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Decothane Base Coat

High performance, versatile and easily applied liquid Roof Waterproofing Base Coat

Product Description

Sika Liquid Plastics' Decothane Base Coat is a high performance polyurethane coating used as an embedment coat for the Decothane waterproofing systems.

Uses

- Embedment Coat for Sika Liquid Plastics waterproofing systems including Omega 15, Gamma 20 and Delta 25
- For insulated and non-insulated roof designs
- For new construction and refurbishment projects

Characteristics / Advantages

- Totally seamless, single pack liquid applied membrane
- Cold applied – eliminating the risk of fire during installation
- High solids, VOC compliant to 2004/42/CE
- BBA certified system
- Highest fire ratings once installed (B_{ROOF} (t4))
- Fast curing, develops early rain resistance
- Excellent adhesion to most conventional substrates*
- Easy and quick application – Deco Applicator available
- Minimal disruption and low maintenance
- Elastic properties – tolerant of thermal movement
- Vapour permeable
- Flexible, impact resistant membrane
- Can be applied all year round above 2°C
- Approved to ETAg 005 (Part 6)
- Product Guarantee and Final Inspection Certificate available if installed by a Sika Liquid Plastics Quality Assured Contractor

*please refer to Substrate Preparation for further information

Tests

Approvals / Standards

- British Board of Agrément (BBA) certified No. 92/2803 and No. 14/5147
- European Technical Approval Tested in accordance with ETAg 005 (ETA Cert no.03/0052)
- External fire performance: B_{ROOF}(t4) & classification under BS 476-3: 1958 EXT.F.AA.

Product Data

Appearance

Pigmented liquid
Red

Packaging

15 litres

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Storage Conditions / Shelf Life	Store in original, unopened and undamaged sealed packaging in dry conditions at temperatures >0°C and < 25°C. Protect from frost. A shelf-life of 9 months is achieved when stored in accordance with the above recommendations at a temperature of 20°C. Exposure to higher temperatures will reduce the shelf-life. Reference should also be made to the storage recommendations of the material safety datasheet.

Technical Data

Chemical Base	One-component moisture-triggered Polyurethane	
Density	1.37 kg/L (+23 °C)	(EN ISO 2811-1)
Solid Content	~ 80.2 % by volume / ~ 86.0 % by weight	
Flash Point	+ 62°C	
Service Temperature	-30 to +80°C (intermittent)	

Resistance

Chemical Resistance	Strong resistance to a wide range of reagents including paraffin, petrol, fuel oil, white spirit, acid rain, detergents and moderate solutions of acids and alkalis. Some low molecular weight alcohols can soften the material. Contact Technical Customer Services for specific recommendations. Salt spray to ASTM B117 (1000 hours continuous exposure) and prohesion testing to ASTM G85- 94; Annex A5 (1000 hours cyclic exposure).

System Information

Maximum Coverage Rates

Waterproofing Only

Omega 15

Preparatory Layer	Substrate must be prepared according to specification – for further information please contact technical customer services	
Embedment Layer	Decothane Base Coat	1.0 L/m^2
	Sika Reemat Premium	
Top Coat	Decothane Top Coat	0.75 L/m^2

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Gamma 20

Preparatory Layer	Substrate must be prepared according to specification – for further information please contact technical customer services	
Embedment Layer	Decothane Base Coat	1.0 L/m^2
	Sika Reemat Premium	
Top Coat	Decothane Top Coat	1.0 L/m^2

Delta 25

Preparatory Layer	Substrate must be prepared according to specification – for further information please contact technical customer services	
Embedment Layer	Decothane Base Coat	1.0 L/m^2
	Sika Reemat Premium	
Top Coat	Decothane Top Coat	0.75 L/m^2
Top Coat	Decothane Top Coat	1.0 L/m^2

Note: The application of the system must be approached as one operation. Always plan for reasonable progress of each coat. Work only so far in advance that the existing surface can be overcoated as the next operation. Finish the coating system completely before progressing to the next area. The ideal time between coats is within 48 hours.

