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## MECHANICALLY ATTACHED PVC SYSTEM

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### PART 1 – GENERAL

#### 1.01 Description

- A. Scope:
1. Furnish and install a Mechanically Attached Mule-Hide Reinforced PVC Roofing Membrane with flashings and accessories necessary to comprise a roofing system.
- B. Related Work:
- The work includes, but is not necessarily limited to the installation of:
1. Vapor Retarder (where specified)
  2. Wood Blocking (Nailers)
  3. Insulation
  4. Slip Sheet (where required)
  5. Fasteners
  6. Roof Membrane
  7. Roof Membrane Flashings
  8. Metal Flashings
  9. Adhesives
  10. Sealants
  11. Walkways

#### 1.02 Quality Assurance

- A. The Mule-Hide Reinforced PVC Membrane Roofing System shall be installed by an independent roofing contractor eligible to apply for Mule-Hide warranties when Standard System and Premium System Warranties are requested.
- B. There shall be no deviations from this specification or the Mule-Hide Products Co. ("Mule-Hide") standard details without prior written approval from Mule-Hide's Customer Service Department.
- C. Upon completion of the installation according to the terms and conditions stated in this specification and in accordance with the information provided in the Warranty Application and Pre-Job survey form and any additional approvals which might have been given by Mule-Hide, an authorized representative of Mule-Hide may perform an on-site inspection of the roof to verify that all installation and material requirements have been met.

#### 1.03 Submittals

- A. Prior to the time of bidding, the roofing contractor shall submit to the Owner or Owner's representative the following items:
1. Copies of Mule-Hide's specification and published product data.

2. Samples of each material to be used in the roof system.
3. Specimen copy of Mule-Hide Products Co. warranty
4. Dimensioned shop drawings to include an outline of the roof and appropriate details for flashings and terminations.
5. Certification from insulation, roofing and accessory components manufacturers that all materials supplied comply with identified ASTM and industry standards.
6. Verification that system specifications meet all identified code and insurance requirements including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Factory Mutual Research Laboratories  
Norwood, MA
  - b. Underwriters Laboratories  
Northbrook, IL

## 1.04 Product Delivery, Storage and Handling

- A. All products delivered to the job site shall be in their original unopened containers or wrappings and clearly labeled with the manufacturer's name, product identification and date of manufacture.
- B. Protect all materials from damage during transit, storage and delivery to the job site. Place all materials on pallets and protect from moisture.
- C. Store all materials in a dry, clean area protected from the elements. All rolls of membrane shall be stored flat on pallets.
- D. All adhesive and caulking shall be stored at temperatures between 60 °F and 80°F.
- E. All flammable materials shall be stored in a cool, dry area away from open flames and sparks. Follow precautions outlined on containers or supplied by the material manufacturer/supplier.
- F. All materials determined to have been damaged (confirmed by Mule-Hide) are to be replaced with new materials at no cost to the owner.

## 1.05 Job Conditions

- A. Mule-Hide PVC roofing materials may be installed under certain adverse weather conditions such as high humidity or extreme temperatures, but only after consultation with the Mule-Hide Customer Service Department as special precautions or procedures may be necessary. The performance of the materials, installation costs and production rates may be affected.
- B. Only as much new roofing as can be made watertight each day shall be installed each day. This includes all flashing work.
- C. All substrates to receive new insulation, membrane or flashing shall be thoroughly dry and free of contaminants. Should surface moisture occur, the contractor should provide adequate equipment to dry the substrate prior to the application of new materials.

