

IR-26 Roofing & Waterproofing

Impermitek's IR-26 system is a versatile cold liquid applied fully reinforced waterproofing membranes with exceptional performance across a broad range of new and recovery roofing and waterproofing applications.

Impermitek's fully reinforced membrane and flashings are required for all roofing and waterproofing applications over conditioned and/or occupied space.

IR-26 may be applied as a stand-alone system or in combination with Impermitek's self-adhered base-ply, Self-Leveling Mortar, ImpermiFinish aesthetic topcoat or ImpermiGrip slip-resistant surfacing.

NOTE: This document is to be used in conjunction with the designated resin and accessory component product data sheets (PDS).

Field Membranes

Impermitek's field membranes may be directly applied to acceptably prepared substrates or over Impermitek's self-adhered base-ply as a hybrid system. Hybrid systems are preferred for all roofing and waterproofing applications other than vehicular waterproofing with traffic surfacing and protective traffic coating systems, which must be applied directly to the structural deck.

All Impermitek waterproofing membranes must be fully reinforced with appropriate TekMat reinforcement.

Resin Options & Selection

To help ensure optimum application and performance, Impermitek offers different resin grades for use in reinforced cold liquid applied membranes for roofing and waterproofing. The appropriate resin is selected based on environmental considerations or specific project conditions and requirements from the following:

Resin:	Ambient Use Temperature:
IR-26 Standard Grade	34°F - 95°F (1°C - 35°C)
IR-26 SlowCure Grade	41°F-113°F (5°C - 45°C)

For complete information on the resin coverage rates, use, handling, storage, mixing, hot/cold weather additives (inhibitors & accelerators), and catalyzation, refer to the respective product data sheet (PDS) and safety data sheet (SDS).

TekMat Reinforcement Selection, Preparation, & Use

Impermitek field membranes are applied using Impermitek's TekMat, a proprietary fiberglass chopped strand mat (CSM) reinforcement available in the following grades:

Product:	Mat Weight:
TekMat 225	225 g/m ²
TekMat 450	450 g/m ²

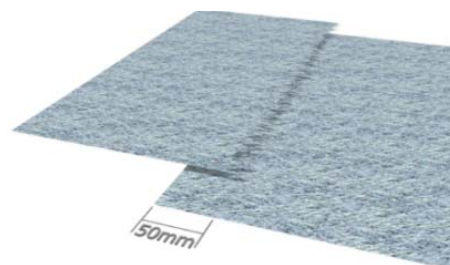
The TekMat reinforcement enhances membrane durability, tear strength, puncture resistance, and crack bridging capabilities.

TekMat 225 can be used for most field membrane applications. For additional reinforcement and flashing detailing and transition, TekMat 450 is ideal.

The TekMat must remain clean and dry during storage and use. When not in use, store TekMat in a sealed wrap or container to protect from contaminants. Exposure to moisture (rain, condensation, high humidity, etc.) dust, dirt, and debris will compromise the mat and may cause issues during application. Contaminated mats **MUST** be disposed of and replaced with new. Before use, inspect the mat to ensure there are no damaged, defective, or wet areas present.

Impermitek's TekMat is embedded with a basecoat of resin. To ensure application proficiency, the mat reinforcement should be pre-cut for the day's work before mixing catalyst to any resin. Carefully measure the work area and assess how many runs of mat are needed allowing for a 2-in (50mm) overlap on each width of the mat at side laps and minimum 4 in (100 mm) overlap at end laps.

Impermitek TekMat reinforcement has one straight cut edge and one feathered (torn) edge. When overlapping rolls of mat, a feathered edge should go over a straight edge with a minimum 2-in (50 mm) overlap.



Remove the mat from its polythene bag and lay on a clean dry surface. Cut the mat with a straight edge and a very sharp razor knife, taking care no to damage substrate or surface below. Re-roll the cut pieces of mat, mark each as needed, and store them in a clean dry location.

Though the reinforcement direction and configuration generally are not an issue, the following are recommended practices:

- Roll out the required lengths so the matting runs perpendicular to the roof slope applied bottom up wherever possible to avoid backwater laps.
- When applying Impermitek liquid applied membranes over Impermitek's self-adhered base-ply, the TekMat reinforcement should run parallel to the base-ply rows wherever possible.
- On very steep or extreme slopes, the TekMat should be applied parallel to the slope.

