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**NURAPLY
NURATHERM
INSULATING
MEMBRANE SYSTEM**

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Product

- 1.1 The Nuraply Nuratherm System is an insulating roofing and deck system for limited access flat roofs and decks. It consists of a thermal insulation layer and a roof finish of either Nuraply 3PM modified bitumen waterproofing membranes or Nuraply TPO polyester reinforced, multi-layer, synthetic roof waterproofing membranes.

Scope

- 2.1 The Nuraply Nuratherm System has been appraised for use as an insulating roof on buildings within the following scope:
 - the scope limitations of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 1.1 with regard to building height and maximum floor plan areas; and,
 - on limited access flat roofs with concrete, timber, Strandsarking (roofs only), cross laminated timber [CLT] or steel structural decks subject to specific structural design; and,
 - with roofs and decks constructed to drain water to gutters and drainage outlets complying with the NZBC; and,
 - with roofs and decks constructed to suitable falls [refer to Paragraphs 15.3 and 15.4]; and,
 - with no steps within the deck, no integral roof gardens and no downpipes directly discharging to the deck; and,
 - situated in NZS 3604 Wind Zones up to, and including, Extra High.
- 2.2 The Nuraply Nuratherm System has also been appraised for durability and thermal performance as an insulated roofing and deck system on buildings that are the subject of specific design with no building height restriction. Building designers are responsible for the building design and for the incorporation of the Nuraply Nuratherm System into their design in accordance with the declared properties and instructions of Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd.
- 2.3 The Nuraply Nuratherm System must be installed by Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd licensed and trained installers.

Building Regulations

New Zealand Building Code [NZBC]

3.1 In the opinion of BRANZ, the Nuraply Nuratherm System, if designed, used, installed and maintained in accordance with the statements and conditions of this Appraisal, will meet or contribute to meeting the following provisions of the NZBC:

Clause B2 DURABILITY: Performance B2.3.1 [b] 15 years. The Nuraply Nuratherm System meets this requirement. See Paragraphs 10.1 and 10.2.

Clause E2 EXTERNAL MOISTURE: Performance E2.3.1 and E2.3.2. The Nuraply Nuratherm System meets these requirements. See Paragraphs 15.1–15.9.

Clause F2 HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS: Performance F2.3.1. The Nuraply Nuratherm System meets this requirement.

Clause H1 ENERGY EFFICIENCY: Performance H1.3.1 [a]. The Nuraply Nuratherm System contributes to meeting this requirement. See Paragraph 14.1.

Technical Specification

4.1 The Nuraply Nuratherm System is an insulating roofing for flat roofs. The thermal layer is a polyisocyanurate board available in a number of thicknesses to suit design requirements. The insulation board is either mechanically or adhesive fixed on limited access flat roofs of concrete, timber, Strandsarking, CLT or steel structural decks. The roof finish is a modified bitumen waterproofing membrane or TPO which is adhesive or mechanically fixed to the insulation board.