- D. Prior to and during application, all dirt, debris and dust shall be removed from surfaces to be roofed for both new and reroofing substrates.
- E. On all reroof jobs and for all lightweight deck systems, pullout tests shall be performed by the independent roofing contractor, fastener manufacturer or owner's representative to verify the condition of the deck or substrate and to confirm system design pullout values. A minimum of 10 pullout tests for areas up to 500 squares, thereafter 2 tests per 100 squares is considered sufficient. Tests should be taken approximately 60% in perimeters and 40% from field areas. Additional tests shall be performed in areas where the integrity of the deck is questionable. A written report of pullout test results shall be submitted to Mule-Hide's Customer Service Department for review.
- F. Precautions shall be taken to prevent wind blow-off or wind damage during the course of the roofing application. This may necessitate additional securing of temporary construction, materials and equipment.
- G. The contractor shall verify and ensure that all roof drain lines are unblocked before starting work. Any blockages found shall be reported to the owner's representative and Mule-Hide's Customer Service Department in writing.
- H. Temporary waterstops shall be installed at the end of each day's work. Temporary waterstops shall be removed at the start of the next day's work and disposed of properly. Waterstops shall be compatible with all materials.
- I. Do not install the Mule-Hide PVC Roofing Membrane in direct contact with any product containing asphalt, coal tar pitch, creosote or penta-based materials. Consult the Mule-Hide Customer Service Department for special installation requirements.
- J. Do not allow contaminants such as petroleum, grease, acid, solvents, vegetable or mineral oil, animal oil, animal fat, etc. or direct steam venting to come into direct contact with the Mule-Hide PVC Roofing Membrane. Contact the Mule-Hide Customer Service Department for recommendations if such conditions exist.
- K. The contractor shall follow all safety regulations as recommended by OSHA.
- L. All work shall be scheduled and executed without exposing interior building areas to the effects of inclement weather. The existing building and its contents shall be protected against all risks.
- M. Arrange work sequence to avoid use of newly constructed roofing for storage, walking surfaces and equipment movement. Contractor shall provide all necessary protection and barriers to segregate the work areas and prevent damage to adjacent areas. If excessive traffic over newly installed membrane is necessary, contractor shall provide plywood or polyester felt protection to prevent damage.
- N. All existing roofing materials to be removed for construction shall be immediately removed from the construction site to a dumping area authorized to receive such debris. Any hazardous materials such as asbestos or materials containing asbestos fibers shall be removed and disposed of in accordance with applicable City, State and Federal requirements.
- O. Any unusual or concealed conditions discovered during the course of the work are to be reported to the owner and Mule-Hide immediately in writing. Work is to be halted until the owner has responded with a solution to the problems.
- P. All local building codes and requirements must be followed where applicable. It is the roofing contractor's sole responsibility to determine and ensure that the roofing system selected complies with all local codes and requirements.

- Q. Both interior and exterior building areas affected by construction shall be cleaned up and any damaged areas shall be repaired to the owner's satisfaction.

## 1.06 Warranties

All Mule-Hide warranties are available for commercial projects. A Roofing Membrane Limited Warranty for a maximum of 10 years is available for residential projects.

A. Mule-Hide's Roofing Membrane Limited Warranty

Mule-Hide offers a 10, 15 or 20-year Roofing Membrane Limited Warranty ("Warranty") for a charge. The Warranty covers only the Mule-Hide PVC membrane (or portion thereof) determined by Mule-Hide to be defective and resulting in roof leaks. This Warranty does not cover workmanship or other components not supplied by Mule-Hide. Mule-Hide does not perform inspections of the installation before issuing the Roofing Membrane Limited Warranty. A Mule-Hide Warranty Application and the appropriate fee must be submitted to Mule-Hide to obtain this warranty. Proof of purchase may be required.

**Note:** Projects requesting a 20-year Roofing Membrane Limited Warranty require the use of the 60-mil thick PVC membrane and shall incorporate additional design enhancements as outlined in the 20-year Design Enhancements for PVC Mechanically Attached Roofing System Specification. Mule-Hide recommends that Warranty Applications be submitted for review prior to bidding the project.

B. Mule-Hide's Standard System Warranty

Mule-Hide offers a 10, 15 or 20-year Standard System Warranty ("Standard") for commercial projects for a charge. The Standard warranty is a "No Dollar Limit", labor and material warranty that covers the Mule-Hide labeled membrane and other components supplied by Mule-Hide installed by a Mule-Hide Warranty Eligible Applicator. The Standard warranty does not cover insulation or its attachment system. Metal flashing components are not covered under this warranty. A Mule-Hide Warranty Eligible Applicator must submit a Warranty Application and the appropriate fee to Mule-Hide. Standard warranties require inspections by a Mule-Hide representative.

**Note:** Projects requesting a 20-year Standard System Warranty require the use of the 60-mil thick PVC membrane and shall incorporate additional design enhancements as outlined in the 20-year Design Enhancements for PVC Mechanically Attached Roofing System Specification. Mule-Hide recommends that Warranty Applications be submitted for review prior to bidding the project.

C. Mule-Hide Premium System Warranty

Mule-Hide offers a 10, 15 or 20-year Premium System Warranty ("Premium") for commercial projects for a charge. The Premium warranty is a "No Dollar Limit", labor and material warranty that covers the Mule-Hide labeled membrane, insulation, other components supplied by Mule-Hide and approved products (such as metal flashing, insulation adhesive or other pre-approved accessories) installed by a Mule-Hide Warranty Eligible Applicator. A Mule-Hide Warranty Eligible Applicator must submit a Warranty Application and the appropriate fee to Mule-Hide. Premium warranties require inspections by a Mule-Hide representative.

**Note:** Projects requesting a 20-year Premium Warranty require the use of the 60-mil thick PVC membrane and shall incorporate additional design enhancements as outlined in the 20-year Design Enhancements for PVC Mechanically Attached Roofing System Specification. Mule-Hide recommends that Warranty Applications be submitted for review prior to bidding the project.

