

SECTION 072500  
WEATHER BARRIERS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Weather barrier membrane
- B. Seam Tape
- C. Flashing
- D. Fasteners

1.2 REFERENCES

- A. ASTM International
  - 1. ASTM C920; Standard Specification for Elastomeric Joint Sealants
  - 2. ASTM C1193; Standard Guide for Use of Joint Sealants
  - 3. ASTM D882; Test Method for Tensile Properties of Thin Plastic Sheeting
  - 4. ASTM D1117; Standard Guide for Evaluating Non-woven Fabrics
  - 5. ASTM E84; Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials
  - 6. ASTM E96; Test Method for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials
  - 7. ASTM E1677; Specification for Air Retarder Material or System for Framed Building Walls
  - 8. ASTM E2178; Test Method for Air Permeance of Building Materials
  - 9. ASTM E2357; Standard Test Method for Determining Air Leakage of Air Barrier Assemblies
- B. AATCC - American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists
  - 1. Test Method 127 Water Resistance: Hydrostatic Pressure Test
- C. TAPPI
  - 1. Test Method T-410; Grams of Paper and Paperboard (Weight per Unit Area)
  - 2. Test Method T-460; Air Resistance (Gurley Hill Method)

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Refer to Section [01 33 00 Submittal Procedures] [insert section number and title].
- B. Product Data: Submit manufacturer current technical literature for each component.
- C. Samples: Weather Barrier Membrane, minimum 8-1/2 inches by 11 inch.
- D. Quality Assurance Submittals
  - 1. Design Data, Test Reports: Provide manufacturer test reports indicating product compliance with indicated requirements.
  - 2. Manufacturer Instructions: Provide manufacturer's written installation instructions.
  - 3. Manufacturer's Field Service Reports: Provide site reports from authorized field service representative, indicating observation of weather barrier assembly installation.
- E. Closeout Submittals
  - 1. Refer to Section [01 78 00 Closeout Submittals] [insert section number and title].
  - 2. Weather Barrier Warranty: Manufacturer's executed warranty form with authorized signatures

and endorsements indicating date of Substantial Completion.

#### 1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

##### A. Qualifications

1. Installer shall have experience with installation of weather barrier assemblies under similar conditions.
2. Installation shall be in accordance with weather barrier manufacturer's installation guidelines and recommendations.
3. Source Limitations: Provide weather barrier and accessory materials produced by single manufacturer.

##### B. Mock-up

1. Install mock-up using approved weather barrier assembly including fasteners, flashing, tape and related accessories per manufacturer's current printed instructions and recommendations.
  - a. Mock-up size: 10 feet by 10 feet.
  - b. Mock-up Substrate: Match wall assembly construction, including window opening.
  - c. Mock-up may remain as part of the work.
2. Contact manufacturer's designated representative prior to weather barrier assembly installation, to perform required mock-up visual inspection and analysis as required for warranty.

##### C. Pre-installation Meeting

1. Hold a pre-installation conference, two weeks prior to start of weather barrier installation. Attendees shall include Contractor, Architect, Installer, and Weather Barrier Manufacturer's Designated Representative.
2. Review all related project requirements and submittals, status of substrate work and preparation, areas of potential conflict and interface, availability of weather barrier assembly materials and components, installer's training requirements, equipment, facilities and scaffolding, and coordinate methods, procedures and sequencing requirements for full and proper installation, integration and protection.

#### 1.5 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Deliver weather barrier materials and components in manufacturer's original, unopened, undamaged containers with identification labels intact.
- B. Store weather barrier materials as recommended by weather barrier manufacturer.

#### 1.6 SCHEDULING

- A. Review requirements for sequencing of installation of weather barrier assembly with installation of windows, doors, louvers and flashings to provide a weather-tight barrier assembly.
- B. Schedule installation of weather barrier materials and exterior cladding within nine months of weather barrier assembly installation.

