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Description

Two-part multi-use liquid applied waterproofing membrane system (hereinafter the System). The System comprises a bitumen-extended polyurethane fluid and an accelerator hardener. The System cures rapidly giving a continuous tough rubber-like, waterproofing coating to provide a fully bonded Type A membrane when classified to BS 81022. This contributes to provide waterproofing protection Grades 1 and 2; and Grade 3 when part of a combined waterproofing protection solution design.

Scope (use)

Continuous trowel grade waterproofing system to below ground structures, ranging from domestic basements to large civil engineering projects in the following applications: fillet and reinforcement material at inside corners, detailing irregular profiles and pipe penetrations such as steel stanchions, externally waterproofing masonry and blockwork, sealing steel reinforcements and materials at terminations. The steel shall be C5 protected according to NHBC Standards Chapter 6.5. before the System is applied.

Objective

This document provides independent information to specifiers, building control personnel, structural warranty providers, contractors, installers and other construction industry professionals with regard to the fitness for the intended use of the System.

Summary of Agrément

This Agrément covers the following:

- Conditions of use;
- Sources, including relevant codes of practice and test reports;
- Independently verified System characteristics;
- Factory Production Control and continuous surveillance;
- Points of attention for the specifier and specific details;
- Installation procedure:
- Compliance with Building Regulations and non-regulatory Standards.

Major points of assessment

Watertightness aspects (section 3)

An important property of the System concerns the watertightness. The System will resist the passage of water and any other form of moisture infiltration into the substrate, details and the building in accordance with BS 81022 Type A.

Behaviour in relation to fire (section 6.5)

The waterproofing of reinforced concrete earth retained structures using the System can be designed to meet the UK requirements, as described in section 6.5. The System is classified as European Classification E, in accordance with BS EN 13501-115.

Resistance to radon (sections 3, 6.4 & 6.6)

The System is capable of restricting the ingress of radon when designed and installed according to section 6.4.

Statement

Durability (section 6.7)

The fully protected System will provide under normal service conditions a durable waterproof covering for the life of the building in which it is installed; the expected lifespan of the building itself should be at least 60 years.

It is the opinion of Kiwa Ltd., that the System is fit for the intended use, provided it is specified, installed and used in accordance with this Agrément.

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1 Conditions of use

1 Application

The application of the System relates to waterproofing of earth retained structures in the following applications: fillet and reinforcement material at inside corners, detailing irregular profiles and pipe penetrations such as steel stanchions, externally waterproofing masonry and blockwork, sealing steel reinforcements and materials at terminations. The System contributes to provide waterproofing protection Grades 1 and 2 and Grade 3 when part of a combined waterproofing protection solution design. The System shall not remain permanently exposed.

2 Assessment

The Czech University in Prague have assessed the System according to ISO/TS 11665-13¹²; Kiwa Ltd. has assessed all aspects related to the quality control, specifications, installation procedure and national Building Regulations.

3 Installation

The System shall only be installed by competent persons or contractors. The Agrément holder has a dedicated national training facility which is available on request. The System shall be installed strictly in accordance with the instructions of the Agrément holder and the requirements of this Agrément.

4 Geographical scope

The validity of this document is limited to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, with due regard to section 9. Regulations.

5 Validity

The purpose of this BDA Agrément[®] is to provide for well-founded confidence to apply the System in the described applications and according to approved specifications (see also section 8.4). According to the Guide for the BDA Agrément[®] Scheme¹ the validity of this document is therefore three years after the official date of issue, published on www.kiwa.co.uk/bda. After this the validity can be extended every three years after positive review.