- D. Standard and Premium System warranties are not available for residential projects.
- E. PVC tie-ins to built-up (BUR) or any other type of roof system are not covered by Mule-Hide warranties.
- F. Contact Mule-Hide for other extended warranties that may be available.
- G. Terms and Conditions of Warranties

Mule-Hide's obligations under the Roofing Membrane Limited Warranty, the Standard System Warranty, and the Premium System Warranty are limited to the specific terms and conditions of the respective Warranties. Sample copies of the Mule-Hide Warranties are available from Mule-Hide upon request.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.01 General

- A. The components of the Mechanically Attached Mule-Hide PVC Membrane Roof System are to be products manufactured or supplied by Mule-Hide Products Co. as specified in the contract documents.
- B. Components other than those supplied or manufactured by Mule-Hide may be submitted for review and acceptance by Mule-Hide's Customer Service Department. Mule-Hide's acceptance of any other product is based on chemical compatibility and published performance data. Mule-Hide does not guarantee such products or their performance. Other components may be considered on a job-by-job basis and must be approved in writing by Mule-Hide's Customer Service Department. The specifications, installation instructions, limitations, and/or restrictions of the respective manufacturers must be reviewed by the designer for acceptability for use with Mule-Hide PVC roofing products.

### 2.02 Roofing Membrane

The Mule-Hide Reinforced PVC Membrane is available 50 mils (.050-inch) thick, 60 mils (.060-inch) thick or 80 mils (.080-inch) thick. The Mule-Hide PVC membrane is a polyester scrim reinforced thermoplastic roofing membrane that meets and exceeds the requirements of ASTM D4434 (Type III) Standard Specification for Poly (Vinyl Chloride) Sheet Roofing. Refer to the Product Data Sheets for physical properties and additional information.

### 2.03 Accessory Materials

- A. PVC Cut-Edge Sealant - a liquid PVC sealing compound, shall have a consistency equal to that of "honey" at room temperature and shall be furnished in 16 oz. bottles.
- B. PVC Bonding Adhesive - a solvent-based adhesive for bonding the Mule-Hide PVC Membrane to various vertical substrates and insulation boards.
- C. Termination Caulk - a single component, non-sag elastomeric polyurethane caulk. Contact Mule-Hide for acceptable brands.
- D. Aluminum Foil Tape - a 3-mil tape with acrylic adhesive used over Mule-Hide PVC roofing system metal joints prior to a PVC flashing strip being welded over the joints.
- E. Slip sheets - Mule-Hide offers a variety of slip sheets dependent upon the particulars of an application. Some of these are the following:

1. A laminated kraft paper with fiberglass scrim reinforcement.
2. Polyester Mat Protection Material 9 oz. - needle-punched polyester fabric.
- F. PVC Membrane Cleaner - a clear liquid available in 5 gallon cans used for cleaning asphalt and dirt from membrane surface.
- G. PVC Non-Reinforced Flashing – an 80-mil PVC Flashing (unreinforced) membrane can be used to complete flashing details.
- H. PVC Coated Metal - 24-gauge galvanized steel to which is laminated 35 mils of Mule-Hide PVC Non-Reinforced Flashing (white) used for flashing and edge metal detailing.
- I. Mule-Hide Pre-Fabricated Metal Accessories- Skirted metal edge in three basic configurations (standard skirted edge, T-Edge, and T-Edge Plus) provides a fast and installer friendly metal edge detail which saves labor on project installations. These products incorporate either a coated metal face, or a Kynar® coated face, and factory welded integrated skirt. Other items available include; Coated metal scuppers, pourable sealer pans, gutters, and copings.
- J. Mule-Hide All-Purpose Bar - an extruded aluminum bar 50-mils thick used to terminate adhered, reinforced membrane base flashings in certain constructions.
- K. Membrane Fasteners and Plates - Mule-Hide offers a variety of membrane fasteners and plates to meet specific job conditions and substrates:
  1. Mule-Hide Steel/Wood Deck Fasteners
    - a. Drill Point-Coated
    - b. Thread Point-Coated
    - c. Stainless Steel Drill Point
  2. Mule-Hide Concrete Fasteners - For Structural Concrete Decks
  3. TL (2 Piece) - (High Density Nylon Auger & Metal Plate) - For Cementitious Fiber Substrates (Tectum, etc.) and Lightweight Concrete or Gypsum Decks
  4. Mule-Hide Metal plates – Mule-Hide offers a variety of metal plates for membrane and insulation attachment.
- L. PVC Walkway Roll - a 90-mil (.090 inch) thick, textured, polyester reinforced PVC membrane for traffic areas.
- M. Prefabricated Details - PVC Universal (inside/outside) Corners, PVC Molded Pipe Seals in sizes to fit pipes from 1” – 6” and PVC Molded Sealant Pockets.
- N. Thermoplastic One-Part Pourable Sealer - a one-part thermoplastic sealant for use in PVC Molded Sealant Pockets.

