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Product Sheet 1

MARLEY NON-BREATHER MEMBRANES

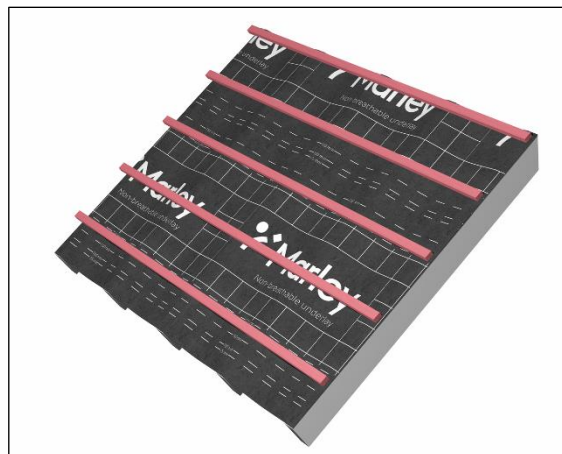
MARLEY UNIVERSAL NON-BREATHABLE UNDERLAY

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to Marley Universal Non-Breathable Underlay, a roof tile underlay for use in tiled and slated ventilated pitched roofs in supported and unsupported applications.

(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 product will resist the passage of water and wind-blown snow and dust into the interior of the building (see section 6).

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

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

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



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the product described herein. This product has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, Marley Universal Non-Breathable Underlay, 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:	C2(b)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:		The product will contribute to a roof satisfying this Requirement. See section 6.1 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	7	Materials and workmanship (applicable to Wales only)
Regulation:	7(1)	Materials and workmanship (applicable to England only)
Comment:		The product is acceptable. 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 product satisfies the requirements of this Regulation. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	9	Building standards applicable to construction
Standard:	3.10	Precipitation
Comment:		The product 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:	7.1(a)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:		The product 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:		Comments in relation to the product 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 product is acceptable. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	28(b)	Resistance to moisture and weather
Comment:		The product will contribute to a roof satisfying this Regulation. See section 6.1 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* (1.1) and 10 *Properties in relation to fire* (10.3) of this Certificate.

Additional Information

NHBC Standards 2019

In the opinion of the BBA, Marley Universal Non-Breathable Underlay, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 7.2 *Pitched roofs*.

CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the product, in accordance with harmonised European Standard BS EN 13859-1 : 2014. An asterisk (*) appearing in this Certificate indicates that data shown are given in the manufacturer's Declaration of Performance.

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 Marley Universal Non-Breathable Underlay is a three-layer composite comprising two spun-bonded polypropylene fabrics with a barrier membrane in the middle. The product is also available with integrated tape for sealing overlaps and has the nominal characteristics given in Table 1.

Characteristic (unit)	Marley Universal Non-breathable Underlay
Thickness (mm)	0.50
Mass per unit area* (g·m ⁻²)	116
Roll length* (m)	50
Roll width* (m)	1.0
Colour	
upper	black
lower	grey
Tensile strength* (N per 50 mm)	
longitudinal	280
transverse	170
Elongation* (%)	
longitudinal	60
transverse	70
Tear resistance* (N)	
longitudinal	140
transverse	130
Watertightness*	
unaged	W1
aged ⁽¹⁾	W1
Equivalent air layer thickness* S _d (m)	15
Vapour resistance (MN·s·g ⁻¹)	75

(1) Aged in accordance with BS EN 13859-1 : 2014, Annex C.

1.2 The Certificate holder can provide a suitable double-sided tape for taping overlaps. Alternatively, any suitable proprietary tape compatible with synthetic underlays can be used. Additional guidance can be obtained from the Certificate holder.

2 Manufacture

2.1 The membrane is manufactured by thermally bonding two spun-bonded polypropylene fabrics with a barrier in the middle to form a waterproof membrane.

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.

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The rolls are delivered to site individually wrapped in polythene. A technical leaflet bearing the product name is included with each roll and the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate is shown on the leaflet. Labels with lot identifiers are attached to each roll for traceability.

