

Installation Instructions for the Use of Fab Tape™

Fab Tape™ is an asphaltic mastic which creates a durable field seam around penetrations in the material and effectively joins multiple sheets of Griffolyn® Vapor Retarders. Proper installation is imperative to ensure the integrity of the bond.

Both Griffolyn® surfaces must be absolutely clean and dry.

Fab Tape adheres better to sand and dust than to polyethylene. Water creates pockets which can thermally expand and contract sufficiently to degrade adhesion and destroy the seal. When exposed to sunlight, black Griffolyn® can reach temperatures of up to 170°F. Clean thoroughly with mild soap, rinse with clean water and dry completely with a hot air device for best results.

Warm polyethylene surfaces promote better initial adhesion.

It takes about 24 hours in a warm environment for Fab Tape to reach maximum bond strength. When the ambient temperature falls below 60°F the time is extended unless additional heat sources are employed.

Proper grading of the substrate beneath the Griffolyn® Vapor Retarder is essential for optimal sealing.

A rough, rutted and/or lumpy subgrade can cause wrinkles and gaps which will inhibit the bonding process.

To begin installation, lay both sheets over a smooth subgrade with a 6" or more overlap. Apply the Fab Tape 4" back from and parallel to the edge of the bottom sheet. Be sure to smooth out any gaps or voids while applying the tape. If a double seam is required, increase the overlap to 12" and run the second row of tape parallel to and 4" to 6" away from the first row before sealing the first seam.

Remove the release paper to expose the second adhesive side and firmly press the top sheet to the bottom one while maintaining even tension on both sheets. Uneven tension can cause gaps and voids which will prevent proper bonding and cause leaks.

Firm hand pressure is sufficient for initial adhesion on warm sunny days. After 24 hours the bond is permanently set. Overcast conditions and/or temperatures of less than 60°F will require additional heat, pressure and time to bond completely. A veneer proofing roller is very effective for applying additional pressure when the Griffolyn® Vapor Retarder is installed over a smooth subgrade.

Allow adequate time for complete bonding before subjecting the joint to substantial stress.

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