frame; ACVL/Concrete Slab, etc.).

### Details

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## BREATHER AND 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;

## BREATHER/ AVCL SYSTEM ACCESSORIES DESIGN



BREATHER  
MEMBRANE SYSTEM



AVCL  
MEMBRANE SYSTEM

Application



Overlaps

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Fixing

Gypsum Sheathing Board,  
Calcium Silicate Boards,  
Cement Basis or similar

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Concrete or similar  
porous surfaces

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Galvanized Studs or similar  
metallic smooth surface

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Aluminium Foil (insulation)

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Perimeter  
Sealing

Concrete or similar  
porous surfaces

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Aluminium

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EPDM

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Roofing Membrane

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Gas Membrane

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Nail/Screw  
Perforations Sealing

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Breather Membrane System

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AVCL Membrane System

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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.

# PRODUCT AVAILABILITY



**EFFISIIS**  
Excellence in Weatherproofing

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BREATHER / AVCL SYSTEMS (FIRE & WEATHERPROOFING DESIGN)

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## A2 FIRE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

- Effisus Breather FR membrane system
- Effisus Vapour FR membrane system
- Full range of accessories

### EFFISIUS BREATHER FR SYSTEM



**Reaction to fire**

System	Class A (or Class 1) (ASTM E84) A2-s1,d0 (EN13501-1)
Membrane	Class A1 (EN 13501-1)



**Water vapour transmission properties (sd-value) (m)**

0.013 (EN ISO 12572)



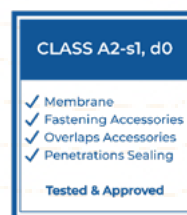
**Tensile Strength MD/CD (N/50mm)**

2015 / 1725 (EN 12311-1)



**Nail tear resistance MD/CD (N)**






328/255 (EN 12317-2)



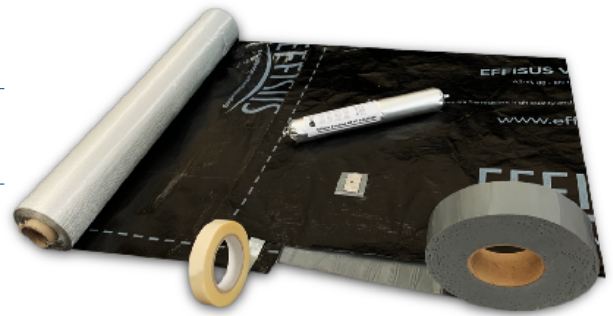
a) The fire classification was obtained with Effisus accessories (double-sided adhesive tapes) tested as a system.

## EFFISUS VAPOUR FR SYSTEM



	<b>Reaction to fire</b>	System	Class A2-s1,d0 (EN 13501-1)
		Membrane	Class A1 (EN 13501-1)
	<b>Vapour resistance (MNs/g) <sup>b)</sup></b>		> 7500 (EN 1931)
	<b>Resistance to air penetration (m<sup>3</sup>/(h x m<sup>2</sup> x 50 Pa)</b>		0,002 (EN 12114)
	<b>Water penetration</b>		W1, passed (EN 1928)
	<b>Tensile Strength MD/CD (N/50mm)</b>		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.
- b) Vapour resistance test result considering the vapour permeability of still air, in UK, 0.2 gm/MNS.



## 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  
Roofing membrane; Gas membrane

##### Special notes

Accessory with elongation and movements



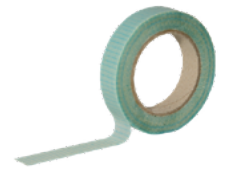
#### Effisus 2Adjoin DF Tape

##### Function

Fixing and overlaps membrane

##### Substrates compatibility

Galvanized Studs or similar metallic smooth surface and Gypsum Sheathing Board, Calcium Silicate Boards, Cement Basis or similar



#### 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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