## 2.04 Related Materials By Others

- A. Wood Nailers
  1. Nailers shall be #2 or better lumber and shall be pressure treated for rot resistance. Creosote and asphaltic preservatives are not acceptable.



2. Wood nailers shall conform to Factory Mutual's Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-49.
3. Wood nailers shall be installed as specified on the project drawings and shall be of a height sufficient to match the thickness of the insulation being used.

## B. Vapor Retarders

1. Vapor retarders shall meet specified code and/or insurance requirements.
2. Vapor retarders shall be compatible with insulation and other accessories.
3. It is the responsibility of the architect or engineer to determine if a vapor retarder is required. However, Mule-Hide follows the NRCA guidelines that recommend a vapor retarder be considered when both of two conditions are anticipated:
  - a. The outside average January temperature is below 40° F, and
  - b. The expected interior winter relative humidity is 45 percent or greater.

## C. Insulation

1. Insulation shall be installed as a protection layer over the existing substrate or to obtain a desired thermal value.
2. Insulation shall be compatible with the Mule-Hide PVC Membranes or have an acceptable slipsheet or cover board placed between the insulation and the PVC roof membrane.
3. The following insulation boards are acceptable for use in a Mule-Hide Mechanically Attached Roofing System when a standard warranty is requested:
  - a. Polyisocyanurate insulations having nonasphaltic meeting or exceeding the physical property requirements of Fed. Spec HH-I-1972 and having a minimum compressive resistance of 18 psi. Thickness minimum is 1" or greater as required by insulation manufacturer to span flutes on metal decks.
  - b. High density wood fiberboard with nonasphaltic binders. Boards with asphalt binders or have been coated with asphalt cannot be used in direct contact with the PVC membrane. Contact the insulation manufacturer for minimum thickness requirements when installing this board directly over a steel deck.
  - c. Expanded polystyrene with kraft laminated facers on both sides or with an acceptable slip sheet or cover board placed over non-faced boards. Minimum density of nonfaced boards must be 1.25 PCF and meeting ASTM C578, Type II physical properties. Contact the EPS (expanded) manufacturer for minimum thickness requirements when spanning flutes on steel decks.
  - d. Extruded polystyrene meeting ASTM C578, Types IV, VI or VII physical properties. An acceptable slipsheet or compatible cover board shall be required over the extruded polystyrene. Check with the EPS (extruded) manufacturer for minimum thickness requirements when spanning flutes on steel decks.

4. Insulation manufacturer shall provide its recommendations for use and attachment to the owner with a copy to Mule-Hide Products Co. In addition, the insulation manufacturer shall provide a copy of their specific warranty conditions if required by the building owner.

## 2.05 Precautions

- A. Consult Material Safety Data Sheets and container labels for specific safety instructions prior to use.
- B. Avoid breathing vapors of solvent, sealant and adhesives. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid prolonged contact of solvents, sealants and adhesives with skin.
- C. Do not use Mule-Hide PVC roofing products near fire or flame.
- D. Do not use open flames for drying of surfaces, sealants, or adhesives.
- E. Do not use oil-based paint on PVC Coated Metal or membrane. Contact Mule-Hide's Customer Service Department for recommendations.
- F. Do not allow muriatic acid (masonry cleaner) to come in direct contact with the Mule-Hide PVC Membrane or accessory products.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.01 General

When installing a Mechanically Attached Mule-Hide Reinforced PVC Membrane Roofing System in cooler weather, it is recommended that liquids such as solvents, sealants, etc. be stored at temperatures between 60°F and 80°F until just prior to use in order to facilitate the installation. Liquid products, if stored outdoors, should be brought up to room temperature prior to use.

### 3.02 Substrate Conditions

The following general conditions apply to the substrate that will receive a Mechanically Attached Mule-Hide PVC Membrane Roofing System for both reroof and new construction:

- A. The roof deck must be structurally sound to provide proper securement for mechanical fasteners. Areas showing a loss of integrity due to corrosion, rotting, warping, concrete spalling, etc., must be repaired or replaced prior to installing the roofing system.
- B. It is imperative that the roofing contractor performs test cuts at each roof area prior to reroofing. The condition of the substrate must be suitable to receive a Mechanically Attached Mule-Hide PVC Roofing System. Wet insulation must be removed and replaced. See SPRI's guidelines for determining wet insulation.
- C. A determination must be made regarding the presence or absence of coal tar pitch within the existing roof assembly. The presence of coal tar pitch requires a separation layer of insulation a minimum of 1-1/2" thick having a minimum "R" value of 5.0 if the coal tar pitch is 10 years or older. All joints must be butted tightly together or have joints completely taped to prevent volatiles from damaging roof membrane. If the existing assembly is less than 10 years old, specific procedures must be followed. Contact Mule-Hide Customer Service Department for specific requirements.

