**CSI SECTION 07 25 00 – Weather Barriers**

**CSI SECTION 07 27 26 – Fluid-Applied Membrane Air Barriers**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

1. **SECTION INCLUDES** 
   1. Manufacturer’s requirements for the proper design, use, and installation of a 100% acrylic based, fluid-applied air & water-resistive barrier membrane.
2. **RELATED SECTIONS**
   1. Section 03 30 00 - Cast-in-Place Concrete
   2. Section 04 20 00 - Unit Masonry
   3. Section 06 16 00 - Sheathing
   4. Section 07 62 00 - Sheet Metal Flashing and Trim
   5. Section 07 90 00 - Joint Protection
   6. Section 08 50 00 - Windows
   7. Section 09 21 16 - Gypsum Board Assemblies
3. **REFERENCES**
   1. ASTM B117 Test Method for Salt Spray (Fog) Testing
   2. ASTM C1135 Test Method for Determining Tensile Adhesion Properties of Structural Sealants
   3. [ASTM D522 Standard Test Methods for Mandrel Bend Test of Attached Organic Coatings](http://www.astm.org/Standards/D522.htm)
   4. ASTM D2247 Practice for Testing Water Resistance of Coatings in 100 Percent Relative Humidity
   5. ASTM D4541 Test Method for Pull-Off Strength of Coatings Using Portable Adhesion Testers
   6. ASTM E72 Test Methods of Conducting Strength Tests of Panels for Building Construction
   7. ASTM E84 Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials
   8. ASTM E96 Test Method for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials
   9. ASTM E283 Standard Test Method for Determining Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen
   10. ASTM E331 Test Method for Water Penetration by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference
   11. ASTM E695 Method for Measuring Relative Resistance to Impact Loading
   12. ASTM E2134 Standard Test Method for Evaluating the Tensile-Adhesion Performance of an Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EIFS)
   13. [ASTM E2178 Standard Test Method for Air Permeance of Building Materials](http://www.astm.org/Standards/E2178.htm)
   14. ASTM E2485 Standard Test Method for Freeze/Thaw Resistance of Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS) and Water Resistive Barrier Coatings
   15. ASTM G155 and G153 Accelerated Weathering for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials
4. **SYSTEM DESCRIPTION**
   1. 100% acrylic based, air and water-resistive barrier membrane. Designed for use as an air and water-resistive barrier behind EIFS and other claddings. This product is installed over glass mat gypsum sheathing, cement board sheathing, CDX plywood, OSB\*, concrete or CMU. *\*The system is qualified for application to OSB (oriented strand board) sheathing only in areas shown in the manufacturer’s Acceptable Substrates and Areas of use Technical Bulletin.*
   2. Functional Criteria:
      1. General:
         1. Flashing: Flashing must be continuous and watertight. Flashing must be designed and installed to prevent water infiltration behind EIFS and other claddings. Refer to Division 07 Flashing Section for specified flashing materials.
         2. The configuration of the water-resistive barrier, drainage plane and flashing and cladding assembly materials, must allow for the egress of incidental moisture.
      2. Performance Requirements:
         1. System to meet the performance and testing requirements of the International Code Council Acceptance Criteria AC 212 and ASTM E2570.