2 Sources

- 1 Guide for the BDA Agrément® Scheme, 2021-06-14
- 2 BS 8102:2009 Code of practice for protection of below ground structures against water from the ground
- 3 NHBC Standards 2021
- 4 BDA report 16-C-0416 / 16-C-0417- Site visit Visqueen Axiom UniSeal / Visqueen Axiom Guard, 2017-09-15
- 5 Technical Product Datasheet Part A and B Axiom UniSeal, identification no.VBP003, 2016-06-14
- 6 Safety Data Sheet Axiom UniSeal Part A, 2015-03-09 and Axiom UniSeal Part B, 2016-07-01
- 7 BS EN ISO 527-1:2012 Plastics Determination of tensile properties Part 1: General principles
- 8 BS EN ISO 527-3:1996 Plastics Determination of tensile properties Part 3: Test conditions for films and sheets
- 9 BS EN ISO 868:2003 Plastics and ebonite Determination of indentation hardness by means of a durometer (Shore hardness)
- 10 ETA 10/0095 Liquid Applied Roof Waterproofing Kit, based on Polyurethane, 2010-04-17
- 11 Test Report No: 124029/2017 Radon diffusion coefficient of the AXIOM UNISEAL liquid waterproofing membrane carried out according to ISO/TS 11665-13¹², Czech Technical University in Prague - Faculty of Civil Engineering - Test Laboratory, 2017-08-22
- 12 ISO/TS 11665-13:2016 Measurement of radioactivity in the environment Air: radon-222 part 13: Determination of the diffusion coefficient in waterproof materials: membrane two-side activity concentration test method
- 13 Inspector's Initial Factory Visit Report Form Visqueen Axiom Liquid Waterproofing System Visqueen Axiom Guard, Visqueen Axiom Uniseal, 2016-10-06
- 14 Vapour resistances and μ-values, BuildDesk publication to BS 5250:2002 Annex E
- 15 BS EN 13501-1:2018 Fire classification of construction products and building elements Classification using data from reaction to fire tests

Remark: in the text of this document reference is made to some of these sources by adding the relevant reference number in superscript.

3 Independently verified System characteristics of components used for critical functions*)

*) The critical functions which apply to this Agrément are the behaviour in relation to fire (section 6.5), weatherproofing and durability (section 3).

Axiom UniSeal

-	average thickness, t	: 2.5	mm
-	water vapour diffusion resistance factor, μ-value ¹⁰	: 9,000	_
-	water vapour diffusion resistance BS EN 1931, s _D		
	calculated range from s _D = t•μ (t in m) ¹⁴	: 22.5	m
-	water vapour diffusion resistance, calculated range ¹⁴	: 112.5	MNs.g ⁻¹
-	radon diffusion coefficient D ¹¹ ISO/TS 11665-13 ¹² (t = 2.16)	: 7.8 ± 0.7	10 ⁻¹¹ m ² .s ⁻¹
-	tensile strength at break at 23 °C ⁵ BS EN ISO 527 ⁸	: 4	N.mm ⁻²
-	elongation at break at 23 °C ⁵ BS EN ISO 527 ⁸	: ≥ 500	%
-	tack free time at 25 °C & 55 % RH ⁵	: 0.5-1	h
-	service temperature ⁵	: -40 to 80	°C

- reaction to fire classification BS EN 13501-1¹⁵ : E

4 Assessed associated products used for critical functions*)

*) See section 3

Protection materials in external tanking on masonry and blockwork

Visqueen Protect&Drain (6, 12 or 15)

hardness⁵ BS EN ISO 868⁹

- Visqueen Treadguard1500

Other materials

- Visqueen Self Adhesive Membrane (SAM) - a tanking or damp-proof membrane for both horizontal and vertical applications

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Shore A

 Visqueen Gas Resistant Self Adhesive Membrane (GR SAM) - a tanking or damp-proof membrane for both horizontal and vertical applications where bulk gases exist

5 Factory Production Control (FPC), Quality Management System (QMS) and Continuous Surveillance

Kiwa N.V., Technical Assessment Body, represented by Kiwa Ltd. has determined that Visqueen Building Products, with respect to the System fulfils all provisions concerning the specifications described in this Agrément. The FPC audit conducted on 2016-09-1313 demonstrated that Visqueen Building Products operate an effective and well maintained Quality Management System (QMS). Based on information provided during the audit / site inspection a positive recommendation is given for FPC certification and a BDA Agrément[®] for the System.

In order to demonstrate that the FPC is in conformity with the requirements of the technical specification described in this Agrément the continuous surveillance, assessment and approval of the FPC will be done in a frequency of not less than once per year by Kiwa Ltd.

6 Points of attention for the specifier

Waterproofing design

- the System is designed for below-ground vertical and horizontal structures;
- the design of the waterproofing of the earth retaining structure shall be in accordance with BS 8102²;
- typical applications include backfilled concrete walls, structural slabs, inside corners, detailing irregular profiles and pipe penetrations such as steel stanchions, waterproofing masonry and blockwork externally and internally, sealing steel reinforcements and materials at terminations including timber;
- the System satisfactorily contributes to provide waterproofing and damp proofing for Type A
 basement constructions to achieve protection Grades 1 and 2; and Grade 3 when part of a
 combined waterproofing protection solution design as defined in BS 8102²;
- the construction should conform with current national Building Regulations, British Standards, relevant Codes of Practice and NHBC Standards³, where necessary;
- new concrete should be designed by a Structural Engineer to BS EN 1992 (Eurocode 2; formally BS 8110 and BS 8007) to be structurally capable for the intended use as an earth retained structure, resisting loading from earth as well as water pressure as recommended within BS 8102²;
- where shuttering is to be removed to expose the outer face of the concrete walls, the System should be used to complete the work;
- when installed in accordance with section 8 of this Agrément the System will provide for a durable resistance against the passage of water and any other form of moisture or vapour infiltration from the ground;
- the System shall be protected prior to back-fill; suitable protection includes:
 - Suitable insulation
 - o Visqueen Protect&Drain (6, 12 or 15)
 - o Visqueen Treadguard1500
- the System and its components shall not remain permanently exposed.

