

ICC-ES Evaluation Report

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1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE

1.1 Compliance with the following codes:

- 2021, 2018, 2015, 2012, and 2009 *International Building Code*® (IBC)
- 2021, 2018, 2015, 2012, and 2009 International Residential Code® (IRC)

Properties evaluated:

- Physical properties
- Water resistance
- Ice barrier
- 1.2 Evaluation to the following green code(s) and/or standards:
- 2022 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Title 24, Part 11
- 2020, 2015, 2012 and 2008 ICC 700 *National Green Building Standard*[™] (ICC 700-2020, ICC 700-2015, ICC 700-2012 and ICC 700-2008)

Attributes verified:

See Section 3.0

2.0 USES

2.1 Roof Underlayment:

The Protec PSU underlayment is a self-adhering membrane that is used as an alternative to ASTM D226, Type I and Type II, roofing underlayment specified in IBC Chapter 15 and IRC Chapter 9. The underlayment may be used as an ice barrier in severe climate areas as specified in IBC Chapter 15 and IRC Chapter 9.

3.0 DESCRIPTION

3.1 Protec PSU

Protec PSU underlayment is a multilayered self-adhering membrane composed of a synthetic top facer sheet and a polymer modified bitumen and a release film on the bottom that is removed prior to attachment to plywood or oriented strand board (OSB) sheathing. The membrane is nominally 50 mils thick [0.050 inch (1.3 mm)] and is available in various sizes and colors. Standard roll size is 36 inches (914 mm) wide by 67 feet (20.7 m) long. Custom lengths and width are available.



3.2 Green Codes:

The attributes of the Protec PSU underlayment has been verified as conforming to the provisions of (i) CALGreen Section A4.407.5; (ii) ICC 700-2020 Sections 602.1.13, 11.602.1.13, 1202.9 and 13.104.1.7; (iii) ICC 700-2015 and ICC 700-2012 Sections 602.1.13, 11.602.1.13 and 12.5.602.1.14; and (iv) ICC 700-2008 Section 602.10 for ice barriers. Note that decisions on compliance for those areas rest with the user of this report. The user is advised of the project-specific provisions that may be contingent upon meeting specific conditions, and the verification of those conditions is outside the scope of this report. These codes or standards often provide supplemental information as guidance.

4.0 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

4.1 General:

Installation of the underlayment must comply with this report and the report's published installation instructions. The report holder's published installation instructions must be available at the jobsite at all times during the installation.

Prior to application of the underlayment, the deck surface must be dry, free of frost, dust and dirt, loose fasteners, and other protrusions. Damaged sheathing must be replaced.

Installation is limited to plywood and oriented strand board (OSB) substrates. The membrane must be applied only when the ambient air and substrate temperatures are at or above 40°F (4.4°C).

The underlayment is cut into 10 to 15 feet (3.1 to 4.6 m) lengths and rerolled prior to placement. The release film is peeled back approximately 1 to 2 feet (305 to 610 mm) and the membrane aligned with the lower edge of the roof and set in place with the printed side facing up. The remainder of the membrane is applied directly to the roof deck by removing the release film and firmly pressing the membrane in place.

Alternatively, starting with a full roll of underlayment, approximately 3 to 6 feet (1 to 2 m) piece of membrane is unrolled while the release liner is left in place. The membrane must be aligned and rolled in the intended direction of membrane application. The release liner on the bottom of the roll is cut carefully in the cross direction without cutting of the membrane. Approximately 6 inches (152 mm) of the release liner in the opposite direction of the intended membrane application must be peeled back, exposing the adhesive. The roll is pulled along the roof deck, leaving the applied membrane on the deck. The membrane is pressed to the roof deck by applying hand pressure followed with a 40 lb. (18.1 kg) or heavier pressure roller to smooth and secure the membrane including the overlaps that must be rolled firmly with a seam roller.

Subsequent courses of membrane are applied parallel to the eave, from the lower edge of the roof upwards, in a shingle-lap manner. The vertical (end) seams must be overlapped a minimum of 6 inches (152 mm). Horizontal (side) seams must be overlapped a minimum of 3 inches (76 mm) and must run with the flow of water in a shingling effect. The membrane must be installed in sufficient courses to extend up the roof a minimum distance of 24 inches (610 mm) beyond the interior of the exterior wall. The underlayment in the field of the roof must overlap the membrane.

If the membrane becomes misaligned, the roll must be cut and restarted. The membrane must be pressed firmly into place, from the center to edge. After application, the membrane must be inspected, and any defects repaired. "Fish mouths" must be slit, pressed flat, and covered with a round patch of membrane of sufficient width and length to overlap each side and end of the slit a minimum of6 inches (152 mm).

Installation of the roof covering can proceed immediately following application of the membrane. The membrane must be covered by an approved roof covering as soon as possible. For reroofing applications, the same procedures apply after removal of the old roof covering and roofing felts to expose the plywood or oriented strand board (OSB) roof deck.

4.2 Roof Underlayment:

Protec PSU underlayment must be installed as prescribed in IBC Chapter 15 or IRC Chapter 9 where an ASTM D226, Type I or Type II underlayment is required.

