



# MULE-HIDE PVC MEMBRANE

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Mule-Hide's Sure-Flex PVC is an advanced-formula, heat-weldable PVC thermoplastic membrane that is designed for long-term weatherability and performance. The physical properties of the membrane are enhanced by a tenacious, weft-inserted polyester fabric that is encapsulated by thick PVC-based top and bottom plies. The smooth surface of the PVC membrane allows for a total-surface fusion and permanent weld, creating a consistent, watertight, monolithic roof assembly. PVC can be used in adhered and mechanically fastened systems. The gray-colored bottom ply provides a visual confirmation of a proper weld during the lap welding process.

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## FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Wide choice of membrane sizes, thicknesses and colors
- Enhanced chemical resistance
- Energy efficiency
- Wide window of weldability
- Flexibility in low temperatures
- Impact and puncture resistance
- UV, ozone and oxidation resistance
- Easy installation
- Available in white, gray, and tan

## INSTALLATION

With minimal labor and few components required, PVC is quick and easy to install. PVC systems are installed using an Automatic Heat Welder, making sheet welding fast, clean and consistent.

### **Fully Adhered Roofing System**

The fully adhered system starts with a suitable surface upon which the Low-VOC PVC Bonding Adhesive or HydroBond™ Water-Based PVC Bonding Adhesive is applied.

### **Mechanically Fastened Roofing System**

The mechanically fastened system starts with approved insulation being fastened with a minimum of 5 fasteners per 4' x 8' board. The PVC membrane is then mechanically fastened to the deck using HDP Fasteners and 2.4" Plates™, or EHD Fasteners and 2.4" Plates. Adjoining sheets of PVC membrane are overlapped over the fasteners and plates and joined together with a minimum 1½"-wide hot-air weld.

*Review Mule-Hide specifications and details for complete installation information.*

## PRECAUTIONS

- Sunglasses that filter out ultraviolet light are strongly recommended, as the membrane's white surface is highly reflective to sunlight. Roofing technicians should dress appropriately and wear sunscreen.
- Smooth surfaces may cause slippery conditions due to frost and ice buildup. Exercise caution during cold conditions to prevent falls.
- Care must be exercised when working close to a roof edge when surrounding area is snow-covered, as the roof edge may not be clearly visible.
- Use proper stacking procedures to ensure sufficient stability of the materials.
- Exercise caution when walking on wet membrane. Membranes may be slippery when wet.
- Store PVC membrane in the original undisturbed plastic wrap in a cool, shaded area and cover with light-colored, breathable, waterproof tarpaulins. PVC membrane that has been exposed to the weather or

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contaminated with dirt must be prepared with PVC Membrane Cleaner prior to hot-air welding.

## TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Physical Property*	ASTM D4434 Requirement	50-mil	60-mil	80-mil
Thickness over scrim, in. (mm) ASTM D4434 optical method, ave of 3	0.016 min (0.40)	0.022 typ (0.559)	0.027 typ (0.686)	0.037 typ (0.940)
Weight, lbs/ft <sup>2</sup> (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	No Requirement	0.33 (1.61)	0.40 (1.95)	0.55 (2.68)
Breaking Strength (MD x CD), lbf/in (kN/m) ASTM D751 grab method	275 min (48)	320 x 300 (56 x 53)	330 X 300 (58 x 55)	360 x 330 (63 x 58)
Elongation break of reinforcement (MD x CD) % ASTM D751 grab method	25 min	30 x 30	30 x 30	30 x 30
Tearing Strength (MD x CD), lbf (N) ASTM D751 proc. B, 8" x 8"	90 min (400)	100 x 120 (445 x 534)	100 x 130 (445 x 578)	100 x 132 (445 x 587)
Low Temperature Bend, no cracks @5x ASTM D2136	PASS	Pass -40°F (-40°C)	- Pass -40°F (-40°C)	Pass -40°F (-40°C)
Linear Dimensional Change % ASTM D1204, 6 hours @ 176° F (80° C)	±0.5 max	0.4 typ	0.4 typ	0.4 typ
Ozone Resistance, no cracks @ 7x ASTM D1149, 100 pphm, 168 hrs	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS
Water absorption resistance, mass % ASTM D570 166 hrs @ 158° F (70° C)	±3.0 max	2.0 typ	2.0 typ	2.0 typ
Field seam strength, lbf/in. (kN/m) ASTM D1876 tested in peel	No Requirement	25 (4.4) min 60 (10.5) typ	25 (4.4) min 60 (10.5) typ	25 (4.4) min 60 (10.5) typ
Water Vapor Permeance, Perms ASTM E96 proc. B	No Requirement	0.10 max 0.05 typ	0.10 max 0.05 typ	0.10 max 0.05 typ
Puncture resistance Federal lbf (kN) FTM 101C, method 2031 Dynamic, J (ft-lb) ASTM D5635 Static, lbf (N) ASTM D5602	No Requirement 20 (14.7) 33 (145)	280 PASS PASS	320 PASS PASS	380 PASS PASS
Xenon-Arc Resistance, no cracks or crazing @ 10x, ASTM G155, 0.35 W/m <sup>2</sup> at 340 nm, 63°C B.P.T, 12,600 kJ/m <sup>2</sup> total radiant exposure 10,000 hrs	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS
Properties after heat aging ASTM D3045, 56 days @ 176°F Breaking strength % retained Elongation rein., % retained	90 min 90 min	90 min 90 min	90 min 90 min	90 min 90 min

\*Typical properties and characteristics are based on samples tested and are not guaranteed for all samples of this product. This data and information is intended as a guide and does not reflect the specification range for any particular property of this product.

Radiative Properties for Cool Roof Rating Council (CRRC) and LEED®				
PHYSICAL PROPERTY	TEST METHOD	WHITE PVC	COOL TAN PVC	COOL GRAY PVC
CRRC initial solar reflectance	ASTM C1549	0.86	0.72	0.59
CRRC solar reflectance after 3 years	ASTM C1549 (uncleaned)	0.63	0.56	0.49
CRRC initial thermal emittance	ASTMC1371	0.89	0.87	0.89
CRRC thermal emittance after 3 years	ASTM C1371 (uncleaned)	0.87	0.87	0.89
CRRC SRI (Solar Reflectance Index)	ASTM E1980	108	88	70
CRRC SRI (Solar Reflectance Index - 3 yrs)	ASTM E1980	75	66	57
CRRC Product ID Number		0670-0015	0670-0035	0670-0036

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LEED® Information	
Pre-consumer Recycled Content	10%
Post-consumer Recycled Content	0%
Manufacturing Location	Greenville, IL
Solar Reflectance Index (SRI)	White: 108, Tan 88, Gray 70

## **SUPPLEMENTAL APPROVALS, STATEMENTS and CHARACTERISTICS**

- Mule-Hide PVC meets or exceeds the requirements of ASTM D4434 Standard Specification for Poly (Vinyl Chloride) Sheet Roofing. Mule-Hide PVC is classified as Type III and/or Type IV as defined by ASTM D4434.
- Mule-Hide reinforced PVC was tested for dynamic puncture resistance per ASTM D5635-04 using the most recently modified impact head.
- 50-mil thick membrane was watertight after an impact energy of 22.5 J (16.6 ft-lbf), which passes the ASTM D4434 requirement.
- Mule-Hide reinforced PVC was tested for static puncture resistance per ASTM D5602-98 and exceeded 33 lbf (145 N), which passes the ASTM D4434 requirement.

## **PROTECTION & SAFETY**

Mule-Hide maintains Safety Data Sheets on all of its non-exempt products. Safety Data Sheets contain health and safety information for your development of appropriate product handling procedures to protect your employees and customers. Mule-Hide's Safety Data Sheets should be read and understood by all of your supervisory personnel and employees before using Mule-Hide products in your facilities.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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