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| **Material Test** | **Method** | **ICC and ASTM E2570 Criteria** | **Results** |
| Accelerated Weathering | AC 212 | 25 Cycles followed by Hydrostatic Pressure Test: No water penetration on the plane of the exterior facing side of the substrate. | Pass: no water penetration |
| Air Infiltration | ASTM E2178 | Calculated flow Rate at 75 Pa (1.57 lb/ft2, 0.3 in H2O) =  < 0.02 L/m2\*s (< 0.004 cfm/ft2) | < .00001 L/m2\*s (0.00001 cfm/ft2) at 75 Pa (1.57 lb/ft2, 0.3 in H2O) |
| Air Leakage of Air Barrier Assemblies | ASTM E2357 | Pass < 0.2 L/s·m2 at 75 Pa) (< 0.04 cfm/ft2 at 1.57 psf) | Pass |
| Air Leakage | ASTM E283 | No Criteria | < 0.004 cfm/ft2 |
| Freeze-Thaw Resistance | ASTM E 2485 | 10 Cycles | Pass – No Deleterious Effects |
| Hydrostatic Pressure Test | AATCC 127  (Water Column) | Resist 21.6 in (55cm) water for 5 hours before and after aging | Pass: no water penetration |
| Nail Seal ability, Head of Water | ASTM D1970 | No Criteria | Pass 5 inches of water |
| Racking | ASTM E72 | Deflection at 1/8 in (3.2mm) | Pass -No cracking at field, joints or flashing connection |
| Restrained Environmental | ICC ES AC 212 / ASTM E2570 | 5 Cycles of wetting and drying | Pass -No cracking at field, joints or flashing connection |
| Structural Loading | ASTM E1233 Procedure A | 10 Cycles @ 80% design load | Pass -No cracking at field, joints or flashing connection |
| Surface Burning Characteristics | ASTM E84 | ICC and ASTM E2568  Flame Spread <25  Smoke Developed <450 | Flame Spread =0  Smoke Developed =0 |
| Tensile Bond Strength | ASTM E 2134/ ASTM C 297 | Minimum 15 psi (104 kPa) | Pass all listed substrates, Stainless Steel, Color Coated Aluminum, Galvanized Metal, Copper, Aluminum, Rigid PVC, Flashing Membrane |
| Water Resistance | ASTM D 2247 | 14 Days | Pass – No Deleterious Effects. |
| Water Penetration | ASTM E331 | 2.86 psf (137 Pa) for 15 minutes | Pass 25.4 psf (1216 Pa) for 165 minutes |
| Water Penetration | ASTM E331 | Tested after Structural Loading, Racking and Restrained Environmental Cycling at 2.86 psf (137 Pa) for 15 minutes | No Water Penetration |
| Water vapor transmission | ASTM E96 Procedure B | Vapor Permeable | 7 perms |
| Weathering | ICC ES AC 212 / ASTM E2570 | 210 hours of UV Exposure, 25 cycles of accelerated weathering, 21.6 in (549mm) water column for 5 hours | Pass |
| Wind Driven Rain | F.S. TT-C-555B | No Criteria | Pass |
| VOC | EPA Reference Test Method 24 | US EPA, South Coast AQMD and Greenseal Standard | 10 g/L |

1. **SUBMITTALS**
   1. General: Submit Samples, Evaluation Reports and Certificates in accordance with Division 01 General Requirements Submittal Section.
2. **QUALITY ASSURANCE**
   1. Qualifications:
      1. All materials must be manufactured or sold by an active Manufacturer Member of ABAA and must be purchased from its authorized distributors.
      2. Manufacturer: Must be an active member of ABAA.
      3. Applicator:
         1. Must have attended manufacturer’s Educational Seminar.
         2. Must possess a current manufacturer’s certificate of education.
         3. Must be experienced and competent in installation of plaster-like materials and liquid-applied weather-resistive membranes.
3. **DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING**
   1. Delivery: Deliver air and water-resistive barrier materials in original packaging with manufacturer's identification.
   2. Storage: Store materials in a cool, dry location, out of sunlight, protected from weather and other harmful environment, and at a temperature above 40°F (4°C) and below 110°F (43°C) in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
4. **PROJECT / SITE CONDITIONS**
   1. Installation Ambient Air Temperature: Minimum of 40°F (4°C) and rising, and remain so for 24 hours thereafter.
   2. Substrate Temperature: Do not apply air & water-resistive barrier materials to substrates whose temperature are below 40°F (4°C) or contain frost or ice.
   3. Inclement Weather: Do not apply air & water-resistive barrier materials during inclement weather, unless appropriate protection is employed.
   4. Air & water-resistive barrier materials must not be applied if ambient temperature exceeds 120ºF (49ºC) or falls below 40°F (4°C) within 24 hours of application. Protect base coat from uneven and excessive evaporation during hot, dry weather.
   5. Prior to installation, the wall must be inspected for surface contamination, or other defects that may adversely affect the performance of the air & water-resistive barrier materials and must be free of residual moisture.
5. **COORDINATION AND SCHEDULING**
   1. Coordination: Coordinate air & water-resistive barrier coating materials installation with other construction operations.
6. **WARRANTY**
   1. Warranty: Upon request, at completion of installation, provide manufacturer’s Standard Limited Warranty.

**PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

1. **MANUFACTURERS**
   1. Manufacturer, Basis of Design: Parex USA, Inc., 4125 E. La Palma Ave., Suite 250, Anaheim, CA 92807 Contact: Architectural Sales (866.516.0061) or Technical Support (800.226.2424).
   2. Components: Obtain components from authorized distributors. No substitutions or additions of other materials are permitted without prior written permission from Parex USA for this project.
2. **MATERIALS**
   1. Water-Resistive Membrane & Air Barrier Coating:
      1. Parex USA WeatherSeal: 100% acrylic, non-cementitious, air & water-resistive barrier.
      2. Parex USA 396 Sheathing Tape: Non-woven synthetic fiber tape to reinforce the membrane at sheathing board joints, into rough openings and other terminations into dissimilar materials.
      3. Flashing Membrane: Self sealing, polyester faced, rubberized asphalt membrane, 30 mils (0.76mm) thick.
3. **RELATED MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES**
   1. Substrate Materials:
      1. Glass mat gypsum sheathing conforming to ASTM C1177.
      2. Cement Fiber Sheathing conforming to ASTM C1186.
      3. Gypsum Sheathing: Minimum 1/2" (13mm) thick, core-treated, weather-resistant, exterior gypsum sheathing complying with ASTM C79.
      4. Plywood: Minimum 7/16" (8mm) thick exterior grade or PS 1, Exposure 1, minimum 7/16" thick, C veneer facing out, panels gapped 1/8 " at all edges.
      5. Oriented Strand Board (OSB): 7/16" - 1/2" Wall-16 or Wall-24, approved by the APA, TECO, or PSI/PTL. Stamped as Exposure 1 or Exterior Sheathing with a PS2 or PRP-108 rating.
      6. Concrete Masonry Units (CMU): Non-painted (uncoated).
      7. Concrete (poured or pre-cast).
      8. Other Approved by water-resistive membrane and air barrier manufacturer in writing prior to the project.
   2. Flashing: Refer to Division 07 Flashing Section for flashing materials.

**PART 3 - EXECUTION**

1. **EXAMINATION**
   1. Verify project site conditions under provisions of Section 01 00 00.
   2. Compliance: Comply with manufacturer's instructions for installation.
   3. Substrate Examination: Examine prior to water-resistive membrane and air barrier installation as follows:
      1. Substrate must be of a type approved by water-resistive membrane and air barrier manufacturer. Plywood and OSB substrates must be gapped 1/8 in (3.2mm) at all edges. Plywood and OSB substrates cut edges (non-factory edges) must be sealed with a water-resistive coating.
      2. Substrate must be examined for soundness, and other harmful conditions.
      3. Substrate must be free of dust, dirt, laitance, efflorescence, and other harmful contaminants.
      4. Substrate construction in accordance with substrate material manufacturer's specifications and applicable building codes.
      5. Maximum deflection of the substrate must be determine by the requirements of the exterior cladding.
   4. Flashing: Flashing must be installed prior to the water-resistive membrane & air barrier coating material and integrated with the wall field membrane to create positive drainage.
   5. Advise Contractor of discrepancies preventing proper installation of the water-resistive membrane & air barrier coating material. Do not proceed with the work until unsatisfactory conditions are corrected.
2. **PREPARATION**
   1. Protection: Protect surrounding material surfaces and areas during installation of system.
   2. Clean surfaces thoroughly prior to installation.
   3. Prepare surfaces using the methods recommended by the manufacturer for achieving the best result for the substrate under the project conditions.
3. **MIXING**
   1. Mix water-resistive membrane & air barrier materials in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
4. **APPLICATION**
   1. General: Installation shall conform to this specification and manufacturer’s written instructions.
      1. Flash all rough openings with water-resistive membrane & air barrier coating material embedded with sheathing tape or 4 oz reinforcing mesh.
      2. Treat all sheathing joints, inside and outside corners and all exposed edges at terminations with water-resistive membrane & air barrier coating material and embed sheathing tape or 4 oz mesh.
      3. Embed 4 in. strips of either Sheathing Joint tape or 4 oz. mesh by applying water-resistive membrane and air barrier coating. Trowel-On per application instruction to 4 in. of each side of the joint and embed reinforcing fabric with a stainless steel trowel so that the color of the fabric is not visible.
      4. Apply water-resistive membrane & air barrier coating to the entire surface of the substrate with a stainless steel trowel to a minimum wet thickness of 1.6mm (1/16 inch).
      5. Ensure that the water-resistive membrane & air barrier coating laps onto all tracks and flashing to allow for any incidental moisture to be drained into the track/flashing.
      6. Allow water-resistive membrane & air barrier coating to completely dry before proceeding with additional layers of the assembly.
5. **CLEAN-UP**
   1. Removal: Remove and legally dispose of water-resistive membrane & air barrier coating material from job site.
   2. Clean surfaces and work area of foreign materials resulting from material installation.
6. **PROTECTION**
   1. Provide protection of installed materials from water infiltration into or behind them.
   2. Provide protection of installed materials from dust, dirt, precipitation, freezing during installation, and continuous high humidity until fully cured and dry.
   3. Clean exposed surfaces using materials and methods recommended by the manufacturer of the material or product being cleaned. Remove and replace work that cannot be cleaned to the satisfaction of the Project Designer/Owner.

END OF SECTION

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