- D. Contact Mule-Hide Customer Service Department when the substrate is exposed to excessively high humidity and/or a corrosive environment. Special fasteners (i.e., stainless steel) or details may be required.
- E. It is acceptable to install a Mechanically Attached Mule-Hide PVC Membrane Roofing System over the following deck substrates provided that an acceptable insulation, barrier/cover board or an appropriate slip sheet is installed over the substrate as needed:
1. Structural Metal Deck (24-gauge minimum) shall conform to recommendations outlined in Factory Mutual's Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-28. Pullout tests are required on all decks less than 22 gauge. An insulation or barrier board is required to provide a smooth surface and shall be of sufficient thickness to span the steel flutes without damage from traffic.
  2. Plywood should conform to Factory Mutual's requirements should tested (for uplift) assemblies be required. For non-FM assemblies, plywood minimum thickness shall be determined by local code requirements but shall not be less than 15/32" thick. Contact Mule-Hide for maximum membrane sheet widths, fastener sizes and spacing when using plywood, as requirements will change with thickness used. Insulation, barrier board or slipsheet may be required under the membrane.
  3. Structural concrete and pre-cast, pre-stressed concrete (3,000 psi minimum) shall be cured and dry to industry standards. Surfaces shall be smooth and free of moisture or frost. All sharp ridges or other projections above the surface shall be removed before roofing. An insulation, barrier board or slip sheet is required under the membrane.
  4. Lightweight Insulating Concrete Fill and Metal Formwork (minimum 24-gauge metal formwork) – the roof deck shall be cured and dry to the deck manufacturer's and/or industry standards and shall be smooth and free of ridges and depressions. All necessary venting as recommended by the roof deck manufacturer shall be accomplished. These decks may be acceptable to receive a Mechanically Attached Mule-Hide PVC Membrane Roofing System after pullout tests have been completed and appropriate fasteners have been selected.
  5. Wood plank (1" minimum) shall conform to Factory Mutual's requirements for Class I impregnated decks. An insulation, barrier board or slip sheet is required under the membrane.
  6. Cementitious Wood Fiber Decks - Certain cementitious wood fiber decks may be acceptable to receive a Mechanically Attached Mule-Hide PVC Membrane Roofing System after pullout tests have been completed and appropriate fasteners have been selected.
  7. Gypsum Deck - shall be cured and dry to manufacturer's and/or industry standards. The surface of the deck shall be smooth and free from ridges and depressions. Certain gypsum decks may be acceptable to receive a Mechanically Attached Mule-Hide PVC Membrane Roofing System after pullout tests have been completed and appropriate fasteners have been selected. Insulation, slop sheet or barrier board may be required over rough surfaces or plank decks.
  8. Oriented Strand Board (OSB) shall be a minimum 7/16" thick. Contact Mule-Hide for acceptable sheet sizes, fastener types and spacing when using OSB as requirements will change with thickness used. Minimum thicknesses or usage restrictions may change depending on local code requirements. Pullout tests must be performed and submitted to Mule-Hide prior to bidding the project.

Minimum pullout values of 250 lbs are required. An insulation, barrier board or slip sheet is required under the membrane. Fasteners and sheet sizes shall be determined by pullout values.

### 3.03 Preparation of Existing Substrate

#### A. General

1. To prevent delays or interruptions, coordinate work with other trades or suppliers to ensure that components to be incorporated into the Mechanically Attached Mule-Hide PVC Membrane Roofing System are available as the work progresses. Examine substrates to which the roofing materials are to be applied to ensure that their condition is satisfactory for the Mule-Hide PVC Membrane Roofing System application. Do not permit voids greater than 1/4" width in the substrate.  
Concrete substrates shall be cured and free of laitance and curing compounds. Substrates for roofing materials shall be dry and free of oil, dirt, grease, sharp edges and debris. Inspect substrates and correct defects before application of roofing membrane.
2. Large blisters on existing roof systems shall be cut and patched to provide a reasonably level substrate surface.
3. Gravel over existing nailers must be totally removed prior to installing new nailers and flashings. Verify that the existing nailers are securely anchored to the roof decks.
4. When an additional thickness of insulation is being added, new nailers must be added to match the height of the new insulation. Nailers must be securely anchored to the roof deck per Section 3.05 of this specification.
5. All roof surfaces shall be free of ponded water, ice, or snow and drain properly. Drainage is the responsibility of the roofing contractor and designer/specifier.
6. Specifier and roofing contractor shall determine the condition of the existing roof deck and roofing. Areas with deteriorated decking or wet insulation or other materials shall have those affected materials removed and replaced.
7. When removing an existing roof during reroofing, remove only that amount of roofing and flashing that can be made watertight with new Mule-Hide PVC materials in a one-day period or prior to the onset of inclement weather.