4.2 Materials supplied by Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd are as follows:

- **Nuraply 3PM Membrane** - a 4 mm thick, modified bitumen sheet waterproofing membrane with an upper layer of mineral chip. It is applied by heat welding with heat welded joints as a fully heat welded cap sheet in a double layer system over Nuraply 3PV-SA or 3PB-SA. Supplied in 1 m wide x 7.5 m long rolls.
- **Nuraply 3PV-SA** - a 3 mm thick, self-adhesive, modified bitumen sheet waterproofing membrane with a built in vapour pressure diffuser based on a diamond pattern. Installed as the base layer of a waterproofing membrane system. Supplied in 1 m wide x 10 m long rolls.
- **Nuraply 3PB-SA** - a 3 mm thick, self-adhesive, modified bitumen sheet waterproofing membrane with a polyester-glass combination inlay. Installed as the base layer of a waterproofing membrane system. Supplied in 1 m wide x 15 m long rolls.
- **Nuraply TPO Membrane** - a fully-adhered, polyester fabric reinforced, multi-layer, synthetic roof waterproofing sheet based on thermoplastic polyolefin [TPO]. It is supplied in grey or white, either 1.14 or 1.52 mm thick, 3.05 m wide and 30.48 m long rolls.
- **Nuraply TPO FB Membrane** - a fully-adhered, polyester fabric reinforced, multi-layer, synthetic roof waterproofing sheet based on thermoplastic polyolefin [TPO] with a fleece backing. It is supplied in grey, 1.52 mm thick, 3.05 m wide and 30.48 m long rolls.
- **Nuraply ALU** - a 0.6 mm thick, self-adhesive SBS modified bitumen sheet membrane with a top side of polyester reinforced aluminium foil. It is used as a vapour barrier between the substrate and the insulation material when required. It is supplied in 1.08 m wide x 25 m long rolls.
- **IKO Enertherm ALU insulation** - an insulation board with a core of hard polyisocyanurate foam, coated on both sides with tri-ply gas-tight aluminium. Supplied in various thicknesses and R-values, with a board size of 2.37 m x 1.2 m flat and 1.2 m x 1.2 m tapered.
- **Nuraflex QD** - a solvent-based adhesive for bonding Nuraply ALU insulation to plywood, timber [CLT], metal, Strandsarking and concrete substrates. It is coloured black and applied by brush or roller and is supplied in 25 L containers.
- **Fastenings and thermal break flanges** - fastenings are zinc plated, Torx 25 drive, EF head 10 g suitable for timber, concrete, Strandsarking or steel. The thermal break flanges are polyamide, with 25 mm diameter heads.

Handling and Storage

- 5.1 Handling and storage of all materials, whether on-site or off-site, is under the control of the Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd licensed and trained installers. Dry storage must be provided for all products and the rolls of membrane must be stored in an upright position.

Technical Literature

- 6.1 Refer to the Appraisals listing on the BRANZ website for details of the current Technical Literature for the Nuraply Nuratherm System. The Technical Literature must be read in conjunction with this Appraisal. All aspects of design, use, installation and maintenance contained in the Technical Literature and within the scope of this Appraisal must be followed.

Design Information

General

- 7.1 The Nuraply Nuratherm System is a roof system which provides thermal insulation and waterproofing. It is for use on limited access flat roofs subject only to light foot traffic for maintenance purposes. The insulation board is mechanically or adhesive fixed to concrete, timber (CLT), plywood or Strandsarking or mechanically fixed to metal structural decks which are subject to specific structural design. The insulation board is available in several thicknesses to suit various thermal insulation designs.
- 7.2 The system can be used on new or existing roofs, subject to the suitability of the structural deck of existing roofs.
- 7.3 The Nuraply 3PM waterproofing membrane is an adhesive-fixed, two layer bitumen modified sheet with heat welded joints. The Nuraply 3PM membrane top layer is pre-finished with a mineral chip for ultraviolet (UV) protection. The Nuraply TPO waterproofing membrane is an adhesive bonded single ply, polyester fabric reinforced, thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO) sheet with heat welded joints.
- 7.4 A vapour control membrane must be used in Climate Zone 3 (as defined in NZBC Verification Method H1/VM1 and NZBC Acceptable Solution H1/AS1). The vapour control membrane, Nuraply ALU, is self-adhesive and applied over the structural deck before the installation of the insulation board.
- 7.5 The effective control of internal moisture must be considered at the design stage due to the impermeability of the membrane. Refer to the BRANZ Good Practice Guide: Membrane Roofing.

Structure

- 8.1 For buildings situated in NZS 3604 Wind Zones up to, and including, Extra High, 16 fixings per sheet are required, this can be decreased to 8 per sheet for zones below Extra High on 2.37 m x 1.2 m boards. For the 1.2 m x 1.2 m taper board, 10 fixings are required for Extra High and 5 fixings for zones below Extra High. Refer to Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd for fixings patterns.
- 8.2 For buildings subject to specific design, the structural designer must confirm that the fixing has adequate holding into the structural decking.

Substrates

Plywood

- 9.1 Plywood must be treated to H3 (CCA treated). LOSP treated plywood must not be used. Plywood must be a minimum of 17 mm to comply with AS/NZS 2269, at least CD Grade Structural, with the sanded C face upwards.