## 1.7 WARRANTY

- A. Refer to AIA Document A201 - General Conditions.
- B. Special Warranty
  - 1. Special weather-barrier manufacturer's warranty for weather barrier for a period of ten (10) years from date of final weather barrier installation.
  - 2. Pre-installation meetings and jobsite observations by weather barrier manufacturer for warranty is required prior to assembly installation.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MATERIALS

- A. Basis of Design: spunbonded polyolefin, non-woven, non-perforated, weather barrier is based upon DuPont™ Tyvek® CommercialWrap® and related assembly components.
- B. Performance Characteristics:
  - 1. Air Penetration: 0.001 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> at 75 Pa, when tested in accordance with ASTM E2178. Type I per ASTM E1677. ≤0.04 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> at 75 Pa, when tested in accordance with ASTM E2357.
  - 2. Water Vapor Transmission: 28 perms, when tested in accordance with ASTM E96, Method B.
  - 3. Water Penetration Resistance: Minimum 280 cm when tested in accordance with AATCC Test Method 127.
  - 4. Basis Weight: Minimum 2.7 oz/yd<sup>2</sup>, when tested in accordance with TAPPI Test Method T-410.
  - 5. Air Resistance: Air infiltration at >1500 seconds, when tested in accordance with TAPPI Test Method T-460.
  - 6. Tensile Strength: Minimum 38/35 lbs/in., when tested in accordance with ASTM D882, Method A.
  - 7. Tear Resistance: 12/10 lbs., when tested in accordance with ASTM D1117.
  - 8. Surface Burning Characteristics: Class A, when tested in accordance with ASTM E84. Flame Spread: 10, Smoke Developed: 10.

### 2.2 ACCESSORIES

- A. Seam Tape: As recommended by the weather barrier manufacturer.
- B. Fasteners:
  - 1. 1-5/8 inch rust resistant screw with 2-inch diameter plastic cap or manufacturer approved 1-1/4" or 2" metal gasketed washer

AND/OR

- 2. Nail Caps: #4 nails with large 1-inch plastic cap fasteners, or 1-inch plastic cap staples with leg length sufficient to achieve a minimum penetration of 5/8-inch into the wood stud.

AND/OR

3. Masonry tap-con fasteners with Caps: 2-inch diameter plastic cap fasteners.
- C. Sealants
1. Refer to Section 07920 Joint Sealants.
  2. Products: Sealants recommended by the weather barrier manufacturer.
- D. Adhesives:
1. Provide adhesive recommended by weather barrier manufacturer.
  2. Products: Adhesives recommend by the weather barrier manufacturer.
- E. Primers:
1. Provide flashing manufacturer recommended primer to assist in adhesion between substrate and flashing.
  2. Products: Primers recommended by the flashing manufacturer.
- F. Flashing
1. Flexible membrane flashing materials for window openings and penetrations recommended by manufacturer.
  2. Straight flashing membrane materials for flashing windows and doors and sealing penetrations such as masonry ties, etc. recommended by manufacturer.
  3. Thru-Wall flashing membrane materials for flashing at changes in direction or elevation (shelf angles, foundations, etc.) and at transitions between different assembly materials.
  4. Preformed Inside and Outside Corners and End Dams: Preformed three-dimensional shapes to complete the flashing system used in conjunction with Thru-Wall Flashing.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Verify substrate and surface conditions are in accordance with weather barrier manufacturer recommended tolerances prior to installation of weather barrier and accessories.

### 3.2 INSTALLATION - WEATHER BARRIER

- A. Install weather barrier over exterior face of exterior wall substrate in accordance with manufacturer recommendations.
- B. Install weather barrier prior to installation of windows and doors.
- C. Start weather barrier installation at a building corner, leaving 6-12 inches of weather barrier extended beyond corner to overlap.
- D. Install weather barrier in a horizontal manner starting at the lower portion of the wall surface with subsequent layers installed in a shingling manner to overlap lower layers. Maintain weather barrier plumb and level.
- E. Sill Plate Interface: Extend lower edge of weather barrier over sill plate interface 3-6 inches. Secure to foundation with elastomeric sealant as recommended by weather barrier manufacturer.
- F. Window and Door Openings: Extend weather barrier completely over openings.
- G. Overlap weather barrier
1. Exterior corners: minimum 12 inches.

2. Seams: minimum 6 inches.

H. Weather Barrier Attachment:

1. Attach weather barrier to studs through exterior sheathing. Secure using weather barrier manufacturer recommend fasteners, space 12-18 inches vertically on center along stud line, and 24 inch on center, maximum horizontally.