2 Acceptable surfaces

- concrete walls
- masonry walls
- block walls

The fitness for purpose of the substrates shall be established according to section 8.4 of this Agrément.

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6 Points of attention for the specifier (continued)

3 Watertightness

- an important property of the System concerns the watertightness; the System will resist the passage of water and any other form of moisture or vapour infiltration from the ground;
- tests^{5,10} have shown that basement constructions waterproofed with the System, when installed in accordance with section 8 of this Agrément, meet or comply with the relevant requirements of the national Building Regulations of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and NHBC Standards³, where necessary.

4 Protection from radon-contaminated land

- buildings in areas of risk from radon should be constructed in accordance with the recommendations of:
 - o BRE Report 211:2015 Radon: Guidance on protective measures for new buildings
 - BRE Report 212:1991 Construction of new building on gas-contaminated land
 - o BRE Report 376:1999 Radon: Guidance on protective measures for new buildings in Scotland
 - BRE Report 413:2001 Radon: Guidance on protective measures for new buildings in Northern Ireland
 - o BRE Report 414:2001 Protective measures for housing on gas contaminated land
 - CIRIA C735:2014 Good practice on the testing and verification of protection systems for buildings against hazardous ground gases

5 Behaviour in relation to fire

- the System is classified as European Classification E, in accordance with BS EN 13501-115;
- the System does not prejudice the fire-resistance properties of the building, the waterproofed structure being fully covered. Therefore, the components of the System will not contribute to the development stages of a fire or present a smoke or toxic hazard;
- when properly installed, the System will not add significantly to any existing fire hazard;
- the continuity of fire resistance must be maintained, for example as described in: England and Wales Approved Document B, Volume 1, Section 5; Scotland Mandatory Standard, 2.1.15 (non-domestic) and clause 2.2.10 (domestic); Northern Ireland Technical Booklet E, clause 4.20; the use of the System will not affect the fire rating obtained by concrete or block walls when evaluated by assessment to BS 476-3:2004.

6 Resistance to radon

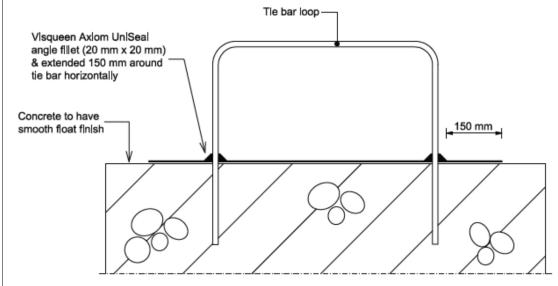
The System has been tested to determine the radon diffusion coefficient D¹¹. The results (see section 3) show that the System is capable of restricting the ingress of radon.

7 Durability

Under normal service conditions, the fully protected System will provide a durable waterproof covering for the life of the building in which it is installed.

7 Specific details

Figure 1 - Typical detail for tie bar loop



7 Specific details (continued)

Figure 2 - Typical detail wall tie

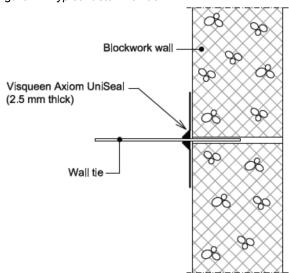


Figure 3 - Typical detail steel stanchion

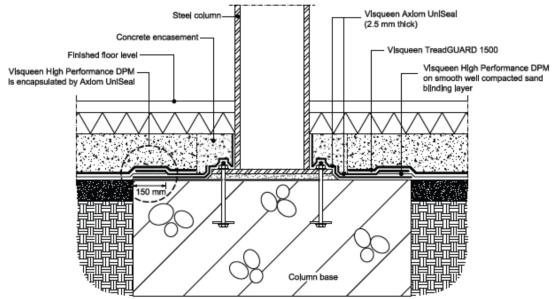
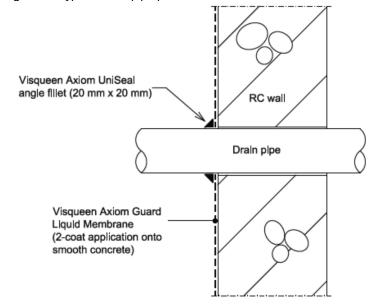