Concrete

- 9.2 Concrete substrates must be to a specific engineering design meeting the requirements of the NZBC, such as concrete construction to NZS 3101.

Steel

- 9.3 The steel substrate must be G550 aluminium-zinc AZ150 to AS1397.

Strandsarking

- 9.4 Strandsarking must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and BRANZ Appraisal No. 946. Strandsarking cannot be used on decks.

Cross Laminated Timber (CLT)

- 9.5 CLT must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Existing Construction

- 9.6 A thorough inspection of the substrate must be made to ensure it is in fit condition.
- 9.7 Repairs must be undertaken, where applicable, to ensure the substrate is sound. Plywood and steel substrates must be checked for screw fixings, and if necessary, refixed as for new plywood and steel.

Durability

Serviceable Life

- 10.1 The Nuraply Nuratherm System is expected to have a serviceable life of at least 15 years, provided it is designed, used, installed and maintained in accordance with this Appraisal and the Technical Literature.

Chemical Resistance

- 10.2 Industrial air pollutants and windborne salt deposits should not significantly affect the durability of the membranes. However, the long term properties of the material may be affected by contact with petroleum-based products such as oils, greases and solvents.

Maintenance

- 11.1 The Nuraply Nuratherm System, including any areas with a UV coating applied, must be regularly [at least annually] checked for damage, rubbish and debris or coating breakdown. Damage, such as small punctures and tears, must be repaired and coatings reapplied as recommended by Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd.
- 11.2 Special care must be taken when inspecting the membrane roof system to ensure the continuing prevention of moisture ingress, and repairs must be undertaken where required.
- 11.3 Drainage outlets must be maintained to operate effectively.

Prevention of Fire Occurring

- 12.1 Separation or protection must be provided to the Nuraply Nuratherm System from heat sources such as fireplaces, heating appliances and chimneys. Part 7 of NZBC Verification Method C/VM1 and Acceptable Solution C/AS1, and NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS2 provide methods for separation and protection of combustible materials from heat sources.

Control of Internal Fire and Smoke Spread

- 13.1 The Nuraply Nuratherm System meets the requirements of NZBC Verification Method C/VM2, Section A1.7 except for when a steel substrate is used. If a steel substrate is used, then there must be a surface lining material used with the system that meets the requirements of NZBC Verification Method C/VM2, Section A1.7 [a], [b] and [c].
- 13.2 The polyisocyanurate foam used in the Nuraply Nuratherm System has been tested and complies with the flame propagation criteria of AS 1366, as required by NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS1 Section 4.3 and C/AS2 Paragraph 4.17.6.

Energy Efficiency

14.1 The thermal resistance [R-value] of building elements may be verified by using NZS 4214. The R-values for the IKO Enertherm ALU insulation are given in Table1.

Table 1: R-values

IKO Enertherm ALU Insulation - Thickness	R - Value
75 mm	3.4
80 mm	3.6
90 mm	4.0
100 mm	4.5
110 mm	5.0
120 mm	5.4
130 mm	5.9
140 mm	6.3

External Moisture

- 15.1 Roofs must be designed and constructed to shed precipitated moisture. They must also take account of snowfalls in snow prone areas. A means of meeting code compliance with NZBC Clause E2.3.1 is given in the Technical Literature, which aligns with details in NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1.
- 15.2 When installed in accordance with this Appraisal and the Technical Literature, the Nuraply Nuratherm System will prevent the penetration of water and will therefore meet code compliance with NZBC Clause E2.3.2. The membranes are impervious to water and will give a weathertight roof.
- 15.3 Roof falls must be built into the substrate or constructed using the tapered insulation boards.
- 15.4 The minimum fall to plywood, CLT, Strandsarking and steel roofs is 1 in 30, 1 in 40 for decks and suspended concrete slab is 1 in 60. All falls must slope to an outlet. Inadequate falls will allow moisture to collect and increase the risk of deterioration of the membrane.
- 15.5 Allowance for deflection and settlement of the substrate must be made in the design of the roof to ensure falls are maintained and no ponding of water can occur.
- 15.6 The Nuraply Nuratherm System is impermeable; therefore a means of dissipating construction moisture must be provided in the building design and construction to meet code compliance with NZBC Clause E2.3.6.
- 15.7 Drainage flanges must be used for any outlet and must be fitted with a grate or cage to reduce potential sources of blockages. An overflow must be provided where the roof does not drain to an external gutter or spouting.
- 15.8 Penetrations and upstands of the membrane must be raised above the level of any possible flooding caused by the blockage of roof drainage.
- 15.9 The design of details not covered by the Technical Literature is subject to specific weathertightness design and is outside the scope of this Appraisal.

