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8.0 Roof Claddings

8.1 General

8.1.2 Limitations

This Acceptable Solution is limited to roof cladding systems listed in Paragraph 3.2.

Comments by Skellerup

Roofing materials covered by E2 AS1 are:

Masonry Tiles

Pressed metal Tiles

Profiled Metal

Membrane roofing (Butyl & EPDM rubber membranes only installed over Plywood substrate)

8.1.6 Gutters

Downpipes discharging to a lower roof shall be fitted with a spreader with the discharge limited to a section of roofing with no side laps.

A maximum catchment area of 25 m² shall be permitted to discharge via a spreader on to a lower roof area.

8.1.6.1 Internal, valley and hidden gutters

- e) Receive no direct discharge from down-pipes or spreaders, and

8.1.6.3 Internal gutters

Internal gutters shall be *constructed* as shown for the applicable roof cladding, and shall:

- a) Be dimensioned to provide the greater of a
 - i) calculated size as per E1/AS1

or

 - ii) minimum depth of 70 mm and minimum width of 300 mm.

Refer E1/AS1 Figure 16

8.5 Membrane Roofs and Decks

8.5.1 Limitations

- a) Roofs with a minimum fall of **1.5° (1:40)**,
- b) Decks with:
 - i) a minimum fall of **1° (1:60)**,
 - iii) no steps in level within *deck* area except into gutters,
 - iv) no integral roof gardens, and
 - v) no downpipe direct discharge to deck,
- c) Internal gutters with a minimum fall of **1 in 100**, with no seams in the gutters closer than 1m to an outlet,

8.5.3 Plywood substrates

Plywood shall be:

- a) A minimum of 17 mm complying with AS/NZS 2269
- b) At least CD Grade Structural plywood with the sanded C face upwards, and
- c) H3 with treatment type compatible with membrane and adhesives used, and kiln dried after treatment.

8.5.4 Butyl and EPDM

Butyl rubber and *EPDM* rubber used for *membrane* roofing or *decks* shall:

- a) Be a minimum thickness of:
 - i) 1.0 mm for roofing, or
1.5 mm for decks,

Comments by Skellerup

Maximum span between supports of 400 required for 17mm Ply- Refer Ply Manufacturers span tables for alternative solutions (spans) using thicker plywood or purpose made plywood flooring products.

For Skellerup Dec-k-ing applications T&G flooring ply is recommended.

LOSP Treatment is not compatible with Butyl or EPDM membranes. This includes the plywood substrate and any timber framed upstand or wall Junction e.g. bottom plates

8.5.5 Installation

8.5.5.1 Plywood

Substrates must be dry when *membranes* are applied. The plywood and the timber substructure shall have a maximum moisture content of 20% when a *membrane* is adhered.

Plywood substrates shall be fixed according to the following requirements:

- a) Panels shall be laid with staggered joints (brick bond),
- b) The edge of sheets shall be supported with *dwangs* or *framing*, unless a structurally tested tongue-in-groove edge provides equivalent support,
- c) The maximum span shall be 400 mm,
- d) Plywood shall be laid with the face grain at right angles to the supports,
- e) A 20 mm triangular fillet shall be used at the base of any 90° upstand.
- f) External edges shall be chamfered with a minimum radius of 5 mm, and
- g) Plywood shall be fixed:
 - i) with 10 g x 50 mm stainless steel countersunk head screws,
 - ii) with 3 mm gaps between all sheets,
 - iii) at 150 mm centres on edges, and
 - iv) 200 mm in the body of the sheets.

Comments by Skellerup

Excess moisture will result in adhesion problems and “bubbling”

Strengthens substrate by offsetting weak points

e.g. CHH 17mm Ecoply Plyfloor

Refer Ply Manufacturers span tables for alternative solutions (spans) using thicker plywood or purpose made plywood flooring products.

This is very important. Plywood strength is severely reduced if installed with Face grain parallel to supports – do not accept substrate if plywood is installed incorrectly.

Avoids tenting (membrane pulling away from the Corner).

Sharp corners wear through membranes

Stainless Steel required to resist CCA treatment used in most treated plywood substrates. Note: Nailing of any type is unacceptable under any circumstances

Allows for expansion/contraction of Ply

8.5.5.2 Butyl and EPDM

Comments by Skellerup

Seam tapes shall be used on all joints of:

- a) Roofs or *decks* with falls less than 5° (1:12),
- b) Gutters or where water could pond,
- c) Penetrations through the *membrane* where butyl or *EPDM flashing* is required,
- d) *EPDM membrane*, and
- e) Butyl *membranes* that contain *EPDM*.

Skellerup Butylclad contains a small amount of EPDM, in order to provide superior weather resistance compared to pure Butyl membranes. Therefore seam tapes are required for all Butylclad applications regardless of pitch.

All joints in the plywood and junctions of plywood with other materials shall have 25mm polyethylene release tape applied before application of the *membrane*

This tape acts as a bond breaker allowing the membrane to handle differential movement between plywood sheets

8.5.6 Roof and deck drainage

Roofs and *decks* shall be *constructed* so that:

- a) The highest point of the roof or *deck* is a minimum of 100 mm below an adjoining floor
- b) *Membrane* upstands extend to a minimum level of 50 mm above the floor level at all walls or *parapets*
- c) Water discharges either
 - i) directly into roof outlets with a minimum diameter of 75 mm
 - ii) via scupper openings
- d) Where the discharge is through a *parapet* or *enclosed balustrade*, the *scupper* opening shall have a minimum clear opening of 200 mm wide and 75 mm high
- f) When an internal outlet is used, allowance for additional run-off shall be provided by:
 - i) an overflow in addition to the outlet
 - or**
 - ii) an extra outlet, with both outlets sized to take the full required capacity

200x75 scupper available from Skellerup

When an overflow is provided the overflow shall have a cross-sectional area no less than cross-sectional area of the calculated discharge down-pipe.

Refer E1/AS1 5.5.1