Figure 4 - Typical detail pipe penetration



7 Specific details (continued)

Figure 5 - Typical detail blockwork

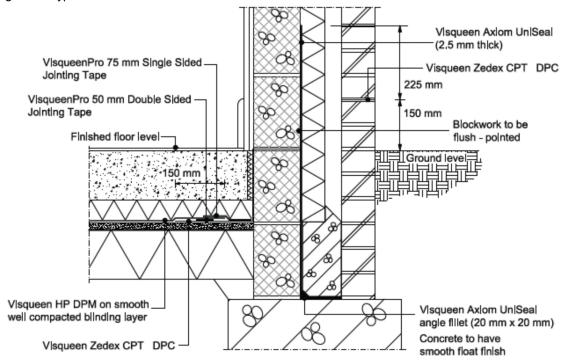
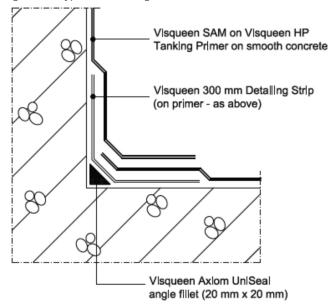


Figure 6 - Typical detail angle fillet detail



Remark 1: As part of the required technical consulting service (see section 8.5) the Agrément holder can provide, for special (CAD) details, for example connections, protrusions and materials at terminations.

Remark 2: The Agrément holder hosts regular training programmes at their training centre to provide contractors with the necessary skills and System knowledge.

8 Installation aspects

1 General

- the System shall be installed strictly in accordance with the instructions of the Agrément holder^{5,6} and the requirements of this Agrément and only by contractors whose employees have been trained and approved by the Agrément holder. The System can only be applied by trowel;
- special attention shall be given to the cleaning and preparing of all areas and connections involved before the System is installed, see sections 8.3 and 8.4.

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8 Installation aspects (continued)

2 Delivery and site handling

- the two-part System is available in one 15.6 kg or 5.2 kg clamped tin containing:
 - o Part A 15 kg or 5 kg of bitumen-extended polyurethane liquid
 - Part B 600 g or 200 g of the accelerator hardener
- the label should include the System component name, the suppliers name, health and safety information, weight, the BDA Agrément[®] logo, preparation and installation instructions and the number of this Agrément; it is recommended to read the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)⁶ carefully prior to the opening of the tins;
- the tins should be stored in clean, dry conditions, not exposed to sunlight, at temperatures between 5 °C and 25 °C;
- the tins must be protected from being dropped or crushed by objects; care must be exercised when storing large quantities on site;
- the components must not be exposed to open flame or other ignition sources and must be stored away from flammable material such as paint and solvents;
- to ensure maximum performance of the components when installed, on site precautions must be taken to protect them from mud and dirt.

3 Axiom UniSeal

- all surfaces to be waterproofed shall be structurally stable, clean, dry and free from release agents, dust, laitance, oils, paints or other forms of contamination;
- after cleaning and preparation of the substrate is complete, all surfaces shall be inspected for surface irregularities and suitable repairs made according to the installation instructions of the Agrément holder^{5,4};
- the System shall not be applied at an ambient temperature < 5 °C;
- fillet applications shall be applied prior to the application of the self-adhesive membrane;

Mixing installation

- o the Parts A and B shall be mixed in a ratio 1:1;
- a variable speed mixer with paddle is required;
- the mixing shall be done strictly according to the Technical Data Sheet of the Agrément holder⁵;
- o once mixed, the System shall be applied within 1 hour at normal ambient temperatures;
- once opened and mixed, the liquid cannot be resealed and used again and shall be discarded appropriately:
- o the System will be touch dry within 3 hours.

Angle Fillet

in fillet applications, the material should be at least 20 mm thickness in the horizontal and vertical surfaces.

Thicknesses

penetrations $: \ge 2.5 \text{ mm}$ full coverage $: \ge 2.5 \text{ mm}$ sealing steel reinforcements $: \ge 2.5 \text{ mm}$

- External Tanking on Blockwork

- the base structural slabs and the walls should be formed, and the vertical System should then be applied by trowel;
- the membrane should then be protected from backfilling using Visqueen Protect&Drain (6, 12 or 15) or Visqueen Treadguard1500.