Condensation Control

16.1 A vapour control membrane must be installed over the substrate prior to installing the insulation.

Water Supplies

- 17.1 Water is not contaminated by the Nuraply Nuratherm System, which complies with AS/NZS 4020.
- 17.2 The first 25 mm of rainfall from a newly installed Nuraply Nuratherm System roof must be discarded before drinking water collection starts. This is to remove residues which may have developed in the process involved in the production of the system components.
- 17.3 The Nuraply Nuratherm System has been shown to comply with AS/NZS 4020, but it must be noted that all water collected off roof surfaces made from any material is considered to be non-potable due to possible contamination from other sources. Water collection in this way can only be considered potable if it has been passed through a suitable sterilisation system.



Installation Information

Installation Skill Level Requirement

- 18.1 Installation must always be carried out in accordance with the Nuraply Nuratherm System Technical Literature and this Appraisal by, or under the supervision of, a Licensed Building Practitioner [LBP] with the relevant Licence Class.
- 18.2 Installation and finishing of components and accessories supplied by Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd and its approved applicators must be completed by trained applicators, approved by Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd.
- 18.3 Installation of the accessories supplied by the building contractor must be carried out in accordance with the Nuraply Nuratherm System Technical Literature and this Appraisal by, or under the supervision of, a Licensed Building Practitioner [LBP] with the relevant Licence Class.

Preparation of Substrates

- 19.1 Substrates must be dry, clean and stable before installation commences.
- 19.2 The relative humidity of concrete substrates must be 75% or less before membrane application. The concrete can be checked for dryness by using a hygrometer, as set out in BRANZ Bulletin No. 585.
- 19.3 The moisture content of the plywood, Strandsarking and timber [CLT] substructure must be a maximum of 20% and the plywood, Strandsarking and timber [CLT] sheets must be dry at the time of membrane application.

System Installation

- 20.1 The Nuraply Nuratherm System must be installed in accordance with the Technical Literature.
- 20.2 Where the vapour layer is used, it is installed onto the substrate, followed by the insulation. The insulation is set out in a brick bond fashion and can be adhesive fixed or is screwed down using the screws and washers as defined in the Technical Literature.
- 20.3 The Nuraply 3PM membrane double layer system or Nuraply TPO single ply system is then installed over the insulation. Generally, the Nuraply 3PM membranes must be unrolled without tension onto the prepared substrate and allowed to 'relax' for at least 30 minutes prior to installation and the Nuraply TPO Membrane must be unrolled without tension onto the prepared substrate and allowed to 'relax' for at least 20 minutes prior to installation.
- 20.4 The Nuraply 3PM membrane is installed from the lowest point and each layer is installed allowing a 80 mm side lap and a 100 mm end lap. The cap sheet layer must be offset against the base sheet layer. The Nuraply TPO membrane is installed from the lowest point and is installed allowing a heat welded 40 mm side lap and a heat welded 40 mm end lap.

Inspections

- 21.1 Critical areas of inspection for waterproofing systems are:
 - Construction of substrates, including crack control and installation of bond breakers and movement control joints.
 - Moisture content of the substrate prior to the application of the system.
 - Acceptance of the substrate by the system installer prior to application of the system.
 - Installation of the system to the Technical Literature.

Health and Safety

- 22.1 Safe use and handling procedures for the Nuraply Nuratherm System are provided in the Technical Literature. The products must be used in conjunction with the relevant Safety Data Sheets for each membrane.