### 3.04 Vapor Retarder Installation (where specified)

#### General

Specific climatic and job conditions may require the use of a vapor retarder. It is the sole responsibility of the design professional to determine the need for a vapor retarder, its type and location in the roofing system. A vapor retarder may often act as an "air barrier" which may have a positive effect in reducing internal air pressure. Air barriers should be strongly considered for buildings subject to high internal air pressures such as airplane hangars and buildings with many loading bays such as warehouse facilities. The National Roofing Contractor's Association recommends the installation of vapor retarders when interior relative humidity is 45% or greater and the outside mean average January temperature is below 40°F.

Contact Mule-Hide Customer Service Department for questions regarding compatibility with Mule-Hide products.

## 3.05 Wood Nailers

- A. Install nailers at the perimeter of the roof and around all roof penetrations and projections (unless otherwise shown on Mule-Hide standard details).
- B. Nailers shall be firmly anchored to the decks at a maximum 2'-0" o.c. and shall resist a pullout force of 200 lbs./linear foot in any direction. A 1/2" vent space shall be provided between adjacent lengths of nailers. Fasteners shall be installed within 6 inches of each end. Spacing and fastener embedment shall conform to Factory Mutual Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-49 or local building code requirements.
- C. Height of nailers shall match the surface level of the insulation and roof membrane.
- D. All woodwork to be reused shall resist a minimum force of 200-lbs./linear foot in any direction and shall be free of rot.

## 3.06 Insulation Installation

- A. Mule-Hide accepted roof insulations shall be installed in accordance with Mule-Hide specifications or the insulation manufacturer's requirements whichever is more stringent.
- B. Mule-Hide accepted roof insulations shall be secured to the roof deck in accordance with Mule-Hide's requirements utilizing Mule-Hide fasteners or approved compatible fasteners. When more than one layer of insulation is to be used, succeeding layers are to be laid staggered in relation to the previous layer of insulation and all joints shall be staggered. All layers may be fastened as a single layer with one fastener. It is not required that each layer be individually attached.
- C. All roof insulation shall be neatly cut to fit around all penetrations and projections with a maximum allowable gap of 1/4".
- D. Open joints greater than 1/4" wide shall be repaired with like insulation material.
- E. Insulation shall be tapered to provide a sump area a minimum of 36" x 36" where possible at all drains.
- F. Install no more roof insulation in one day than can be covered with the Mule-Hide PVC Membrane or when the onset of inclement weather is anticipated.
- G. Insulation installed over steel decks shall be checked so that no edges are left unsupported along the flutes. All insulations shall be of sufficient thickness and density to prevent breakage under normal roof construction or maintenance traffic.
- H. Tapered insulation shall be installed in accordance with tapered fabricator's shop drawings.

## 3.07 Membrane Installation

- A. General - Unroll the Mule-Hide PVC Membrane and position without stretching. Allow the membrane to relax at least 15 minutes when the temperature is above 60°F, or 30 minutes when the temperature is below 60°F, prior to installation. Inspect and remove any damaged membrane. Lap sheets a minimum of 5", for In-Lap fastening, leaving space for mechanical fasteners and plates and space for a 1-1/2" minimum weld. Membrane overlaps shall be shingled with the flow of water.

## B. In-Lap Fastening

1. Perimeter and corner areas - When installing Mule-Hide PVC Roofing, install a minimum of one (1) Perimeter Sheet (1/2 width sheet) parallel with the perimeter and fastened with Mule-Hide approved fastening system at the predetermined spacing in the lap area in a line centered approximately 1-1/2" from the edge of the sheet leaving 2" of membrane outside the disc. Weld lap area continuously with a minimum weld width of 1-1/2 inches.

Perimeter areas shall be determined by one of the following methods:

- a. 1/10th the lesser plan dimension  
or
- b. 4/10th the eave height

Whichever is the lesser may be used.

Corner areas are defined as the intersection of two perimeter areas.

Perimeter sheets are required to be installed in all perimeter and corner areas. Spacing of the rows of fasteners in the perimeter areas shall be reduced to 60% of the spacing of the rows of fasteners in the field sheets. Spacing of the fasteners in the seam shall remain the same distance apart as the spacing of the fasteners in the seams in the field sheets. Spacing of the rows of fasteners in the corners shall be reduced to 40% of the spacing of the rows of fasteners in the field sheets. Spacing of the fasteners in the seams shall remain the same distance apart as the spacing of the fasteners in the seams in the field sheets.

