BITUTHENE® 3000 and BITUTHENE® Low Temperature — Above-Grade

Self-adhesive, rubberized asphalt/polyethylene waterproofing membranes for plaza and parking decks

Product Advantages

- **Waterproof** — high hydrostatic head resistance
- **Cross laminated film** — provides dimensional stability, high tear strength, puncture and impact resistance
- **Cold applied** — no flame hazard; self-adhesive overlaps ensure continuity
- **Flexible** — accommodates minor settlement and shrinkage movement
- **Controlled thickness** — factory made sheet ensures non-variable site application
- **Wide application window** —
  - BITUTHENE® Low Temperature surface and ambient temperatures between 25 °F (-4 °C) and 60 °F (16 °C)
  - BITUTHENE® 3000 surface and ambient temperatures at 40 °F (5 °C) or above
- **New or rehab construction** — use with BITUTHENE® DECK PREP® as a leveling agent and non-structural repair material
- **RIPCORD®** — this split release on demand feature allows the splitting of the release paper into two pieces for ease of installation in detailed areas

Figure of Bituthene 3000 Low Temperature Above Grade Application.
Use

BITUTHENE® is ideal for waterproofing concrete decks where in-service temperatures will not exceed 130 °F (54 °C). It can be applied to split slab construction, such as in plaza areas and parking decks. Interior uses may include mechanical rooms, laboratories, kitchens and bathrooms. (For below grade applications, see Below Grade Waterproofing BITUTHENE® 3000 and BITUTHENE® Low Temperature.)

BITUTHENE® is 1/16 in. (1.5 mm) thick, 3 ft (0.9 m) wide and 66.7 ft (20 m) and is supplied in rolls. It is unrolled sticky side down onto concrete slabs primed with BITUTHENE® Primer WP-3000, BITUTHENE® Primer B2 or BITUTHENE® Primer B2 LVC. Continuity is achieved by overlapping a minimum 2 in. (50 mm) and firmly rolling the joint.

BITUTHENE® is extremely flexible. It is capable of bridging shrinkage cracks in the concrete and will accommodate minor differential movement throughout the service life of the structure.

Application Procedures

Safety, Storage and Handling Information

BITUTHENE® products must be handled properly. Vapors from solvent based primers and mastic are harmful and flammable. For these products, the best available information on safe handling, storage, personal protection, health and environmental considerations has been gathered. SDS (Safety Data Sheets) are available and users should acquaint themselves with this information. Carefully read detailed precaution statements on product labels and the SDS before use.

Surface Preparation

Surfaces should be structurally sound and free of voids, spalled areas, loose aggregate and sharp protrusions. Remove contaminants such as grease, oil and wax from exposed surfaces. Remove dust, dirt, loose stone and debris. Concrete must be properly cured (minimum 7 days for normal structural concrete and 14 days for lightweight structural concrete).

If time is critical, BITUTHENE® Primer B2 or BITUTHENE® Primer B2 LVC may be used to allow priming and installation of membrane on damp surfaces or green concrete. Priming may begin in this case as soon as the concrete will maintain structural integrity. Use form release agents which will not transfer to the concrete. Remove forms as soon as possible from below horizontal slabs to prevent entrapment of excess moisture. Excess moisture may lead to blistering of the membrane. Cure concrete with clear, resin-based curing compounds which do not contain oil, wax or pigment. See Technical Letter 5 for more information. Except with BITUTHENE® Primer B2 or BITUTHENE® Primer B2 LVC, allow concrete to thoroughly dry following rain. Do not apply any products to frozen concrete.

Repair defects such as spalled or poorly consolidated areas. Remove sharp protrusions and form match lines. For rough or uneven deck surfaces use BITUTHENE® DECK PREP as a repair and leveling agent. See Above Grade Waterproofing BITUTHENE® Deck Prep product information sheet for details. On masonry surfaces, apply a parging coat to rough concrete block and brick walls or trowel cut mortar joints flush to the face of the concrete blocks.
Temperature

- Apply BITUTHENE® 3000 Membrane only in dry weather and at air and surface temperatures of 40°F (5°C) and above.
- Apply BITUTHENE® Low Temperature Membrane only in dry weather and when air and surface temperatures are between 25°F (-4°C) and 60°F (16°C).
- Apply BITUTHENE® Primer WP-3000 in dry weather above 40°F (5°C).
- Apply BITUTHENE® Primer B2 or BITUTHENE® Primer B2 LVC in dry weather above 25°F (-4°C).
  (See separate product information sheet.)