IR-26 Resin Mixing & Use

Before beginning to mix the resin, refer to the IR-26 product data sheet (PDS) for specific recommendations regarding the suitability for use, temperature ranges, weather additives, and catalyzation.

Impermitek Weather Additives (Accelerators and Inhibitors)

Specific weather additives may be used with individual resin grades, depending on ambient temperature. Refer to specific resin and additive PDS for information regarding additive use and temperature guidelines:

Weather Additive:	Use:
IR-26 Accelerator	Speeds up cure in low temperatures
IR-26 Inhibitor	Slows down cure at high temperatures

Impermitek weather additives should only be added when temperature conditions permit and strictly in accordance with recommended guidelines.

The additive must be thoroughly mixed into the resin before mixing with the Catalyst Powder.

IMPORTANT: The catalyst must never be allowed to come into direct contact with either additive prior to being mixed in the resin. Accelerators and inhibitors are not a replacement for the Catalyst Powder.

Mixing Weather Additives with the Resin

Add the complete can of IR-26 Accelerator / Inhibitor (ensure that full contents of the can are transferred) into a full can of IR-26 resin. Using a slow-speed (200 to 400 rpm) mechanical agitator, thoroughly mix the entire container of resin for two minutes or as needed, ensuring the additive is thoroughly

dissolved and incorporated into the resin.

Mark the can mixed with additive "Low Temperature Accelerator Added" or "High Temperature Inhibitor Added" accordingly. Once the additive is fully mixed, the resin may be poured off into smaller batches as required for catalyzing and application.

Impermitek Resin Catalyzing

Please, refer to the IR-26 PDS for information regarding Catalyst Powder addition and temperature guidelines. Impermitek's Catalyst Powder is added based on the volume of resin being used and temperature at the time of application.

The temperature ranges and catalyst additions shown on IR-26 PDS are to be used as a guide. Always test the pot life in the jobsite conditions with a test mix at the suggested catalyst level and adjust up or down as needed before starting the application. When batch mixing, thoroughly mix the entire drum of resin before pouring it into a second container or adding catalyst.

The catalyst is measured and added to the resin using a provided scoop (approx. 25ml or 20g). Catalyze only the amount of resin that can be used within 10-15 minutes. Add



the Catalyst Powder to the resin component and stir using a mixing stick or slow-speed (200 to 400 rpm) mechanical mixer with spiral agitator for 2-4 minutes or until the catalyst has sufficiently dissolved, taking care not to aerate the resin.

IR-26 Consumption Rates

After mixing, IR-26 is applied at the approximate consumption rates as follows:

Recommended Coverage Rates using TekMat 225 gal/100 ft ² (L/m ²)			
Substrate	Basecoat	Topcoat	Total
Smooth (CSP3)	2.94 (1.2)	1.23 (0.5)	4.18 (1.7)
Medium (CSP4)	3.40 (1.4)		4.67 (1.9)
Rough (CSP5)	4.17 (1.7)		5.40 (2.2)

Recommended Coverage Rates using TekMat 450 gal/100 ft ² (L/m ²)			
Substrate	Basecoat	Topcoat	Total
Smooth (CSP3)	3.68 (1.5)	1.23 (0.5)	4.91 (2.0)
Medium (CSP4)	4.17 (1.7)		5.40 (2.2)
Rough (CSP5)	4.91 (2.0)		6.14 (2.5)

NOTE: The above coverage rates are for guidance only and it is the responsibility of the installer to

determine the exact coverage rates based on jobsite conditions. The amount of resin required varies depending on the roughness and porosity of the substrate. Rough or highly porous surfaces will significantly reduce coverage rates.

Membrane Basecoat Application

Before applying the IR-26 resin, ensure that substrates are prepared and primed correctly in accordance with the relevant application guidelines. All flashing and detailing work including angle changes and joints should be completed and cured prior to application to the main work area. Mask off the designated work area as necessary. Ensure temperature and surfaces are within the application temperature guidelines. Minimum cure and maximum re-coat times should always be followed.

