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Agrément Certificate
No 90/2548

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PRODUCT SHEET 4 — DUPONT AIRGUARD CONTROL AIR LEAKAGE BARRIER/ VAPOUR CONTROL LAYER

PRODUCT SCOPE AND SUMMARY OF CERTIFICATE

This Certificate partially replaces Certificate No 01/3808 and relates to the DuPont AirGuard Control Air Leakage Barrier/Vapour Control Layer for use in walls and floors.

AGRÉMENT 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

Condensation — the product has a low resistance to water vapour transmission and will reduce the risk of interstitial condensation (see section 5).

Strength — the product has adequate strength to resist damage during the construction of the wall (see section 6).

Durability — the product will have a service life comparable to other similar elements of construction, eg vapour control layers (see section 9).

The BBA has awarded this Agrément Certificate for DuPont AirGuard Control Air Leakage Barrier/Vapour Control Layer to DuPont de Nemours (Luxembourg) S.à r.l as fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Agrément Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, the DuPont AirGuard Control Air Leakage Barrier/Vapour Control Layer, if used in accordance with the provisions of this Certificate, will meet or contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations:



The Building Regulations 2000 (as amended) (England and Wales)

Requirement:	C2(c)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:		The product can contribute to a wall meeting this Requirement with respect to interstitial condensation. See section 5.2 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	Regulation 7	Materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See section 9 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)(2)	Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship
Comment:		The use of the product satisfies the requirements of this Regulation. See sections 8 and 9 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	9	Building standards – construction
Standard:	3.15	Condensation
Comment:		The product can contribute to a wall satisfying clauses 3.15.1 ⁽¹⁾ and 3.15.5 ⁽¹⁾ of this Standard with respect to interstitial condensation. See section 5.2 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	12	Building standards – conversions
Comment:		All comments given for this product under Regulation 9, 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) 2000 (as amended)

Regulation:	B2	Fitness of materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product is an acceptable material. See section 9 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	B3(2)	Suitability of certain materials
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See section 8 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	C5	Condensation
Comment:		The product can contribute to a wall to satisfying this Regulation. See section 5.2 of this Certificate.

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, CDM co-ordinator, designer and contractors to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: 1 *Description* (1.2).

Non-regulatory Information

NHBC Standards 2007

NHBC accepts the use of the DuPont AirGuard Control Air Leakage Barrier/Vapour Control Layer, when installed and used in accordance with this Certificate, in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 6.2 *External timber framed walls*.

Zurich Building Guarantee Technical Manual 2007

In the opinion of the BBA, the DuPont AirGuard Control Air Leakage Barrier/Vapour Control Layer, when installed and used in accordance with this Certificate, satisfy the requirements of the *Zurich Building Guarantee Technical Manual*, Section 4 *Superstructure*, Sub-section *External walls – timber frame*.

General

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Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 The DuPont AirGuard Control Air Leakage Barrier/Vapour Control Layer consists of a spunbonded polypropylene substrate coated with a polyolefin-copolymer.

1.2 The finished rolls are available with nominal characteristics of:

roll width (m)	1.5
roll length (m)	50
thickness (mm)	0.25
weight per unit area (gm ⁻²)	108

1.3 The product is secured in place by nails or staples for timber constructions, and all laps are sealed with TYVEK Butyl, a double-sided adhesive tape.

1.4 TYVEK single-sided Acrylic Adhesive Tape is used to repair the membrane.

2 Delivery and site handling

2.1 Rolls are delivered to site packaged. Each package carries a label bearing the BBA identification mark incorporating the number of this Certificate.

2.2 Rolls should be stored on their sides, on a smooth, clean surface under cover and protected from direct sunlight.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on the DuPont AirGuard Control Air Leakage Barrier/Vapour Control Layer.

Design Considerations

3 General

3.1 The DuPont AirGuard Control Air Leakage Barrier/Vapour Control Layer is satisfactory for use as an alternative to traditional vapour control layers/air barriers in all normal structures.

3.2 Further information is given in BRE report (BR 262 : 2002) *Thermal insulation : avoiding the risks*.

3.3 Where constructions need to comply with *NHBC Standards 2007* or *Zurich Building Guarantee Technical Manual 2007*, specifiers should observe the requirements of these documents.

3.4 It is essential that proper care and attention be given to maintaining the vapour control layer's integrity and continuity.

3.5 Walls in new buildings should be designed and constructed in accordance with the relevant recommendations and codes of practice eg BS 5268-2 : 2002 and BS 5628-3 : 2005.

3.6 Walls must be in a good state of repair with no evidence of rain penetration, damp or frost damage.

3.7 Suspended concrete and suspended timber ground floors incorporating the product must include suitable ventilation or a damp-proof membrane.

