Technical Datasheet

Visqueen Zedex Housing Grade DPC Cavity Tray

Features & benefits

- BBA certified - third party accreditation
- Assessed in accordance with Technical Requirement R3 - conforms to NHBC requirements and suitable for NHBC sites
- Widths from 100mm to 900mm
- Visqueen Preformed Units available - simplifies complex or awkward detailing

Product description

Visqueen Zedex Housing Grade Damp Proof Course (DPC) is a black, flexible 0.6mm damp proof course and cavity tray system. It is manufactured from a mixture of thermoplastic polymers and additives including elastomers. The product does not conform to BS6515:1984.

The DPC is supplied in 20m length rolls and the following widths: 100mm, 112.5mm, 150mm, 225mm, 300mm, 337.5mm, 450mm, 600mm, 750mm and 900mm.

Approvals and standards

- Third party accreditation (BBA 94/3059)
- UKCA UKNI CE to EN 14909:2012 Type A
- Visqueen certified with Quality Management System ISO 9001:2015
- Visqueen certified with Occupational Health and Safety System ISO 45001:2018
- Visqueen certified with Environmental Management System ISO 14001:2015

Usage

Visqueen Zedex Housing Grade Damp Proof Course is designed for residential buildings up to and including 3 storeys high. The DPC is suitable for installation in internal walls to prevent rising damp. The DPC is also suitable for installation in external cavity walls with a masonry outer leaf, including walls with a light gauge steel frame, structural timber frame or masonry inner leaf. The DPC can be site formed into built-in or surface fixed cavity trays to manage the downward passage of water in cavity wall applications. The DPC can also be used on sleeper walls below a ground floor construction e.g. beam and block floor system.

System components

- Visqueen Zedex DPC Surface Fixing System
- Visqueen HP Tanking Primer, 5L
- VisqueenPro Detailing Strip, 300mm x 10m
- Visqueen 100mm Double Sided Butyl Tape, 100mm x 15m

Storage and handling

Visqueen Zedex Housing Grade Damp Proof Course should be stored vertically, under cover in its original packaging.

Care should be taken when handling the product in line with current manual handling regulations.

Preparation

The Visqueen Zedex Housing Grade Damp Proof Course can be cut with a sharp retractable safety knife or robust scissors.

Installation

DPCs and DPC cavity trays systems to be designed and installed in accordance with the relevant sections of BS 8215:1991, PD 6697:2019 and BS 8000-3:2020.

When built into a masonry wall construction Visqueen Zedex Housing Grade Damp Proof Course should be installed on an even bed of wet mortar, and any perforations in adjacent courses of masonry should be completely filled with mortar. To ensure mortar adhesion, as soon as possible after laying the DPC, lay at least one further course of masonry including a bed of mortar. If positioned on the sleeper walls below a suspended ground floor e.g. beam and block floor system, the DPC can be dry laid, however all sharp protrusions must be removed from the substrate. The DPC must extend through the full thickness of the masonry wall, including pointing, applied rendering or other facing materials.

When used as a site formed cavity tray, the DPC can be either built-in to the inner leaf or surface fixed to the cavity face of the inner leaf.

When surface fixing the cavity tray, the substrate should be primed with Visqueen HP Tanking Primer and allowed to dry. The DPC should be bonded to the inner leaf using Visqueen 100mm Double Sided Butyl Tape and permanently secured using Visqueen Fixing Strip and fixings suitable for the substrate. Visqueen Fixing Pins for the rigid urethane foam insulation of a SFS substrate, and fixing pins for a masonry substrate are available.

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When using a hammer tacker to secure the DPC to an OSB3 substrate of a timber frame construction, minimum 8mm shank austenitic stainless steel staples should be used at minimum 150mm centres.

To simplify complex or awkward junctions e.g. corners, changes of level, arch windows etc, an extensive range of Visqueen Preformed Units are available.

All DPC to DPC laps and DPC to Visqueen Preformed Unit laps should be a minimum of 100mm and bonded with Visqueen 100mm Double Sided Butyl Tape.

Usable temperature range

It is recommended that Visqueen Zedex Housing Grade Damp Proof Course and all associated system components should not be installed below 5°C.

Additional information

Where a high performance DPC is required e.g for commercial or multi storey constructions, use Visqueen Zedex CPT High Performance Damp Proof Course.

Where a gas DPC conforming to the specification requirements of BS 8485:2015 + A1:2019 is required, use Visqueen Ultimate Gas Damp Proof Course.

For built-in internal and external corners Visqueen Preformed Corner Units should be used see PFU-553 (90° unit) or PFU-501 (sloping unit).
For surface fixed internal and external corners Visqueen Preformed Corner Units should be used see PFU-554 (90° unit) or PFU-502 (sloping unit).
For additional detailing information, contact Visqueen Technical Services +44 (0) 333 202 6800

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Property	Test method	Units	Compliance criteria	Result
Visible defects	BS EN 1850 -2	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
Width	BS EN 1848-2	mm	-5%/+5%	100 to 1400
Straightness	BS EN 1848-2	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
Thickness	BS EN 1849-2	micron	-10%/+10%	600
Mass	BS EN 1849-2	g/m²	-10%/+10%	570
Joint strength	BS EN 12317-2	N/50mm	>MLV	160
Watertightness to 2kPa for 24 hours	BS EN 1928	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
Tensile strength (MD)	BS EN 12311-2	MPa	>MLV	17
Tensile strength (TD)	BS EN 12311-2	MPa	>MLV	14
Elongation (MD)	BS EN 12311-2	%	>MLV	500
Elongation (TD)	BS EN 12311-2	%	>MLV	500
Resistance to impact	BS EN 12691	mm	>MLV	200
Flexibility at low temperatures	BS EN 1109	°C	MDV	-15
Durability (artificial ageing)	BS EN 1296 and BS EN 1928	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
Durability chemical resistance	BS EN 1847	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
Durability against alkali - annex c	BS EN 14909	-	Pass/Fail	Pass
Resistance to tearing (nail shank) MD	BS EN 12310-1	N	MDV	320
Resistance to tearing (nail shank) TD	BS EN 12310-1	N	MDV	310
Water vapour transmission - resistance	BS EN 1931	MNs/g	MDV	365
Water vapour transmission - permeability	BS EN 1931	g/m²/d	MDV	0.37

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Reaction to fire	BS EN 13501-1	Class	MDV	F

Health and safety information

Refer to the Visqueen Zedex Housing Grade Damp Proof Course safety datasheet (SDS).

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We offer complete support at every stage of the specification, including the supply chain process. As the UK's principal technical authority, we are best placed to ensure that the principal designer and contractor specify the most technically suited, durable, and competitive solution to guarantee their project is protected for the lifetime of the building.

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