After mixing, apply the catalyzed resin basecoat to clean and prepared substrate at the required consumption using approved Impermitek rollers or brushes.

The basecoat application is performed by applying the first two thirds resin onto the substrate, embedding and working the TekMat reinforcement into the resin. Embed the TekMat reinforcement into the wet basecoat of resin using appropriate pressure with the Impermitek Roller. Immediately apply the final one third of the resin over the mat with Impermitek rollers to fully encapsulate the TekMat reinforcement.

Note: The matting should be allowed to soften (approximately 2 minutes) before finishing with the Impermitek roller. Properly incorporated matting will appear “swirly” where no straight fibers remain.



Resin basecoat with under saturated and underworked matting.

Inspect the applied basecoat while wet and correct any areas with insufficient resin (voids, prominent fibers, or spots remaining white) by applying additional resin as required and ensuring a closed, pinhole-free surface is achieved. Following application, allow the basecoat to cure (30 – 60 minutes in normal conditions). Perform a final check for pinholes, protruding fiberglass strands, or other deficiencies and correct those accordingly before applying the topcoat.

Note: On flat open surfaces, the initial 2/3 of basecoat resin may be spread using V-notch rakes or squeegees as follows:

Normal application:	where appropriate basecoat may be spread using 3/8-in steel v-notch rake.
Steep slope:	where appropriate basecoat may be spread using 1/4-in steel v-notch rake.

Membrane Topcoat Application

The resin topcoat should be applied as soon as possible, up to a maximum overcoating time of 7 days. The basecoat must be fully cured before applying the topcoat. Changing ambient conditions should be monitored throughout the day to adjust catalyst ratios and cure times accordingly.

When an area of previously applied IR-26 basecoat is left exposed to the elements for extended periods or has been contaminated, cleaning or repair may be required before the topcoat is applied.

At tie-ins, clean cured resin basecoat using Impermitek Cleaner before application of the topcoat.

IMPORTANT: After 7 days, the in-place reinforced basecoat should be lightly sanded, wiped down, and cleaned with Impermitek Cleaner, which allows up to another 7 days for the topcoat to be applied. If left for longer than 14 days, reapplication of the basecoat with reinforcement is required.

Daily Work Joints & Tie-Ins

At the completion of each day's work, ensure that all TekMat reinforcement applied with the basecoat is completely embedded in the resin with the resin coat extending at least 2" (50mm) beyond the edge of the mat.

All basecoat and topcoat tie-ins should be prepared by cleaning and drying the previously applied resin and wiping down with Impermitek Cleaner to ensure sufficient adhesion.

Basecoat tie-ins require applying catalyzed resin over the in-place cured resin and ensuring that the TekMat reinforcement overlaps the existing mat by at least 2" (50mm).

NOTE: for basecoat and topcoat work joints and/or tie-ins, masking tape is recommended to produce a neat joint. DO NOT attempt to "feather" the resin as thinly applied resin can result in under-cure.

Best Practices for Optimum Topcoat Color Consistency

Impermitek resins are engineered to offer the highest performance in addition to an aesthetically pleasing and colorfast finish. Due to the nature of their rapid setting technology, variable environmental factors such as temperature and exposure to direct sunlight during cure, use of weather additives (accelerators and inhibitors), and varying levels of catalyst powder addition can all cause minor color variations in the finished membrane topcoat color and appearance.

The following actions will help to minimize potential color variation with the membrane topcoat application:

- Use the same batch numbers for the entire topcoat application. This applies to the resins and pigment additives where applicable.
- In instances where batch numbers cannot be maintained, blend and mix batches together to create a single distinct color batch.
- Apply topcoat in a single wet-to-wet application across the entire work area.

- Apply the topcoat at a uniform temperature and sun exposure using the same weather additives and catalyst ratios.
- Avoid using resin mixed with additives adjacent to areas of resin without additives.
- When working in areas where there is constant shading or shadows, use temporary covers to provide consistent shade across the whole work area and avoid application in direct sunlight.
- Be consistent using linear roller strokes and follow the same application procedure throughout.
- For large work areas that cannot be top coated in a single wet-to-wet application, mask off a checkerboard grid pattern and topcoat to clean lines, peeling tape before the resin cures.
- DO NOT attempt to overpaint areas of cured resin topcoat or "feather" the resin as thinly applied resin can result in under-cure.

