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Agrément Certificate
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Product Sheet 1 Issue 7

PERMO ROOF TILE UNDERLAYS

PERMO FORTE 145 AND PERMO FORTE 145 SK FOR USE IN COLD NON-VENTILATED ROOFS

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to Permo Forte 145 and Permo Forte 145 SK, flexible, vapour permeable reinforced polyolefin laminated membranes for use in cold non-ventilated pitched roof systems.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production †
- formal three-yearly review †.

KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Weathertightness — as part of a complete roof, the products will resist the passage of water and wind-blown snow and dust into the interior of a building (see section 6).

Condensation — the products are regarded as low water vapour resistance (Type LR) underlays and can be used as part of cold non-ventilated roof systems (see section 7).

Wind loading — when installed on appropriately spaced battens, the products' physical properties are adequate to resist the wind loads imposed on the underlay. The products will reduce the wind uplift forces acting on the roof covering (see section 8).

Strength — the products have adequate strength to resist the loads associated with installation of the roof (see section 9).

Properties in relation to fire — the products are classified as Class E in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 : 2007 and their use is restricted in some cases by the national Building Regulations (see section 10).

Durability — under the normal conditions found in a roof space, the products will have a service life comparable to a traditional roof tile underlay (see section 12).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the products described herein. These products have been assessed by the BBA as being fit for their intended use provided they are installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Originally certificated on 6 September 2005

Certificate amended on 31 May 2023 to change name of products

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hardy Giesler'.

Hardy Giesler
Chief Executive Officer

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, Permo Forte 145 and Permo Forte 145 SK for use in cold non-ventilated roofs, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

Requirement:	B4(1)	External fire spread
Comment:		The products are restricted by this Requirement, in some circumstances. See sections 10.1 and 10.2 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	C2(b)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:		The products will contribute to a roof satisfying this Requirement. See section 6.1 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	C2(c)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:		The products will enable a roof to satisfy this Requirement with regard to interstitial condensation. See section 7 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	7(1)	Materials and workmanship
Comment:		The products are acceptable materials. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)	Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials
Comment:		The products can contribute to a construction satisfying this Regulation. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	9	Building standards applicable to construction
Standard:	2.6	Spread to neighbouring buildings
Comment:		The products are restricted under clause 2.6.4 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ of this Standard, in some circumstances. See sections 10.1 and 10.3 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.10	Precipitation
Comment:		The products will contribute to a roof satisfying clauses 3.10.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 3.10.8 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ of this Standard. See section 6.1 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.15	Condensation
Comment:		The products can enable a roof to satisfy this Standard with regard to interstitial condensation. See section 7 of this Certificate.
Standard:	7.1(a)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:		The products can contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.
Regulation:	12	Building standards applicable to conversions
Comment:		All comments given for the products under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and Schedule 6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ .

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

Regulation:	23(a)(i)	Fitness of materials and workmanship
Comment:	(iii)(b)(i)	The products are acceptable. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	28(b)	Resistance to moisture and weather
Comment:		The products will contribute to a roof satisfying this Regulation. See section 6.1 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	29	Condensation
Comment:		The products can enable a roof to satisfy this Regulation. See section 7 of this Certificate.

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: 1 *Description* (1.2) of this Certificate.

Additional Information

CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the products in accordance with harmonised European Standard EN 13859-1 : 2010.

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 Permo Forte 145 and Permo Forte145 SK for use in cold non-ventilated roofs, are flexible, vapour permeable laminated membranes comprising four layers of Polyolefin spunbond, reinforcing netting and a film. Permo Forte 145 SK has a double integral tape on the selvedge edges for sealing overlaps, or Permo TR Plus Tape can be used where there is no integrated tape.

1.2 The membranes have the nominal characteristics given in Table 1.

1.3 Ancillary items for use with the products include:

- Tacto — double-sided adhesive tape for sealing lap joints
- Permo TR Plus Tape — single-sided adhesive tape for sealing edges of lap joints.

1.4 Other ancillary items for use with the products, but outside the scope of this Certificate, include:

- Butylon — butyl adhesive tape for sealing lap joints
- Klobber Underlay Support Tray — a PVC-U detail used to protect the edge of the underlay from the effect of ultraviolet light ageing, and as a run-off into gutters
- Klobber Eaves Closer — a mesh-reinforced PVC-U unit acting as a barrier against destructive pests while allowing natural air movements and moisture run-off from the batten space.