It is not good practice to plan breaks between coats of more than 7 days. For periods longer than this and less than 14 days the surface must be reactivated with Sika Reactivation Primer. Periods between coats longer than 14 days may affect the normal life term of the system –If this happens consult Sika Liquid Plastics for advice. Ensure each application/coat is clean and dry prior to overcoating

At no stage should the Sika Liquid Plastics system or waterproof coating in its finished or intermediate stage be used as a workspace or access floor without adequate protection.

Please note: the above rates are for smooth substrates only.

Typical Test Data - System

	Omega 15	Gamma 20	Delta 25
Dry Film Thickness (mm)	1.5	1.7	2.3
Tensile Strength (N/mm^2)	11.4	12.1	11.0
Tensile Load (N/30mm)	510	620	760
Tear Force (N)	50	80	120
Tear Strength (N/mm)	33	47	52
Tensile Elongation (%)	46	58	84

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Cementitious substrates

New concrete should be cured for at least 28 days* and should have a pull off strength ≥1.5 N/mm^2. Inspect the concrete, including upstands, all areas should be hammer tested. Concrete must be suitably finished, preferably by wood float or steel pan. A power float finish is acceptable where the surface is prepared to avoid laitance (a tamped finish is not acceptable). The surface finish must be uniform and free from defects such as laitance, voids or honeycombing. The substrate must be of a suitable quality and condition to receive the system. Please refer to specification for further details.

*unless using DTE primer – see DTE Primer Technical Datasheet for further details

Brick and stone

Bricks, blocks and mortar joints must be sound and preferably flush pointed.

Slates, tiles, etc.

Ensure all slates/tiles are sound and securely fastened, replacing obviously broken or missing sections.

Asphalt

Asphalt contains volatiles which can cause bleeding and slight non-detrimental staining. The asphalt must be carefully assessed for moisture and/or air entrapment, grade and surface finish prior to any coating works being carried out.

Bituminous felt

Ensure that bituminous felt is firmly adhered or mechanically fixed to the substrate. Bituminous felt should not contain any badly degraded areas.

Single ply

Decothane Base Coat should not be used over existing Single Ply membranes. In these instances, Decothane Top Coat should be used as the embedment coat. The quality of the Single Ply should be established by Sika Liquid Plastics.

Bituminous coatings

Bituminous coatings should not have sticky or mobile surfaces, volatile mastic coatings, or old coal tar coatings.

Metals

Metals must be in sound condition.

Timber substrates

Timber and timber based panel roof decks are to be well constructed, in good condition, firmly adhered, and with sufficient fixings for the nature and location of the site.

Paints/Coatings

Ensure the existing material is sound and firmly adhered.

Existing Decothane Systems

The existing Decothane System should still be soundly adhered to the substrate.

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Cementitious substrates

Laitance, other loose friable material and weak concrete must be completely removed and surface defects such as blowholes and voids must be fully exposed. In severe cases use abrasive blast cleaning, grinding or scarifying equipment to achieve a sound surface.

Repairs to the substrate, filling of joints, blowholes/voids and surface levelling must be carried out using appropriate products.

High spots must be removed e.g. by grinding.

Outgassing is a naturally occurring phenomenon of concrete that can produce pinholes in subsequently applied coatings. The concrete must be carefully assessed for moisture content, air entrapment, and surface finish prior to any coating work. Any requirement for priming must also be considered. Installing the membrane either when the concrete temperature is falling or stable can reduce outgassing. It is generally beneficial, therefore, to apply the embedment coat in the late afternoon or evening.

Brick and stone

Thoroughly clean by power wash and allow to dry. Where there is a risk of algal re-growth on absorbent surfaces use Liquid Plastics Biowash. Please refer to the Biowash Technical Datasheet for further information. Repair any spalling, flaking or other damage and replace any missing jointing.