3.2 The rolls should be stored flat on their sides or on end, on a smooth, clean, dry 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 Marley Universal Non-Breathable Underlay.

Design Considerations

4 Use

Marley Universal Non-Breathable Underlay is satisfactory for use as a supported or unsupported underlay on uninsulated timber sarking in tiled and slated ventilated pitched roofs constructed in accordance with the relevant clauses of BS 5534 : 2014.

5 Practicability of installation

The product is designed to be installed by a competent general builder, or a contractor, experienced with this type of product.

6 Weathertightness



6.1 The product is classified as Class W1* in accordance with BS EN 13859-1 : 2014. The product 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 product resists 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 particularly during periods of high UV exposure. Advice may be obtained from the Certificate holder.

7 Risk of condensation

7.1 The product should be regarded as an impermeable underlay when considering ventilation of a roof space.

7.2 For design purposes, the product's water vapour resistance may be taken as $75 \text{ MN}\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$, and for roofs designed in accordance with BS 5534 : 2014 or BS 5250 : 2011, Annex H, it may be regarded as a Type HR membrane.

7.3 Care should be taken to minimise the risk of water vapour coming into contact with cold parts of the roof construction. Factors to be considered and minimised include moisture diffusion through the ceiling, infiltration through unsealed openings/penetrations in the ceiling and services evaporating or venting moisture into cold spaces. Further guidance can be found in BS 5250 : 2011 Section 4 and Annex H, BS 5534 : 2014 Annex B, and BRE Report BR 262 : 2002.

7.4 The risk of condensation is highest in new-build construction during the first heating period, where there is high moisture loading due 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*.

8 Wind loading

8.1 Project design wind speeds for the roof in which the product is installed should be determined, and wind uplift forces calculated, in accordance with BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005 and its UK National Annex.

Unsupported

8.2 The product is satisfactory for use in unsupported systems in the geographical Wind Zones given in Table 2, where a well-sealed ceiling, as defined in BS 9250 : 2007, Clause 3.7 is present and the roof has a ridge height of ≤ 15 m, a pitch between 12.5 and 75°, and a site altitude ≤ 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 Marley Non-breathable Underlay with battened laps, taped laps, integrated taped laps and laps with counterbattens, according to BS 5534 : 2014, Clause A.8

Product	≤ 345 mm batten gauge with battened lap	≤ 250 mm batten gauge with battened lap	≤ 345 mm batten gauge with taped laps	≤ 345 mm batten gauge with integrated taped laps	≤ 345 mm batten gauge with counterbatten ⁽¹⁾
Marley Universal Non-Breathable Underlay	Zones 1 to 2	Zones 1 to 5	Zones 1 to 5	Zones 1 to 5	Zones 1 to 5

(1) This applies to any counterbatten ≥ 11 mm deep. NHBC does not accept the wind zones and wind uplift resistance when using counterbattens on an unsupported roof.

Table 3 Declared wind uplift resistance (Pa)

Product	≤ 345 mm batten gauge with battened laps ⁽³⁾	≤ 250 mm batten gauge with battened laps ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	≤ 345 mm batten gauge with taped laps ⁽³⁾	≤ 345 mm batten gauge with integrated taped laps ⁽³⁾	≤ 345 mm batten gauge with counterbatten ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾
Marley Universal Non-Breathable Underlay	1119	2165	>1932	2949	1932

(1) This applies to any counterbatten ≥ 11 mm deep. NHBC does not accept the wind zones and wind uplift resistance based on the use of counterbattens on an unsupported roof.

(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 considered to satisfy the requirements for use at 100 mm batten gauge in all Wind Zones.

(3) Mean of test results.

Supported

8.3 The product, when fully supported, has adequate resistance to wind uplift forces.

8.4 The product may be used at any batten gauge in all Wind Zones when laid over nominally airtight sheet sarking (eg OSB, plywood or chipboard) and insulation for warm-roof designs. It 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 product will resist the normal loads associated with installation of the roof.