Basis of Appraisal

The following is a summary of the technical investigations carried out:

Tests

- 23.1 The following is a summary of the testing and test reports on the Nuraply Nuratherm System:
- Assessment by Belgian Union for Technical Agreements in Building Systems (BUtgb) and granted "Technical Approval with Certification" under ATG certificate numbers 06/1654 and 06/2323. The testing covered tensile strength, elongation, peel resistance (joints), joint strength, low temperature flexibility, fatigue resistance, nail hold, resistance to heat aging, static load, indentation resistance and peel resistance (substrate).
 - Assessment by Belgian Union for Technical Agreements in Building Systems (BUtgb) and granted "Technical Approval with Certification" under ATG certificate numbers 08/H867 and 08/2726. The testing covered thickness tolerance, flatness, delamination strength, compressive strength, dimensional stability, delamination under temperature and load, effect of temperature on dimensions, effect of humidity on dimensions and long term water absorption.
- 23.2 The above test methods and results have been reviewed by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.

Other Investigations

- 24.1 A durability opinion has been provided by BRANZ technical experts.
- 24.2 Installation of the insulation and membranes has been assessed by BRANZ for practicability of installation and found to be satisfactory.
- 24.3 The Technical Literature has been examined by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.

Quality

- 25.1 The manufacture of the components of the system has not been examined by BRANZ, but details regarding the quality and composition of the materials used were obtained by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.
- 25.2 The quality of the supply of products to the New Zealand market is the responsibility of Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd.
- 25.3 Quality on-site is the responsibility of the Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd trained and approved installers.
- 25.4 Designers are responsible for the building design, and building contractors are responsible for the quality of construction of substrate systems in accordance with the instructions of Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd and this Appraisal.
- 25.5 Building owners are responsible for the maintenance of the membrane system in accordance with the instructions of Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd and this Appraisal.

Sources of Information

- AS/NZS 1170:2002 Structural design actions - General principles.
- AS/NZS 2269:2012 Plywood - structural.
- BRANZ Bulletin No. 585 Measuring Moisture in Timber and Concrete.
- BRANZ Good Practice Guide: Membrane Roofing, reprint October 2015.
- NZS 3101:2006 The design of concrete structures.
- NZS 3604:2011 Timber-framed buildings.
- NZS 4214:2006 Methods of Determining the Total Thermal Resistance of Parts of Buildings.
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Record of amendments - Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods and handbooks.
- The Building Regulations 1992.



Amendments

Amendment No. 1, dated 03 September 2021.

This Appraisal has been amended to reflect building code updates relating to fire.

Amendment No. 2, dated 04 May 2023.

This Appraisal has been amended to add a new product, add new substrates and to update the water supplies information.



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In the opinion of BRANZ, **Nuraply Nuratherm Insulating Roofing System** is fit for purpose and will comply with the Building Code to the extent specified in this Appraisal provided it is used, designed, installed and maintained as set out in this Appraisal.

The Appraisal is issued only to **Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd**, and is valid until further notice, subject to the Conditions of Appraisal.

Conditions of Appraisal

1. This Appraisal:
 - a) relates only to the product as described herein;
 - b) must be read, considered and used in full together with the Technical Literature;
 - c) does not address any Legislation, Regulations, Codes or Standards, not specifically named herein;
 - d) is copyright of BRANZ.
2. **Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd:**
 - a) continues to have the product reviewed by BRANZ;
 - b) shall notify BRANZ of any changes in product specification or quality assurance measures prior to the product being marketed;
 - c) abides by the BRANZ Appraisals Services Terms and Conditions;
 - d) warrants that the product and the manufacturing process for the product are maintained at or above the standards, levels and quality assessed and found satisfactory by BRANZ pursuant to BRANZ's Appraisal of the product.
3. BRANZ makes no representation or warranty as to:
 - a) the nature of individual examples of, batches of, or individual installations of the product, including methods and workmanship;
 - b) the presence or absence of any patent or similar rights subsisting in the product or any other product;
 - c) any guarantee or warranty offered by **Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd**.
4. Any reference in this Appraisal to any other publication shall be read as a reference to the version of the publication specified in this Appraisal.
5. BRANZ provides no certification, guarantee, indemnity or warranty, to **Nuralite Waterproofing Ltd** or any third party.

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