Priming

- Apply BITUTHENE® Primer WP-3000 by spray or roller at a coverage rate of 500–600 ft²/gal (12–15 m²/L). Allow to dry one hour or until concrete returns to original color.
- Apply BITUTHENE® Primer B2 by a lamb’s wool roller at a coverage rate of 250–350 ft²/gal (6–8 m²/L). Allow primer to dry one hour or until tack-free.
- Apply BITUTHENE® Primer B2 LVC by a lamb’s wool roller at a coverage rate of 325–425 ft²/gal (7.5–10.0 m²/L). Allow primer to dry one hour or until tack-free.
- Dry time may be longer in cold temperatures. Reprime areas if contaminated by dust. If the work area is dusty, apply membrane as soon as the primer is dry.
- **Do not apply any primer onto BITUTHENE® membrane.**

Corner Details

The treatment of corners varies depending on the location of the corner. For detailed information on BITUTHENE® Liquid Membrane, see separate product information sheet.
Insulation

Always apply BITUTHENE® membrane directly to primed or conditioned structural substrates.

Insulation, if used, must be applied over the membrane. Do not apply BITUTHENE® membranes over lightweight insulating concrete.

Expansion Joints in Concrete Construction

BITUTHENE® membrane is not an expansion joint filler or sealant, but may be used as an expansion joint cover only in limited, special situations, as shown in Figures 1 and 2.
To adequately waterproof an expansion joint requires the use of materials specifically designed to do that job. BITUTHENE® waterproofing systems can, in most cases, be tied into expansion joint waterproofing and/or covering systems to provide full waterproofing protection on a project.
Project designers and/or contractors should consult with expansion joint sealant and covering manufacturers for design and installation details. A partial listing of manufacturers is included in Technical Letter 11. Also, Section 05800 of Sweets, *Expansion Control*, and Section 07920, *Sealant and Caulking*, provide information on manufacturers and design possibilities.

Designers should consider using gutters under critical expansion joints to provide a second line of defense against seal failure.

**Approvals**

- City of Los Angeles Research Report RR 24386
- Miami-Dade County Code Report NOA 15-0728.10
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HUD Materials Release 628E
- BITUTHENE® 3000 and Low Temperature Membranes carry a Underwriters’ Laboratory Class A Fire Rating (Building Materials Directory, File #R7910) when used in either of the following constructions:
  - Limited to noncombustible decks at inclines not exceeding ¼ in. (6 mm) to the horizontal 1 ft (0.3 m). One layer of BITUTHENE® waterproofing membrane, followed by one layer of ¼ in. (3 mm) protection board, encased in 2 in. (50 mm) minimum concrete monolithic pour.
  - Limited to noncombustible decks at inclines not exceeding ¼ in. (6 mm) to the horizontal 1 ft (0.3 m). One layer of BITUTHENE® waterproofing membrane, followed by one layer of DOW Styrofoam PD Insulation Board [2 in. (50 mm) thick]. This is covered with one layer of 2 ft x 2 ft x 2 in. (0.6 m x 0.6 m x 50 mm) of concrete paver topping.

**Warranty**

Five year material warranties covering BITUTHENE® and HYDRODUCT® products are available upon request. Contact your GCP sales representative for details.

**Technical Services**

Support is provided by full time, technically trained GCP representatives and technical service personnel, backed by a central research and development staff.

**Supply**

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<th>BITUTHENE® 3000 OR BITUTHENE® LOW TEMPERATURE</th>
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<td>3 ft x 66.7 ft roll (200 ft²) [0.9 m x 20 m (18.6 m²)]</td>
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- **Roll weight**: 83 (38 kg) gross
- **Palletization**: 25 rolls per pallet
- **Storage**: Store upright in dry conditions below 95 °F (+35 °C).
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<td>BITUTHENE® WP-3000</td>
<td>5 gal (18.9 L) pail/24 pails per pallet</td>
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<td>BITUTHENE® Liquid Membrane</td>
<td>1.5 gal (5.7 L) pail/125 pails per pallet or 4 gal (15.1 L) pail/48 pails per pallet</td>
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<td>PREPRUFE® Detail Tape</td>
<td>2 in. x 50 ft (50 mm x 15 m) roll/16 rolls per carton</td>
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Physical Properties

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<td>300% minimum</td>
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<td>BITUTHENE® Low Temp: 5 lbs/in. (880 N/m)</td>
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<td>Peel strength</td>
<td>9 lbs/in. (1576 N/m)</td>
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<td>50 lbs (222 N) minimum</td>
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<td>Water absorption</td>
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Footnotes:
1. The test is run at a rate of 2 in. (50 mm) per minute.
2. The test is conducted 15 minutes after the lap is formed and run at a rate of 2 in. (50 mm) per minute at the following temperatures: 40°F (5°C) for BITUTHENE® 3000 and 25°F (-4°C) for BITUTHENE® 3000 LT.
3. The 180° peel strength is run at a rate of 12 in. (300 mm) per minute.
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