4.3 Ice Barrier:

When used as an ice barrier, the Protec PSU underlayment must be installed as prescribed in IBC Chapter 15 and IRC Chapter 9 where an ice barrier is required. The underlayment must be installed in sufficient courses to extend up the roof for a minimum distance of 24 inches (610 mm) inside the exterior wall line of the building. When used as roof underlayment in the field of the roof, the underlayment product described in this report must overlap the ice barrier.

4.4 Flashing:

Flashing must be in accordance with the applicable code. Flashing around protrusions must be over the lower course of the underlayment to prevent water backup. When used, metal drip edges must be installed beneath the underlayment at the eaves and over the underlayment at rakes.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE:

The Protec PSU underlayment described in this report complies with, or is a suitable alternative to what is specified in, those codes listed in Section 1.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

- **5.1** Installation must comply with this report and the report holder's published installation instructions. In the event of a conflict between the report holder's published installation instructions and this report, this report governs.
- 5.2 Installation of Protec PSU underlayment is limited to use on plywood and oriented strand board (OSB).
- **5.3** Installation of Protec PSU is limited to structures located in areas where nonclassified roof coverings are permitted or as a component of a classified roofing assembly when specifically described as such in a listing approved by the code official.
- 5.4 Installation is limited to use with roof coverings that do not utilize hot asphalt or coal-tar pitch.
- **5.5** Installation is limited to use with roof coverings that are mechanically fastened through the underlayment to the sheathing or rafters.
- **5.6** Installation is limited to roofs having attics or rafter spaces that are ventilated, in accordance with the requirements of the applicable code.
- **5.7** The underlayment must be installed only when the ambient air and substrate temperature are above 40°F (4.4°C).
- 5.8 The underlayments are manufactured under a quality-control program with inspections by ICC-ES.

6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

- **6.1** Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Roof Underlayments (AC188), dated February 2023.
- **6.2** Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Self-adhered Roof Underlayments for Use as Ice Barriers (AC48), dated February 2012 (editorially revised February 2021).

7.0 IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 The ICC-ES mark of conformity, electronic labeling, or the evaluation report number (ICC-ES ESR-5378) along with the name, registered trademark, or registered logo of the report holder (DuPont de Nemours Inc.) must be included in the product label.
- **7.2** In addition, the underlayment is identified by a label on the packaging of each roll bearing the report holder's name (DuPont de Nemours Inc.), product name (Protec PSU) and the evaluation report number (ESR-5378).
- **7.3** The report holder's contact information is the following:

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DIVISION: 07 00 00—THERMAL AND MOISTURE PROTECTION Section: 07 30 05—Roofing Felt and Underlayment

REPORT HOLDER:

DUPONT DE NEMOURS INC.

EVALUATION SUBJECT:

PROTEC PSU UNDERLAYMENT

1.0 REPORT PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Purpose:

The purpose of this evaluation report supplement is to indicate that Protec PSU underlayment, described in ICC-ES evaluation report ESR-5378, has also been evaluated for compliance with the code(*s*) noted below.

Applicable code edition(s):

■ 2022 California Building Code (CBC)

For evaluation of applicable Chapters adopted by the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) AKA: California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) and the Division of State Architect (DSA), see Sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 below.

■ 2022 California Residential Code (CRC)

2.0 CONCLUSIONS

2.1 CBC:

The Protec PSU underlayment, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the evaluation report ESR-5378, complies with CBC Chapter 15, provided the design and installation are in accordance with the 2021 *International Building Code*[®] (IBC) provisions noted in the evaluation report and the additional requirements of CBC Chapter 15, as applicable.

2.1.1 OSHPD: The applicable OSHPD Sections of the CBC are beyond the scope of this supplement.

2.1.2 DSA: The applicable DSA Sections of the CBC are beyond the scope of this supplement.

2.2 CRC:

The Protec PSU underlayment, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the evaluation report ESR-5378, complies with CRC Chapter 9, provided the design and installation are in accordance with the 2021 *International Residential Code*[®] (IRC) provisions noted in the evaluation report and the additional requirements of CRC Chapter 9, as applicable.

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- 2023 and 2020 Florida Building Code—Residential

2.0 CONCLUSIONS

The Protec PSU underlayment, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of ICC-ES evaluation report ESR-5378, complies with the *Florida Building Code—Building Code—Residential*. The design requirements must be determined in accordance with the *Florida Building Code—Building* or the *Florida Building Code—Residential*, as applicable. The installation requirements noted in ICC-ES evaluation report ESR-5378 for the 2021 and 2018 *International Building Code®* meet the requirements of the 2023 and 2020 *Florida Building Code—Building* or the 2023 and 2020 *Florida Building Code—Building* or the 2023 and 2020 *Florida Building Code—Building* or the 2023 and 2020 *Florida Building Code*.

Use of the Protec PSU underlayment for compliance with the High-Velocity Hurricane Zone provisions of the *Florida Building Code—Building* or the *Florida Building Code—Residential* has not been evaluated and is outside the scope of this supplemental report.

For products falling under Florida Rule 61G20-3, verification that the report holder's quality assurance program is audited by a quality assurance entity approved by the Florida Building Commission for the type of inspections being conducted is the responsibility of an approved validation entity (or the code official when the report holder does not possess an approval by the Commission).

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