Fastener shall be supplied by Mule-Hide and shall be installed according to fastener manufacturer's instructions and using the fastener manufacturer's recommended fastening tools.

When installing Mule-Hide PVC Membranes using either Mule-Hide's PVC Coated Metal Flashing or PVC Membrane Flashing, the first perimeter sheet shall be a half width sheet. Subsequent sheets may be either Perimeter sheets (half width sheets) or full width sheets as required. If the project requires FM compliance, contact Mule-Hide (prior to bidding the project) to review sheet layouts, sizes and enhancements to address the perimeter and corner areas.

Note: For FM 1-90 or greater compliance, where the perimeter sheets are wider than 3', Perimeter sheets cannot run parallel with the direction of the flutes on steel decks. Full width field sheets are run perpendicular to the edge of the roof (or base of parapet wall) and additional row of fasteners installed running parallel and centered between the field seams.

## 2. Field Areas

- a. Membrane should run perpendicular to the direction of steel deck flutes and orientation of wood decks.
- b. All membrane overlaps shall be installed to facilitate the flow of water.
- c. All membrane sheets are to be overlapped a minimum of 5" to provide space for fastener and disc placement and for a continuous 1-1/2" wide weld.

- C. The roofing contractor shall check all welded seams for continuity and integrity using a rounded screwdriver or other suitable blunt object. The contractor should perform several sample test seams each day. Prior to welding field seams, the contractor shall, using scrap material, run at least two test seams, each a minimum of 2' long. Each test seam shall be used to determine adequate seam strength and to ensure the equipment has warmed up and is operating properly. This should be done each time the equipment is turned on after a cool down period.

### 3.08 Welding of Lap Areas

- A. General
  - 1. Roofing membrane field seams are to be hot air welded.
  - 2. All surfaces to be welded shall be clean and dry.
- B. Hot-Air Welding
  - 1. Machines for hot air welding are available from several different sources. Each manufacturer's instructions for use shall be followed, as well as all local codes regarding electric grounding, supply and other related functions. Since most automatic welding machines require 218 to 230 volts, the use of a portable generator on the roof is recommended for greater flexibility. **Mule-Hide requires the use of automatic welding machines for all field sheet seaming. Only those areas that cannot be completed with an automatic welder may be welded with a hand welder. The seam width must be as wide as one created with an automatic welder (approximately 1-1/2" wide).**
  - 2. Hand-held welding equipment is also available. Hand welders (guns) are typically only used to weld flashings and areas where an automatic welder cannot be used. After the preheated nozzle tip is applied in the overlap area and the material starts to flow, immediately follow with a hand roller to press the heated membrane surfaces together with slow, even movements. Keep the roller within one inch of the nozzle tip. Angle the hot-air tool so that the flowing air faces the roller. The temperature of the hot-air tool shall be adjusted so that a minimum of smoke is developed and material from the bottom of the sheet begins to soften and flow from the seam. Seam strength may be tested when cool. For best results, testing seams 8 hours after hot air welding is recommended.
- C. Quality Control of Seams
  - 1. After seaming, the seams are checked for integrity with a blunt-ended probe. Any openings or "fishmouths" are to be repaired with a hand-held hot-air tool fitted with a narrow nozzle tip and with a roller.
  - 2. Each day the contractor shall attempt to pull apart several sections of welded seams to test the quality of the welds. Should the welds be deficient, a more thorough examination of the work performed must be carried out and necessary repairs made. Mule-Hide's PVC Cut Edge Sealant is used to seal the membrane edges where reinforcing fabric is cut and exposed.

### 3.09 Flashing Installation

- A. PVC Coated Metal Flashing
  - 1. PVC Coated Metal Flashing shall be installed in accordance with Mule-Hide Roofing Systems' standard details.

2. Complete all metalwork concurrently with roofing and flashings so that a watertight condition exists daily.
3. PVC Coated Metal may be used at all peaks, valleys and slope intersections where the net change in slope exceeds 1-1/2" in 12". In some cases reinforced membrane may be sufficient for ridges but should be fastened securely at all transition areas. Contact the Mule-Hide Customer Service Department for specific recommendations.
4. PVC Coated Metal shall be installed to provide adequate resistance to bending and to allow for normal thermal expansion and contraction.
5. All metal joints are to be watertight and staggered over nailer joints to prevent joints in nailers and joints in metal from lining up.
6. Base flashings shall extend a minimum of 8" up vertical surfaces where possible.
7. All metal flashings and terminations shall be securely fastened in the plane of the roof deck with fasteners recommended by Mule-Hide.
8. Fasteners used to secure flashings to wood nailers shall be stainless steel, galvanized metal or other corrosion-resistant material, with a head diameter of not less than 3/8", and with fastener penetration into the wood nailer of at least 3/4".
9. Mule-Hide requires the use of PVC Coated Metal for scuppers and metal overflows.
10. All Mule-Hide PVC Coated Metal shall be fabricated to form hemmed edges to prevent sharp metal edges from cutting the membrane, except when used in conjunction with wood nailers.