Table 1 Nominal characteristics

Characteristic (unit)	Permo Forte 145 and Permo Forte 145 SK
Thickness (mm)	0.95
Mass per unit area ($\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$)	145
Roll length (m)	50
Roll width (m)	1.1, 1.5
Colour	
upper	light grey
lower	white
Tensile strength ($\text{N}\cdot 50\text{ mm}^{-1}$)	
longitudinal	430
transverse	370
Elongation (%)	
longitudinal	20
transverse	15
Tear resistance (N)	
longitudinal	320
transverse	340
Watertightness	
unaged	W1
aged ⁽¹⁾	W1
Equivalent air layer thickness (S_d)(m)	0.03

(1) Aged in accordance with EN 13859-1 : 2010, Annex C.

2 Manufacture

2.1 Permo Forte 145 and Permo Forte 145 SK are manufactured by laminating two layers of spunbond nonwoven, reinforcing netting and a Polyolefin film.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control being operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management system of the manufacturer has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 (issued by TÜV, certificate number 73100176 on 26/11/2019).

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The membranes are delivered to site in rolls wrapped in polythene with a red label bearing the company name and product name. A label bearing the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate is applied to the outer polythene wrapper.

3.2 Rolls should be stored on their side, on a smooth, clean surface, under cover and protected from sunlight.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Permo Forte 145 and Permo Forte 145 SK for use in cold non-ventilated roofs.

4 Use

4.1 Permo Forte 145 and Permo Forte 145 SK for use in cold non-ventilated roofs are satisfactory for use in dwellings with non-ventilated tiled or slated roofs of any conventional plan and size. Features⁽¹⁾ assessed include:

- duo pitched
- gable ends
- room-in-roof⁽²⁾
- mono-pitched
- verges
- dormers
- hipped
- abutments
- timber sarking⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
- mansard
- valleys.

- (1) For roofs incorporating other features, or non-conventional roof geometries or construction materials, the advice of the Certificate holder should be sought.
- (2) Where a room-in-roof results in part of a roof pitch being insulated (i.e. a warm roof), design and detailing of that part of the roof should comply with relevant guidance given in BBA Certificate 99/3622, Product Sheet 1.
- (3) As in Scottish practice, where slates are nailed through the underlay directly onto timber planks (nominally 150 mm wide with a 2 mm gap) without battens.
- (4) Timber sarking, tiled roofs: counterbattens of 12 mm minimum thickness should be used to provide a drainage path beneath the tiling battens. The membranes may be laid directly over the timber planks or draped over the counterbattens. Sheet sarking materials should not be used.

4.2 It is important that the designers, planners, contractors and/or installers ensure that the roof and ceiling are constructed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and the information given in this Certificate.

4.3 The products can be installed by draping over rafters and securing with tiling battens, or installed taut over rafters and secured with counterbattens and tiling battens.

4.4 In conventionally ventilated roof constructions, energy loss by ventilation can account for up to 25% of the total heat lost through the roof. The non-ventilated system will significantly reduce this mechanism of heat loss.

4.5 In non-ventilated roof systems, the risk of condensation is equivalent to, or less than, that for conventionally ventilated cold roof systems (see section 7).

5 Practicability of installation

The membranes are designed to be installed by competent slaters/tilers experienced with these types of product.

6 Weathertightness



6.1 The products are Class W1 in accordance with BS EN 13859-1 : 2010 and will resist the passage of water, wind-blown snow and dust into the interior of a building under all conditions to be found in a roof constructed in accordance with the relevant clauses of BS 5534 : 2014.

6.2 The products resist penetration of liquid water and consequently may be used as temporary waterproofing prior to the installation of slates or tiles. The period of such use should, however, be kept to a minimum. Further information is given in BBA Information Bulletin 2 *Permeable Roof Tile Underlay – Guide to Good Site Practice*.

7 Condensation



7.1 For design purposes, the products' water vapour resistance may be taken as not more than $0.25 \text{ MN}\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$, and for roofs designed in accordance with BS 5534 : 2014 or BS 5250 : 2021 Annex H, they may be regarded as Type LR membranes.

7.2 The complete roof construction, ceiling boards to roof tiles, must be considered as a total system with regard to condensation risk. It is important that the products are laid in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and this Certificate to minimise the risk of condensation.

7.3 The risk of condensation is highest in new-build construction during the first heating period, where there is high moisture loading owing to wet trades, such as in-situ cast concrete slabs or plaster. The risk of condensation diminishes as the building naturally dries out. See BBA Information Bulletin No 1 *Roof Tile Underlays in Cold Roofs during the Drying-out Period*.

7.4 All penetrations into and out of the roof space must be properly sealed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions, which include the use of the Certificate holder's recommended sealing tape. In addition, such features as vent stacks and boiler flues passing through the roof space must be sealed.

