

Blueskin® SA and Blueskin® Weather Barrier Application Tips - The Five P's

Prime

Apply – Blueskin® Primer, Blueskin® Primer Ultra, Aquatac™ or Aquaprime™ – ensuring *full* coverage. Apply by brush, roller, or spray.

Aquaprime™ can be applied by low pressure pump up sprayer.

Blueskin® Primer and Aquatac™ require higher pressure spray equipment.

Blueskin® Primer Ultra comes in a convenient spray can and is well suited to small jobs or “strip” applications.

It is important to allow the primer to cure before applying the membrane. A simple test to ensure that the primer is dry is to rub the primed substrate with your finger - wet primer will rub off easily.

Areas not covered with membrane the same day must be reprimed.

Peel

Removal of the release paper is best accomplished in approximately 2' increments. Removing the release paper in this manner assists the applicator in maintaining proper alignment, ensuring a flat and smooth application.

Place

Whenever possible, apply the membrane in shingle fashion. It is acceptable to apply the product in either a vertical or a horizontal method, although vertical is generally the easier method and does allow for one-man application. Align the membrane allowing for 2" laps, remove approximately 2' of release paper, and place the membrane on the substrate. Smooth the membrane from the center of the roll to the outside edges, pushing any entrapped air to the edges. Continue to remove the release paper in approximately 2' increments and repeat the smoothing motions.

Pressure

Firm pressure is necessary to ensure 100% adhesion of the membrane to the substrate. The best method is to roll the membrane from the center to the outside with a rubber or steel wheel roller. Hand pressure is not sufficient.

Patience

Sounds funny, but it is a critical application procedure. Patience is something that we seem to have very little of when under the gun to get the job done now. It usually takes only a couple of minutes to pause, mentally review what you are trying to accomplish, and then go ahead and do it right. This is especially true in detail work. Better to plan your application and then do it right the first time than to rush through it, screw it up, have your work rejected, and then have to do it over. <>