Internal Tanking on Blockwork

- o a loading coat concrete should be constructed immediately after the membrane has cured;
- o a 50 mm minimum cavity should be left between the membrane and the loading skin;
- this cavity shall be filled with sand cement mortar fill as work proceeds.

4 Fitness for purpose of the substrate

- the application of the System is only allowed on a substrate fit for purpose; it is essential that the following specific performance requirements are met:
 - \circ flatness in accordance with the relevant clauses of BS 8102²;
 - durable strength and stiffness of the structure which must be capable of absorbing all forms of external loadings as established by a Structural Engineer to BS EN 1991 (Eurocode 1);
 - durable adhesion and pre-treatment of the substrate in accordance with the relevant clauses of BS 8102².
- in cases where the fitness for purpose has not been demonstrated, installation of the System is not allowed within the framework of this Agrément.

5 Maintenance

- as the System is confined by concrete or protected by lost shuttering and earth or protected by specific measures and earth, maintenance is not required, provided that no part of the System remains permanently exposed;
- the Agrément holder must continue to provide a technical consulting service, such as but not limited to special (CAD) details.

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9 Building Regulations

1 Requirements: The Building Regulations 2010 and subsequent amendments

- A1 Loading When adequately confined, the System contributes to satisfying this Requirement. See section 6 of this Agrément;
- B4(1) External fire spread the System does not prejudice the fire-resistance properties of the building, the waterproofed structure being fully covered; see section 6.5 of this Agrément;
- C2(a) Resistance to moisture tests for watertightness of the System indicate that the System meets this Requirement, see section 6.3 of this Agrément;
- Regulation 7 Materials and workmanship the System is manufactured from suitably safe and durable materials for their application and can be installed to give a satisfactory performance, see section 8 of this Agrément.

2 Requirements: The Building (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (Wales) and subsequent amendments

- A1 Loading When adequately confined, the System contributes to satisfying this Requirement. See section 6 of this Agrément;
- B4(1) External fire spread the System does not prejudice the fire-resistance properties of the building, the waterproofed structure being fully covered; see section 6.5 of this Agrément;
- C2(a) Resistance to moisture tests for watertightness of the System indicate that the System meets this Requirement, see section 6.3 of this Agrément;
- Regulation 7 Materials and workmanship the System is manufactured from suitably safe and durable materials for their application and can be installed to give a satisfactory performance, see section 8 of this Agrément.

3 Requirements: The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2014 and subsequent amendments

3.1 Regulations 8 (1)(2) Durability of materials and workmanship

the System is manufactured from acceptable materials and are considered to be adequately
resistant to deterioration and wear under normal service conditions, provided they are installed in
accordance with the requirements of this Agrément, see section 8 of this Agrément.

3.2 Regulation 9 Building Standards-Construction

- 1.1 (a)(b) Structure The application of the System will not adversely affect the building's ability to transmit loadings;
- 2.8 Spread from neighbouring buildings under normal circumstances the use of the System is unrestricted under this Requirement; see section 6.5 of this Agrément;
- 3.4 Moisture from the ground The System will resist the passage of water and any other form of moisture infiltration from the ground, see section 6.3 of this Agrément.

3.3 Regulation 12 Building Standards-Conversions

- All comments given for the System under Regulation 9 also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12 and Schedule 6 of this Standard.

4 Requirements: The Building Regulations 2012 (Northern Ireland) and subsequent amendments

- 23(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(b) Fitness of materials and workmanship The System is manufactured from materials
 which are considered to be suitably safe and acceptable for use as waterproofing as described in
 section 8 of this Agrément;
- 28(a) Resistance to ground moisture the System will resist the passage of water and any other form of moisture or vapour infiltration from the ground, see section 6.3 of this Agrément;
- 30 Stability Being adequately confined and protected, the System contributes to satisfying this Requirement, see section 6 of this Agrément;
- 36(a) External fire spread the System does not prejudice the fire-resistance properties of the building, the waterproofed structure being fully covered; see section 6.5 of this Agrément.

5 The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 Information in this Agrément may assist the Principal, the Construction Design and Management coordinator, specifiers and contractors to address their obligations under these Regulations, see section 3 of this Agrément.

10 NHBC Standards

In the opinion of Kiwa Ltd., the Visqueen Axiom UniSeal Waterpoofing System, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Agrément, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to NHBC Standards³, Chapter 5.1 Substructure and ground bearing floors and Chapter 5.4 Waterproofing of basements and other below ground structures.

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