7.5 It is essential to minimise water vapour transfer into the loft space from the dwelling below. Appropriate measures include:

- ventilating the dwelling below, in accordance with national Building Regulations and Standards for the dispersal and rapid dilution of water vapour, particularly from rooms that may experience high humidity (such as kitchens, utility rooms and bathrooms)
- covering all water tanks in the loft space and lagging pipework
- sealing penetrations in the ceiling and making loft hatches convection-tight by using a compressible draught seal
- ensuring that there is continuity of jointing with walls (and behind wall linings) at ceiling perimeters
- ensuring that masonry wall cavities do not interconnect with roof cavities.

7.6 For additional protection, the use of a vapour control layer/vapour check plasterboard can be considered.

8 Wind loading

8.1 Project design wind speeds for the roof in which the products are installed should be determined, and wind uplift forces calculated, by a suitably experienced and competent individual, in accordance with BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005 and its UK National Annex.

Unsupported

8.2 The products are satisfactory for use in unsupported systems, in the geographical Wind Zones given in Table 2, where a well-sealed ceiling as defined in clause 3.7 of BS 9250 : 2007 is present and the roof has a ridge height of ≤15 m, a pitch between 12.5° and 75°, and a site altitude of ≤100 m, and where topography is not significant. For all other cases, the required uplift resistance should be determined using BS 5534 : 2014 and the Certificate holder's declared wind uplift resistances in Table 3.

Table 2 Zones of applicability of Permo Forte 145 and Permo Forte 145 SK according to BS 5534 : 2014, clause A.8

Product	345 mm batten gauge	250 mm batten gauge
Permo Forte 145 (with battened laps)	Zone 1 to 4	Zones 1 to 5
Permo Forte 145 SK (with integral tape)	Zones 1 to 5	
Permo Forte 145 (with Permo TR Plus Tape)	Zones 1 to 5	

Table 3 Declared wind uplift resistance (Pa)

Product	345 mm batten gauge ⁽¹⁾	250 mm batten gauge ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Permo Forte 145 (with battened laps)	1507	2901
Permo Forte 145 SK (with integral tape)	3729 2234	
Permo Forte 145 (with Permo TR Plus Tape)		

(1) Mean of test results.

(2) Underlays with a wind uplift resistance at a 250 mm batten gauge that satisfy the minimum design wind pressure of 820 Pa for Zone 1 are deemed to satisfy the requirements for use at 100 mm batten gauge in all Wind Zones.

Supported

8.3 The products, when fully supported, have adequate resistance to wind uplift forces.

8.4 The products may be used at any batten gauge in all Wind Zones when laid over nominally airtight sheet sarking, for example OSB, plywood, chipboard and insulation for warm-roof design. They may also be used in applications where slates are nailed directly onto sarking boards.

8.5 Sarking boards, such as square-edged butt jointed planks, are not considered to be airtight and the underlay is treated as unsupported.

9 Strength

The products will resist the normal loads associated with installation of the roof.

10 Properties in relation to fire



10.1 The products have a Class E⁽¹⁾ classification in accordance with BS EN 13501-1: 2007.

(1) Report no H.K 095e/15 issued by FIW Munchen. A copy of the report is available from the Certificate holder.



10.2 In England and Wales, the products, when used in pitches of greater than 70°, should not be used on buildings that have a storey at least 18 m above ground level and which contain one or more dwellings, an institution, a room for residential purposes (excluding any room in a hostel, hotel or boarding house), student accommodation, care homes, sheltered housing, hospitals or dormitories in boarding schools.



10.3 In Scotland, the products, when used in pitches greater than 70°, excluding upstands, should not be used on buildings that have a storey more than 11 m above ground level.

10.4 When the products are used unsupported, there is a risk that fire can spread if the materials are accidentally ignited during maintenance works, e.g. by a roofer's or plumber's torch. As with all types of underlay, care should be taken during building and maintenance to avoid material being ignited.

10.5 When the products are used in a fully supported situation, the reaction to fire will be determined by the support.

11 Maintenance

As the products are confined within the roof system and have suitable durability (see section 12), maintenance is not required. However, any damage occurring before enclosure must be repaired (see section 16).

12 Durability



The products will be virtually unaffected by normal conditions found in a roof space and will have a life comparable to that of traditional roof tile underlays, provided they are not exposed to sunlight for long periods (see section 14.4). Advice regarding exposure can be obtained from the Certificate holder.

13 Reuse and recyclability

The products contain Polyolefin, which can be recycled.