Application Quality Control

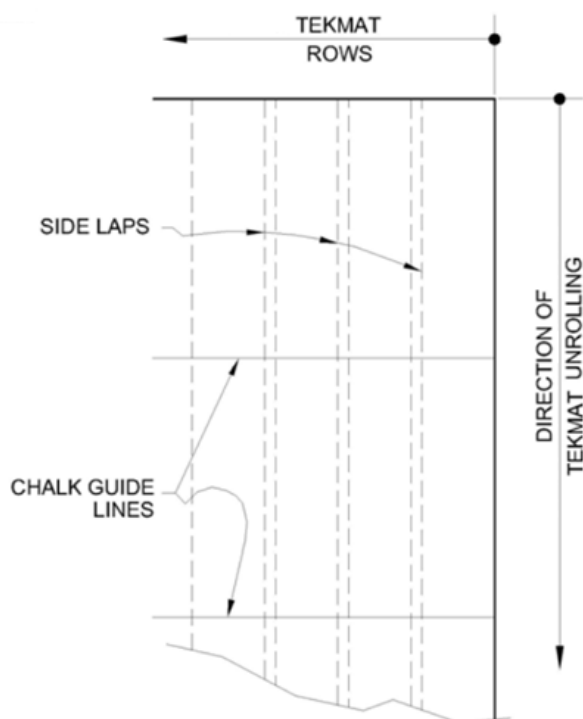
Wet film thickness gauges cannot be used to measure wet film mil thickness and resin consumption with liquid-applied reinforced membranes. For Impermitek reinforced membranes, resin consumption and membrane thickness are gauged by monitoring surface profile, distances, and volume of resin applied.

The following table shows typical consumptions per can of IR-26 resin using TekMat reinforcement:

Approximate coverage distance per 4 gal (15 L) can with TekMat 225		
Substrate	BaseCoat Ft (m)	Topcoat Ft (m)
Smooth (CSP3)	+/-42.6 (12.9)	+/-102 (31)
Medium (CSP4)	+/-36.3 (11.1)	
Rough (CSP5)	+/-30.0 (9.1)	

Approximate coverage distance per 4 gal (15 L) can with TekMat 450		
Substrate	BaseCoat Ft (m)	Topcoat Ft (m)
Smooth (CSP3)	+/-34.1 (10.4)	+/-102 (31)
Medium (CSP4)	+/-30.0 (9.1)	
Rough (CSP5)	+/-25.6 (7.7)	

After confirming the approximate surface profile and recommended resin consumption, a chalk-line grid can be applied on the substrate defining coverage distances per can of resin. The grid should be applied perpendicular to the Impermitek TekMat reinforcement roll-out direction as follows:



Substrate Quality Controls

Determinations of bond strength and moisture content should be performed periodically by the contractor throughout the course of work. Bond strength and adhesion can be monitored at the job site using both qualitative and quantitative means depending on the type of system application.

For most roofing and waterproofing applications, bond testing may be performed by means of an adhesive peel test. For waterproofing and surfacing applications, bond testing should be performed with an appropriate adhesion tester.

Tests should be performed on completely cured sample membrane applied adjacent to work at start-up, and intervals as required throughout the project assuring specified adhesion with a minimum of three

tests per 5000 ft² (465 m²). In the event the tensile bond strengths are lower than the minimum recommended, additional substrate preparation should be performed and testing repeated to verify suitability of substrate. The contractor must notify Impermitek immediately if tensile bond test results are below the recommended criteria.

Refer to Impermitek Technical Data Sheet regarding field adhesion testing for additional information.

Crew Size & Workforce

The appropriate workforce must be determined by the applicator on a job-to-job basis based on the project size, complexity, scheduling, and access. A typical size crew usually consists of approximately 5 people, with a designated mixer, a runner, and 3 applicators.

Application of field membrane areas typically requires two workers per run working a roll. Larger applications may have multiple staggered runs working at the same time. Applying runs of large wall flashings are also done best with two people working together, while small penetrations and flashings can be done by a single individual.



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