10 Properties in relation to fire

10.1 The product is classified as Class E* in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 : 2007.

10.2 The product will have similar properties in relation to fire to those of traditional polyethylene roof tile underlays.

10.3 When the product is used unsupported, there is a risk that fire can spread if the materials are accidentally ignited during maintenance works, eg by a roofer's torch. As with all types of underlay, care should be taken during building and maintenance to avoid material becoming ignited.

10.4 When the product is used in a fully supported situation, the fire performance will be determined by the support.

11 Maintenance

As the product is confined within the roof space and has suitable durability (see section 12), maintenance is not required. However, it must be ensured that damage occurring before enclosure is repaired (see section 17).

12 Durability



The product will be virtually unaffected by the normal conditions found in a roof space and will have a life comparable with that of a traditional roof tile underlay, provided it is 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 product is made from polyolefins, which can be recycled.

Installation

14 General

14.1 Marley Universal Non-Breathable Underlay must be installed and fixed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions 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 Laps should be installed to shed water out and down the slope.

14.3 Overlaps must be provided with the minimum dimensions given in Table 4. The Certificate holder's advice must be sought when using tapes for sealing overlaps.

Table 4 Minimum overlaps

Roof pitch (°)	Horizontal laps (mm)		Vertical lap (mm)
	For untaped, taped and integrated tapes		
	Not fully supported	Fully supported	
12.5 < 15	225	150	100
≥15	150	100	100

14.4 Where possible, eaves guards should be used to protect the product from sunlight and direct water into the gutter.

15 Procedure

15.1 The product should not be laid directly onto insulated sarking boards but can be laid on timber sarking in conjunction with counterbattens.

15.2 The product, when installed as a cold ventilated roof system, is fixed in the traditional method for roof tile underlays, ie draped between the rafters, or used in conjunction with counterbattens.

15.3 When used in a hybrid warm roof specification, a ventilation gap of at least 20 mm between the insulation and the underlay should be allowed. A vapour control layer should be used on the underside of the insulation.

16 Finishing

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

16.2 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 Certificate holder's instructions, especially when using tightly jointed slates or tiles.

17 Repair

Damage to the product can be repaired easily prior to the installation of slates or tiles by patching and sealing the damaged areas. Care must be taken to ensure that the watertightness of the roof is maintained.

Technical Investigations

18 Tests

18.1 An assessment was made of data to BS EN 13859-1 : 2014 in relation to:

- dimensions
- mass per unit area
- tensile strength and elongation
- resistance to tear
- dimensional stability
- resistance to water penetration
- resistance to artificial ageing
- water vapour transmission.

18.2 Tests were carried out to determine:

- resistance to streaming water
- resistance to wind loads

in order to assess:

- performance under typical service conditions
- properties when installed.

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 An assessment was made of existing data relating to a material of similar composition, on:

- strength properties following 24 hours water soak
- slip resistance
- dimensional stability
- Mullen burst strength.

Bibliography

BRE Report BR 262 : 2002 *Thermal insulation : Avoiding risks*

BS 5250 : 2011 + A1 : 2016 *Code of practice for control of condensation in buildings*

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 walls*

BS 9250 : 2007 *Code of practice for design of the airtightness of ceilings in pitched roofs*

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

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

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 : 2014 *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Definitions and characteristics of underlays — Underlays for discontinuous roofing*

20 Conditions

20.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page – no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
- has to be read, considered and used as a whole document – it may be misleading and will be incomplete to be selective
- is copyright of the BBA
- is subject to English Law.

20.2 Publications, documents, specifications, legislation, regulations, standards and the like referenced in this Certificate are those that were current and/or deemed relevant by the BBA at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate.

20.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:

- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

20.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

20.5 In issuing this Certificate the BBA is not responsible and is excluded from any liability to any company, firm, organisation or person, for any matters arising directly or indirectly from:

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- any works and constructions in which the product/system is installed, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any loss or damage, including personal injury, howsoever caused by the product/system, including its manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal
- any claims by the manufacturer relating to CE marking.

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