Installation

14 General

14.1 Permo Forte 145 and Permo Forte 145 SK for use in cold non-ventilated roofs must be installed and fixed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions, the provisions of this Certificate and the relevant recommendations of BS 5534 : 2014, BS 8000-0 : 2014 and BS 8000-6 : 2013. Installation can be carried out under all conditions normal to roofing work.

14.2 The products are installed with the coloured or printed side uppermost and lapped to shed water out and down the slope.

14.3 Overlaps must be provided with the minimum dimensions given in Table 4. Vertical laps must be staggered a minimum of 300 mm and detailed to occur along the rafter lines. All horizontal laps can be taped and sealed using a double-sided tape, if required.

Table 4 Minimum overlaps

Roof pitch (°)	Horizontal laps (mm)		Vertical laps (mm)
	Not fully supported	Fully supported	
12.5 ≤ 15	225	150 ⁽¹⁾	300
> 15	150	100	300

(1) Overlap for fully supported Permo Forte 145 SK is 150 mm.

14.4 Where possible, eaves guards should be used to protect the products from sunlight and to direct water into the gutter. Klobber Underlay Support Tray is recommended for this purpose.

15 Procedure

Draped and loose laps

15.1 The products, when installed as an unsupported system, and fixed in the traditional method for roof tile underlays, i.e. draped between the rafters, with the light grey printed side uppermost.

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15.2 The products should be laid horizontally and must be pulled taut and stapled or nailed to hold them securely in position. Counterbattens (minimum thickness 25 mm) are then fixed to the rafter.

Timber plank sarking

15.3 For fully supported roofs (traditional Scottish practice), the slates can be nailed through the product into the timber plank sarking, normally 150 mm wide with a 2 mm gap. The underlay must be fixed to the sarking board using galvanized clout nails.

15.4 For fully supported roofs (where battens are used) counterbattens of minimum thickness 12 mm should be installed either above or beneath the underlay for drainage purposes.

16 Repair

Damage to the products can be repaired prior to the installation of slates or tiles by replacing the damaged areas by patching and sealing correctly. Care should be taken to ensure that the watertightness of the roof is maintained.

17 Finishing

17.1 Detailing of abutments, verges and hips must be in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.

17.2 To minimise the risk of condensation, it is important that the following details are maintained (see also sections 7.3, 7.5 and 7.6):

- all penetrations, e.g. pipework and electrical fittings to the loft space, must be sealed
- the loft hatch must be securely sealed with an effective compressible draught seal
- the insulation must be pushed into the eaves and against the underlay to avoid gaps.

17.3 Tiling and slating must be carried out in accordance with the relevant clauses of BS 5534 : 2014, BS 8000-0 : 2014 and BS 8000-6 : 2013 and the tile/slate manufacturer's instructions, especially when using tightly jointed slates or tiles, where a ventilated batten space should be provided.

18 Tests

18.1 An assessment was made of data to BS EN 13859-1 : 2010 in relation to:

- tensile strength and elongation
- mass per unit area
- resistance to nail tear
- straightness
- resistance to water penetration
- resistance to artificial ageing
- water vapour transmission
- low temperature flexibility.

18.2 Tests were carried out to determine:

- slip resistance
- resistance to wind loads

in order to assess:

- safety of installers
- properties when installed, intended to simulate the effects of wind suction on flexible underlay.

18.3 Existing data were assessed to determine the resistance to streaming water, in order to assess the ability of the underlay to resist the passage of running water/rain.

19 Investigations

19.1 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

19.2 Using computer modelling, cold non-ventilated roofs (see section 4.1) were analysed for risk of condensation.

Bibliography

BS 5250 : 2021 *Management of moisture in buildings — Code of practice*

BS 5534 : 2014 + A2 : 2018 *Slating and tiling for pitched roofs and vertical cladding — Code of practice*

BS 8000-0 : 2014 *Workmanship on construction sites — Introduction and general principles*

BS 8000-6 : 2013 *Workmanship on building sites — Code of practice for slating and tiling of roofs and claddings*

BS 9250 : 2007 *Code of practise for design of the airtightness of ceilings in pitches roofs*

BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005 + A1 : 2010 *Eurocode 1: Actions on structures — General actions — Wind actions*

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BS EN 13501-1 : 2007 +A1 : 2009 *Fire classification of construction products and building elements — Classification using test data from reaction to fire tests*

BS EN 13859-1 : 2010 *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Definitions and characteristics of underlays — Underlays for discontinuous roofing*

BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 *Quality management systems — Requirements*

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Conditions

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- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
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