

TEKTON SPECIFICATION

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Tekton Wall Underlay is a synthetic breather-type Wall Underlay for use as a wall underlay and air barrier under direct and non-direct fixed wall cladding on timber and steel framed buildings. The product is a coated spun-bonded polypropylene, and is approximately 0.6mm thick. Tekton Wall Underlay is supplied in rolls 2740mm x 37m and 1370mm x 37m.

FEATURES /BENEFITS

- Tekton Wall Underlay can be used in all wind zones up to and including very high and extra high with RAB Systems.
- Tekton Wall Underlay is fire retardant with a zero flammability index and can be used without restriction on all buildings, however must be separated from fireplaces, heating appliances, flues and chimneys in accordance with the NZ Building Code.
- Tekton Wall Underlay can be installed as an air barrier to walls that are not lined, such as gable ends.
- Tekton Wall Underlay has superior water hold out - keeping framing drier while permanent cladding is installed.
- Tekton Wall Underlay has 50 year durability.
- Tekton Wall Underlay can be left exposed for up to 60 days.
- Tekton Wall Underlay has optimal surfactant resistance (will not lose integrity if exposed to most soaps, detergents and cleaning chemicals).
- Tekton Wall Underlay is Branz appraised # 548 (2013)
- Tekton Wall Underlay can be used as a non-rigid backing material for stucco plaster and as a slip layer over rigid backing for stucco plaster.
- Tekton Wall Underlay is compatible with metal cavity battens.

APPLICATION RANGE

TIMBER FRAMED BUILDINGS

- With absorbent wall claddings directly fixed to the framing.
- With absorbent and non-absorbent wall claddings installed over an 18mm minimum drained cavity.
- With masonry veneer.
- In building wind zones up to and including very high.

STEEL FRAMED BUILDINGS

- With absorbent and non-absorbent wall claddings installed over an 18mm minimum drained cavity.
- With masonry veneer.
- In building wind zones up to and including very high.

Tekton Wall Underlay can also be used on buildings subject to specific weathertightness design.

STORAGE

Tekton Wall Underlay must be stored on its end in a clean and dry environment. It is the responsibility of the installer to protect the roll from damage and weather.

SURFACE PREPARATION

Studs must be provided at a maximum of 600mm centres. Nogs must be fitted flush between the studs at a maximum of 1200mm centres. The framing must be free from any sharp protrusions that may damage the wall underlay.

INSTALLATION

PLACEMENT

- The branded side of the wall underlay must face away from the framing.
- The wall underlay must run horizontally.
- The wall underlay must extend from the upper side of the top plate to the underside of the bearers or wall plates supporting ground floor joists, or below bottom plates on concrete slabs.
- Horizontal laps must be no less than 75mm with the direction of the lap ensuring that water is shed to the outside.
- End laps must be made over framing and be no less than 150mm wide.

It is preferable to tape all joins.

APPLICATION

- Position the roll of Tekton Wall Underlay against the framing with a short length of wall underlay free of the roll.
- Align the guide marks printed on the Tekton Wall Underlay with visible studs and nail /staple to the framing

Fix the wall underlay into place using 6-8mm zinc/ stainless plated staples, hot dip galvanised large head clouts or proprietary wall underlay fixings.

- Unroll the wall underlay across the framing and fix to all framing members at a maximum of 300mm centres.
- Keep the wall underlay straight and taut over the framing.
- The wall underlay should be run over any openings and these should be left covered until the windows and doors are ready to be installed. To form the openings cut the wall underlay at a 45 degree diagonal in from each corner. Fold and staple the wall underlay to the inside of the framed opening. Excess wall underlay can be trimmed.

- All openings must be detailed using a Branz appraised flexible flashing system like Super-Stick, Protecto One Piece Sill Tape or the Protecto Sill System.
- Where cavity battens are installed at greater than 450 mm centres, the wall underlay must be supported between the battens to prevent the wall underlay bulging into the cavity space when insulation is installed.
- Tekton Wall Underlay can be added as a second layer over head flashings as per E2/AS1 or the headflashing can be sealed to the wall underlay using Protecto Head Flashing Tape.
- Any damaged areas of the wall underlay must be repaired by overlapping with new material and taping, or by taping small tears .

When fixing wall underlay in windy conditions, care must be taken due to the large sail area created by the roll widths.

WARRANTY

Tekton Wall Underlay meets the durability requirements of NZBC B2.3.1(a), 50 years and B2.3.1(b), 15 years. Tekton Wall Underlay is warranted to be free of defect in manufacture. This warranty is limited to replacement of the Tekton Wall Underlay material. Marshall Innovations NZ/AUS Ltd (the distributor) is not liable for incorrect installation or any accidental or wilful damage to the product.