4 Practicability of installation

The product can be installed easily by operatives experienced with this type of product.

5 Condensation

5.1 The risk of condensation occurring will depend upon the properties and vapour resistance of other materials used in the construction, the internal and external conditions, and the effectiveness of the product's installation.

5.2 The product can contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of the national Building Regulations:



England and Wales — Requirement C2(c)

Scotland — Mandatory Standard 3.15, clauses 3.15.1⁽¹⁾ and 3.15.5⁽¹⁾

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

Northern Ireland — Regulation C5.

5.3 Consideration must be given in the overall installation to minimising penetrations by services. Joints at ceiling/wall and wall/floor must be sealed to offer significant resistance to water vapour transmission. Sealing should also be carried out in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.

5.4 The membrane has a nominal vapour resistance of not less than 10 MNsg⁻¹.

5.5 Constructions should be in accordance with the nominal recommendations of BS 5250 : 2002 and favourably assessed in accordance with Appendix D.

6 Strength

The product can resist the normal stresses associated with installation.

7 Properties in relation to fire

7.1 The product has properties in relation to fire similar to those of other polyolefinic sheets tending to melt and shrink away from a heat source but will burn in the presence of an ignition source. Therefore the product is unclassifiable in terms of the national Building Regulations and Standards. This should be considered when assessing the overall fire risk.

7.2 In walls cavity barriers should be used to satisfy the requirements of the national Building Regulations.

8 Maintenance



As the product is confined within a wall construction it has suitable durability (see section 9), maintenance is not required.

9 Durability



The product is rot proof, does not tear easily and will have a life equal to that of the building in which it is installed.

Installation

10 General

10.1 Installation of the DuPont AirGuard Control Air Leakage Barrier/Vapour Control Layer should be in accordance with Certificate holder's instructions and good building practice (see Figures 1 to 4).