Asphalt

Thoroughly clean using by power wash and allow to dry. All major cracks should be sealed to allow continuity of the Decothane System. Asphalt must be carefully assessed for moisture and/ or air entrapment, grade and surface finish prior to any coating works being carried out. Any priming requirement must also be considered.

Bituminous felt

Thoroughly clean using by power wash and allow to dry. Treat blisters by star cutting and removing any underlying water. Allow to dry and re-adhere using Decostik®. Badly degraded areas should be replaced with Carrier Membrane bonded in Decostik®.

Single ply

Decothane Base Coat should not be used over existing Single Ply membranes. In these instances, Decothane Top Coat should be used as the embedment coat. The Single Ply should be prepared in accordance with the Specification.

Bituminous coatings

Remove loose, degraded, tacky or mobile coatings. Apply the Decothane System directly.

Metals

Steelwork is ideally prepared to Sa2½ (Swedish Standard SIS 05: 5900 = 2nd quality BS4232 = S.S.P.C. grade SP10) OR as indicated by the blasting specification which may be of a higher standard. Where blasting to Sa2½ (Swedish Standard SIS 05: 5900 = 2nd quality BS4232 = S.S.P.C. grade SP10) is not permitted alternative blast media or clean metal preparation by pin hammer, etc. is acceptable. Less effective methods of preparation that leave corrosion in-situ may reduce expected life term.

Non-ferrous metals are prepared as follows. Remove any deposits of dust and oxidation and abrade to bright metal. Wire brushing can be used for soft metal such as lead. The surface must be clean and free from grease which, if present, must be removed with a proprietary solution. Wash with detergent, rinse and dry.

Timber substrates

Timber and timber based panel roof decks require a complete layer of Carrier Membrane SA prior to the application of the chosen system. The substrate should then be treated as a felt roof. Small timber protrusions may be treated directly, provided that the timber is of exterior quality, e.g. marine plywood, (see Substrate Priming for further information).

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Paints/Coatings

Remove loose or degraded coatings returning to a firm, feathered firm edge. Remaining coatings are only be overcoated if soundly adhered. Ensure the surface is clean and free from grease.

Existing Decothane Systems

Clean the membrane using a water jet at approximately 14N/mm^2 (2000 p.s.i) using detergent and rinse thoroughly. Thoroughly clean by power wash and allow to dry.

Note: For the Waiting Time/Overcoating please refer to the technical datasheet of the appropriate cleaner. Other substrates must be tested for their compatibility. If in doubt, apply a test area first.

Substrate Priming

Substrate	**Primer**
Cementitious Substrates	Liquid Plastics Quick Cure Primer or Bonding Primer
Brick and Stone	Not required
Slate, tiles etc	Not required
Asphalt	Not required, subject to surface assessment tests
Bituminous Felt	Not required
Single Ply	An adhesion and compatibility test should be carried out by Sika Liquid Plastics. Decothane Base Coat should not be used over existing Single Ply membranes. In these instances, Decothane Top Coat should be used as the embedment coat.
Bituminous Coatings	Not required
Metals	Liquid Plastics Metal Primer
Timber Substrates	Timber based roof decks require a layer of Carrier Membrane SA. For small areas of exposed timber (i.e. upstands) use Bonding Primer or Quick Cure Primer, (exposed timber should be Marine ply to BS 1088 or equivalent).
Paints	Subject to adhesion tests, Bonding Primer or Metal Primer for aluminium based solar reflective coatings
Existing Decothane	Sika Reactivation Primer (Over 14 days old)

Note: For the Coverage Rates/Waiting Time/Overcoating of any products besides Decothane Base Coat please refer to the corresponding technical datasheet. Other substrates must be tested for their compatibility. If in doubt, apply a test area first.

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Application Conditions / Limitations

Air Temperature	+2°C min. / +35°C max.
Substrate Temperature	+2°C min. / +60°C max.
Substrate Moisture Content	Wood moisture equivalent (wme) (max): < 28% Please note: Reference should also be made to the appropriate primer technical datasheet.
Relative Air Humidity	20% min. / 85% max.
Dew Point	Beware of condensation. Surface temperature during application and cure must be a minimum of 3°C above dew point.