I. Apply flashing to weather barrier membrane prior to installing cladding anchors.

3.3 SEAMING

A. Seal seams of weather barrier with seam tape at all vertical and horizontal overlapping seams.

B. Seal any tears or cuts as recommended by weather barrier manufacturer.

3.4 OPENING PREPARATION

A. Flush cut weather barrier at edge of sheathing around full perimeter of opening.

B. Cut a head flap at 45-degree angle in the weather barrier at window head to expose 8 inches of sheathing. Temporarily secure weather barrier flap away from sheathing with tape.

3.5 FLASHING

A. Cut flexible flashing a minimum of 12 inches longer than width of sill rough opening.

B. Cover horizontal sill by aligning flexible flashing edge with inside edge of sill. Adhere to rough opening across sill and up jambs a minimum of 6 inches. Secure flashing tightly into corners by working in along the sill before adhering up the jambs.

C. Fan flexible flashing at bottom corners onto face of wall. Firmly press in place. Mechanically fasten fanned edges.

D. Apply 9-inch wide strips of flashing at jambs. Align flashing with interior edge of jamb framing. Start flashing at head of opening and lap sill flashing down to the sill.

E. Spray-apply primer to top 6 inches of jambs and exposed sheathing.

F. Install flexible flashing at opening head using same installation procedures used at sill. Overlap jamb flashing a minimum of 2 inches.

G. Coordinate flashing with window installation.

H. On exterior, install backer-rod in joint between window frame and flashed rough framing. Apply sealant at jambs and head, leaving sill unsealed. Apply sealants in accordance with sealant manufacturer's instructions and ASTM C1193.

I. Position weather barrier head flap across head flashing. Adhere using flashing over the 45-degree seams.

J. Tape top of window in accordance with manufacturer recommendations.

K. On interior, install backer rod in joint between frame of window and flashed rough framing. Apply sealant around entire window to create air seal. Apply sealant in accordance with sealant manufacturer's instructions and ASTM C1193.

### 3.6 THRU-WALL FLASHING INSTALLATION

- A. Apply primer per manufacturer's written instructions.
- B. Install preformed corners and end dams bedded in sealant in appropriate locations along wall.
- C. Starting at a corner, remove release sheet and apply membrane to primed surfaces in lengths of 8 to 10 feet.
- D. Extend membrane through wall and leave ¼ inch minimum exposed to form drip edge.
- E. Roll flashing into place. Ensure continuous and direct contact with substrate.
- F. Lap ends and overlap preformed corners 4 inches minimum. Seal all laps with sealant.
- G. Trim exterior edge of membrane 1-inch and secure metal drip edge per manufacturer's written instructions.
- H. Terminate membrane on vertical wall. [Terminate into reglet, counterflashing or with termination bar.]
- I. Apply sealant bead at each termination.

### 3.7 THRU-WALL FLASHING / WEATHER BARRIER INTERFACE AT BASE OF WALL

- A. Overlap thru-wall flashing with weather barrier by 6-inches.
- B. Mechanically fasten bottom of weather barrier through top of thru-wall flashing.
- C. Seal vertical and horizontal seams with tape or sealing membrane.

### 3.8 THRU-WALL FLASHING / WEATHER BARRIER INTERFACE AT SHELF ANGLE

- A. Seal weather barrier to bottom of shelf angle with sealing membrane.
- B. Apply thru-wall flashing to top of shelf angle. Overlap thru-wall flashing with weather barrier by 6-inches.
- C. Seal bottom of weather barrier to thru-wall flashing with tape or sealing membrane.

### 3.9 THRU-WALL FLASHING / WEATHER BARRIER INTERFACE AT WINDOW HEAD

- A. Cut flap in weather barrier at window head.
- B. Prime exposed sheathing.
- C. Install lintel as required. Verify end dams extend 4 inches minimum beyond opening.
- D. Install end dams bedded in sealant.
- E. Adhere 2 inches minimum thru-wall flashing to wall sheathing. Overlap lintel with thru-wall flashing and extend ¼ inch minimum beyond outside edge of lintel to form drip edge.
- F. Apply sealant along thru-wall flashing edges.
- G. Fold weather barrier flap back into place and tape bottom edge to thru-wall flashing.
- H. Tape diagonal cuts of weather barrier.
- I. Secure weather barrier flap with fasteners.

### 3.10 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Notify manufacturer's designated representative to obtain [required] periodic observations of weather barrier assembly installation.

### 3.11 PROTECTION

- A. Protect installed weather barrier from damage.

END OF SECTION 072500