## B. PVC Membrane Flashings

1. All membrane flashings are to be installed concurrently with the roof membrane as the job progresses. Temporary flashings are not allowed without prior written approval from the Mule-Hide Warranty Department. Should any water penetrate the new roofing because of incomplete flashings, the affected areas shall be removed and replaced at the contractor's expense.
2. All PVC Membrane flashings shall be fully adhered using Mule-Hide's PVC Bonding Adhesive. The following conditions must be met:
  - a. All surfaces to be fully adhered should be compatible, dry and smooth with no excessive surface roughness. If an existing asphalt surface is present, a 1/2" minimum plywood, 9 oz. polyester felt, acceptable insulation board or 26-gauge minimum galvanized metal barrier must be placed over the asphaltic surface.
  - b. After the proper surface has been prepared, Mule-Hide's PVC Bonding Adhesive shall be applied using a minimum 1/2" nap paint roller at a rate of approximately 60 square feet per gallon of "finished surface area" depending on the type of substrate. Apply adhesive in smooth even coats, avoiding globs, puddles or other types of irregularities.



- c. Mule-Hide PVC Membrane used as a flashing shall be cut to a workable length. Adhesive should be applied to the area of substrate to be flashed and to the back of the PVC membrane at a rate of approximately 120 square feet per gallon. **Coverage rates will vary depending on substrate and environmental conditions.** Let adhesive dry sufficiently to be tacky but not produce strings when touched with a dry, clean finger.

**Note:** When the PVC membrane is mated to the substrate this will provide an approximate "finished coverage rate of 60 square feet per gallon".

- d. Carefully roll the membrane onto the coated substrate. Avoid wrinkling membrane when applying to substrate. The amount of adhesive that can be successfully applied to the membrane will vary depending on ambient temperatures, humidity and manpower. After mating membrane to the substrate, carefully roll the membrane with a 2" wide rubber hand roller to promote maximum positive contact between the membrane and the substrate. Overlap all adjacent flashing sheets a minimum of 2". The PVC Membrane flashings shall extend a minimum of 6" onto the field sheet. There shall be a minimum 1-1/2" hot-air weld in front of the fastener plates. All side laps are to overlap a minimum of 2" and welded.
- e. **Do not apply PVC Bonding Adhesive to seam areas that will be hot air welded together.**

3. All flashings shall extend a minimum of 8" above roof membrane level where possible unless previously accepted by the owner or his representative and the Mule-Hide Warranty Department.
4. All flashings shall be hot air welded at their connections with the roofing membrane and other PVC flashings.
5. Apply PVC Cut-Edge Sealant at all welded edges where the membrane has been cut and scrim is exposed.
6. All flashings shall be properly terminated in compliance with Mule-Hide's published Standard Details.

### 3.10 Walkway Installation

Walkways must be provided in areas where routine rooftop maintenance occurs and in areas where regular rooftop traffic is expected.

- A. PVC Walkway Roll Installation
  1. Install Mule-Hide PVC Walkway Roll material over clean, dry surfaces. Layout areas where the PVC Walkway Roll is to be installed with most of the material being oriented so that it is placed between field seams with each adjacent and abutting section gapped a minimum of 6".
  2. Heat weld the perimeter of the properly positioned PVC Walkway Roll. Check seams for any voids or inconsistencies that might prevent watertightness.
  3. Apply PVC Cut-Edge Sealant at all welded edges.

**B. Precast Pavers**

1. Install precast paver systems acceptable to Mule-Hide over one layer of Polyester Mat Protection Material or an acceptable slip sheet.
2. A sheet of PVC membrane may be used as a protection layer under the precast pavers.
3. Set precast pavers so that they do not cover field seams.

### **3.11 Temporary Tie-ins**

- A. Install temporary cutoffs around incomplete edges of roofing assembly at the end of each day's work and when work must be postponed due to inclement weather. Straighten the insulation line using pieces of insulation loosely laid, and seal the Mule-Hide sheet membrane to the deck or existing membrane. Use a heavy application of roof cement or hot asphalt at least six inches in width overlaid with an embedded reinforcement. Remove the temporary seals completely when work resumes, cutting out the contaminated membrane. Remove all sealant, contaminated membrane, insulation fillers, etc. from the work area and properly dispose off-site.
- B. Other methods of temporary tie-ins may be used. Mule-Hide does not recommend a specific method. This is the responsibility of the roofing contractor.

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