Application Instructions

Mixing	No mixing required
Application Method	Prior to the application of Decothane Base Coat the substrate must be prepared and the priming coat must have cured tack-free. For the waiting time/overcoating please refer to the technical datasheet of the appropriate primer. **Omega 15, Gamma 20 & Delta 25:** First apply a coat of Decothane Base Coat and roll in the Sika Reemat Premium whilst wet. Ensure that there are no bubbles or creases and that the Sika Reemat Premium overlaps by a minimum of 50mm. Prior to the application of Decothane Top Coat the waiting time indicated in the table below is to be achieved. Please note, always begin with details prior to waterproofing the horizontal surface. Please refer to the table on the previous page for coverage rates.
Application Tools	For best results apply Decothane Base Coat by brush (for details and penetrations) or roller. Rollers should be disposable medium/long pile simulated sheepskin. A Deco Applicator is also available for use on large roof areas. It is a gravity fed, easy to use spreader for Decothane Base Coat & Decothane Top Coat.
Cleaning of Tools	Clean all tools and application equipment with proprietary cleaning solvent immediately after use. Hardened and/or cured material can only be removed mechanically.
Pot Life	Decothane Base Coat is designed for fast drying. High temperatures combined with high air humidity will increase the drying process. Thus, material in opened containers should be applied immediately. In opened containers, the material will form a film within 1 or 2 hours.

Curing Details

Applied Product ready for use

Temperature	Relative humidity	Rain resistant	Touch dry	Full cure
+2°C	50%	1 hour	6-8 hours	12-16 hours
+10°C	50%	1 hour	3 hours	6-8 hours
+20°C	50%	1 hour	2 hours	4-6 hours

Note: Times are approximate and will be affected by changing ambient conditions particularly temperature and relative humidity.

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Notes on Application / Limitations	Do not apply Decothane Base Coat on substrates with rising moisture. On substrates likely to exhibit outgassing, apply during falling ambient and substrate temperature. If applied during rising temperatures “pin holing” may occur. Substrate preparation is crucial to ensure durability. Please follow the instructions in the technical datasheet of the corresponding Primer and pretreatment. Applications of Decothane Base Coat in confined spaces must be undertaken in accordance with material safety datasheet recommendations. Do not apply close to the air intake vents of running air conditioning units until either switched off or isolated as vapour may be drawn into the building. Always use Carrier Membrane SA between Decotherm Insulation Board and Decothane Base Coat. Areas with high movement, irregular substrates, or timber based roof decks require a complete layer of Carrier Membrane SA. Do not apply cementitious products (e.g. tile mortar) directly onto Decothane Base Coat or Decothane Top Coat. When lower temperatures are anticipated (e.g. overnight), Decothane Accelerator is recommended to shorten the overall curing period. Decothane products should not be applied under conditions where these limits are likely to be exceeded. Do not use grit salt and/or other de-icing agents between coats of Decothane as this may interfere with the cure and inter-coat adhesion of the product. The application of the system must be approached as one operation. Always plan for reasonable progress of each coat. Work only so far in advance that the existing surface can be overcoated as the next operation. Finish the coating system completely before progressing to the next area. The ideal time between coats is within 48 hours. It is not good practice to plan breaks between coats of more than 7 days. For periods longer than this and less than 14 days the surface must be reactivated with Sika Reactivation Primer. Periods between coats longer than 14 days may affect the normal life term of the system –If this happens consult Sika Liquid Plastics for advice. Ensure each application/coat is clean and dry prior to overcoating At no stage should the Sika Liquid Plastics system or waterproof coating in its finished or intermediate stage be used as a workspace or access floor without adequate protection.
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Specification assistance

NBS is the industry standard specification system, which allows architects, specifiers and engineers to insert clauses into specifications by manufacturer and product, making the process quicker and more efficient. We are members of NBS Plus and therefore detailed up-to-date product information is readily available to create accurate specifications.

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