Figure 1 Solid wall

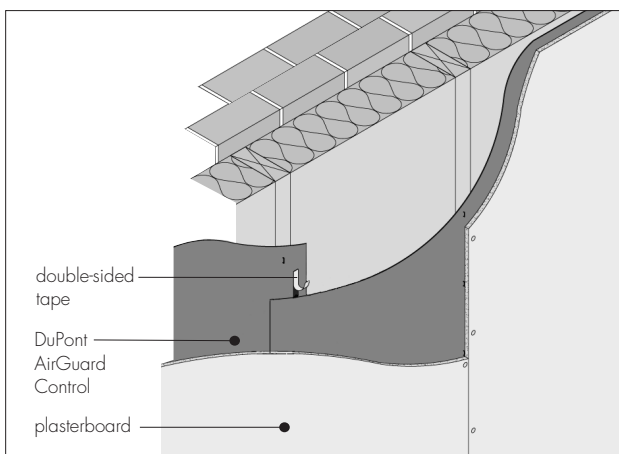


Figure 2 Cavity wall

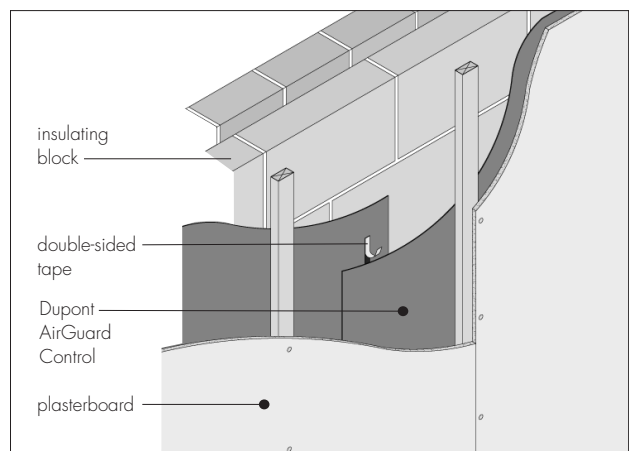


Figure 3 Timber floor

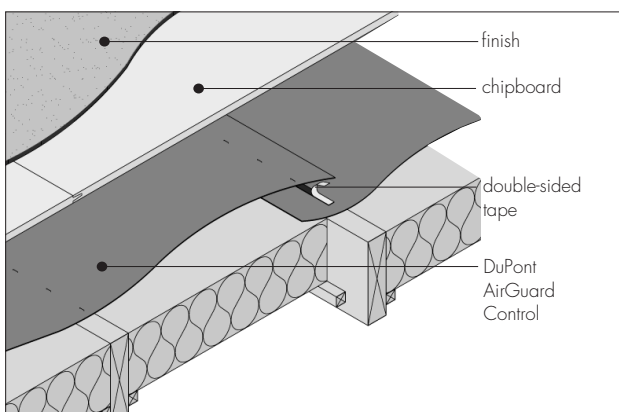
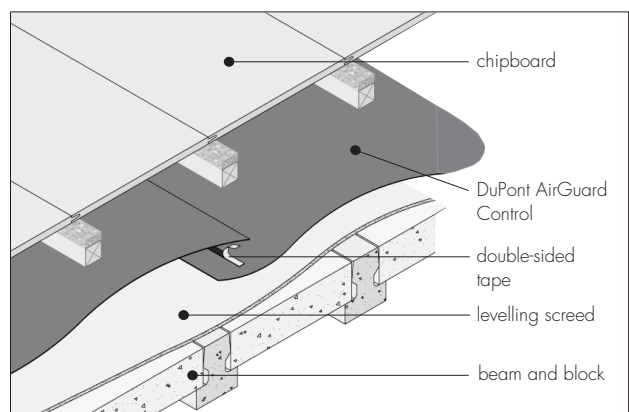


Figure 4 Suspended concrete floor



10.2 Where wood preservatives and damp-proofing treatments containing solvents have been applied, sufficient time must be allowed for solvents to disperse before the product is installed.

11 Procedure

11.1 The product should be positioned on the warm side of the thermal insulation and held in place by staples to the background structure. Joints between adjacent sheets of the material should be lapped 100 mm over a support and be sealed with a strip of TYVEK Butyl double-sided adhesive tape.

11.2 At all penetrations and abutments the product should be cut neatly to fit as closely as possible and the joint sealed with a strip of TYVEK Butyl double-sided adhesive tape.

11.3 Internal linings can be applied directly onto the product and fixed through it in the normal manner. Preferably the internal lining may be set on spacer battens, leaving a gap behind the lining which can accommodate wiring and other services and reduce the need for penetrations of the vapour control layer/air leakage barrier.

12 Maintenance

Damage to the vapour control layer can be made good by overlaying the damaged area with a new sheet sealed in place with TYVEK Butyl double-sided adhesive tape. Additional sealing and repair work can be carried out using TYVEK single-sided Acrylic Adhesive Tape.

Technical Investigations

13 Tests

Tests were carried out by the BBA to determine:

- nail tear strength
- leakage at joints
- water vapour permeability
- air permeability.

14 Investigations

14.1 An examination was made of data relating to:

- water vapour permeability
- flammability (B2 to DIN 4102-1 : 1998)
- tensile strength
- hydrostatic head
- nail tear strength
- elongation.

14.2 The manufacturing process was examined, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained for the quality and composition of materials used.

14.3 Calculations on the risks of interstitial condensation occurring in various constructions were carried out.

Bibliography

BS 5250 : 2002 *Code of practice for control of condensation in buildings*

BS 5268-2 : 2002 *Structural use of timber — Code of practice for permissible stress design, materials and workmanship*

BS 5268-3 : 2006 *Structural use of timber — Code of practice for trussed rafter roofs*

DIN 4102-1 : 1998 *Fire behaviour of building materials and building components — Building materials; concepts, requirements and tests*

15 Conditions

15.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is granted only to the company, firm or person named on the front page — no other company, firm or person may hold or claim any entitlement to this Certificate
- 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.

15.2 References in this Certificate to any Act of Parliament, Statutory Instrument, Directive or Regulation of the European Union, British, European or International Standard, Code of Practice, manufacturers' instructions or similar publication, are references to such publication in the form in which it was current at the date of this Certificate.

15.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and the manufacture and/or fabrication including all related and relevant 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.

15.4 In granting this Certificate, the BBA is not responsible for:

- the presence or absence of any patent, intellectual property or similar rights subsisting in the product/system or any other product/system
- the right of the Certificate holder to manufacture, supply, install, maintain or market the product/system
- individual installations of the product/system, including the nature, design, methods and workmanship of or related to the installation
- the actual works in which the product/system is installed, used and maintained, including the nature, design, methods and workmanship of such works.

15.5 Any information relating to the manufacture, supply, installation, use and maintenance of this product/system which is contained or referred to in this Certificate is the minimum required to be met when the product/system is manufactured, supplied, installed, used and maintained. It does not purport in any way to restate the requirements of the Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974, or of any other statutory, common law or other duty which may exist at the date of this Certificate; nor is conformity with such information to be taken as satisfying the requirements of the 1974 Act or of any statutory, common law or other duty of care. In granting this Certificate, the BBA does not accept responsibility to any person or body for any loss or damage, including personal injury, arising as a direct or indirect result of the manufacture, supply, installation, use and maintenance of this product/system.

