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**Agrément Certificate**

**18/5547**

Product Sheet 1

## JUTA WATERPROOFING SYSTEMS

### HYDROLOCK

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> relates to HYDROLOCK, for use in waterproofing and damp-proofing underground reinforced concrete structures.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

#### 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

**Resistance to water and water vapour** — the product, including joints, will resist the passage of moisture into the structure (see section 6).

**Resistance to mechanical damage** — the membrane is resistant to damage and has the ability to self-heal if punctured (see section 7).

**Durability** — when fully protected, the product provides an effective barrier to the transmission of moisture for the life of the structure in which it is incorporated (see section 12).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the product described herein. This product has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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## Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, HYDROLOCK, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



### The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>A1</b>	<b>Loading</b>
Comment:		Application of the product will not adversely affect a structure's ability to transmit loadings and will satisfy this Requirement. See section 9 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>C2(a)</b>	<b>Resistance to moisture</b>
Comment:		The product, including joints, will enable a structure to satisfy this Requirement. See section 6 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.



### The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>8(1)</b>	<b>Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials</b>
Comment:		The product can contribute to a construction satisfying this Regulation. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Building standards applicable to construction</b>
Standard:	1.1(a)(b)	Structure
Comment:		Application of the product will not adversely affect a structure's ability to transmit loadings, with reference to clause 1.1.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> of this Standard. See section 9 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.4	Moisture from the ground
Comment:		The product, including joints, will enable a structure to satisfy clauses 3.4.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 3.4.2 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 3.4.5 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 3.4.6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 3.4.7 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> of this Standard. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Standard:	7.1(a)(b)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:		The product can contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Building standards applicable to conversions</b>
Comment:		All comments given for the product under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and Schedule 6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> .

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



### The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>23a(i)(iii)b(i)</b>	<b>Fitness of materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Resistance to moisture and weather</b>
Comment:		The product, including joints, will enable a structure to satisfy the requirements of this Regulation. See section 6 of this Certificate.

**Regulation:** 30

Comment:

**Stability**

Application of the product will not adversely affect a structure's ability to transmit loadings and will satisfy the requirements of this Regulation. See section 9 of this Certificate.

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See sections: 1 *Description* (1.2), 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.2 and 3.3) and 13 *General* (13.6) of this Certificate.

## Additional Information

### NHBC Standards 2018

In the opinion of the BBA, HYDROLOCK, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapters 5.1 *Substructure and ground bearing floors*, clause 5.1.20 *Damp-proofing concrete floors*, for use below the slab, and 5.4 *Waterproofing of basements and other below ground structures*.

Where Grade 3 protection is required and the below ground wall retains more than 600 mm measured from the top of the retained ground to the lowest finished floor level, the product must be used in combination with either Type B or C waterproofing protection.

### CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the product, in accordance with harmonised European Standard BS EN 13491 : 2004.

## Technical Specification

### 1 Description

1.1 HYDROLOCK comprises an approximately 7.5 mm thick waterproofing membrane consisting of two polypropylene geotextiles (a lower woven fabric and upper non-woven fabric) enclosing pulverised natural sodium bentonite. The total weight of the bentonite is 5.0 kg·m<sup>-2</sup>.

1.2 The membrane is available in roll sizes of 1.25 x 5.1 m and 5 x 40 m for larger areas, for use in lining large areas such as horizontal floor slabs and vertical walls.

1.3 Other items or components which may be used with the product, but which are outside the scope of this Certificate, are:

- HYDROLOCK PASTE — a trowel-grade sodium bentonite compound used for detailing work, eg around penetrations, and for adhesive application of HYDROLOCK STRIP
- HYDROLOCK STRIP — a black, flexible, extruded strip of sodium bentonite/butyl rubber, for use as a water bar in construction joints and in conjunction with HYDROLOCK, available in 20 mm x 25 mm x 5 m rolls
- HYDROLOCK RAIL — a galvanized metal overlay strip used to prevent HYDROLOCK STRIP from moving during placement of concrete
- Accessory bentonite — a loose form of pulverised sodium bentonite used for detailing. It can be installed in a dry inactivated state or mixed with water to form a paste for sealing, available in 20 kg bags.

## 2 Manufacture

2.1 HYDROLOCK is manufactured by a needle-punching process, in which the fibres of the upper non-woven geotextile are pushed through the bentonite layer and secured in the retaining lower woven layer. This process links the geotextiles and contains and confines the bentonite.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

## 3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 Rolls of HYDROLOCK are wrapped in polythene film, and bear a label detailing the company and product name, roll and lot number, weight and dimensions.

3.2 Rolls of 1.25 x 5.1 m HYDROLOCK weigh 34 kg and have a diameter of 100 mm. They are supplied singly or on pallets of 25 rolls, strapped with steel banding.

3.3 Rolls of 5 x 40 m HYDROLOCK weigh greater than 1000 kg and have two lifting straps.

3.4 The product should be stored in dry conditions, under cover and away from the possibility of damage or premature contact with water.

## Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on HYDROLOCK.

### Design Considerations

## 4 Use

4.1 HYDROLOCK, when used with a minimum of 150 mm properly designed concrete, is satisfactory for use as a fully bonded Type A waterproofing protection as defined in BS 8102 : 2009 for the waterproofing of new structures and as a damp-proofing membrane for solid floors in accordance with the relevant clauses of CP 102 : 1973, Section 3. Concrete structures must be designed in accordance with BS EN 1992-3 : 2006.

4.2 The product can be used externally on concrete to provide an effective barrier to the transmission of liquid water where Grades 1 to 3 waterproofing protection are required, as defined in Table 2 of BS 8102 : 2009.

4.3 Where Grade 3 waterproofing protection is required, the environment must also be controlled by the use of ventilation, dehumidification and/or air conditioning (as appropriate) to ensure that dampness does not occur. An additional waterproofing system may be needed, where necessary. See also the *Additional Information* part of this Certificate relating to the *NHBC Standards*.

4.4 The product prevents the passage of water between itself and the concrete structure to which it is fixed. The product must be adequately confined to ensure a watertight seal is achieved in service.

## 5 Practicability of installation

The product should only be installed by installers who have been trained and approved by the Certificate holder.

## 6 Resistance to water and water vapour



When used in combination with a minimum 150 mm section of properly designed concrete, the product will adequately resist the passage of moisture into the structure.

## 7 Resistance to mechanical damage

The membrane is robust and resistant to normal site activities. The dropping of heavy objects will normally have no damaging effect on the membrane. Any accidental cuts will self-heal when the membrane is hydrated following correct installation, provided that bentonite material is not lost from the edges of the cut. If the damage is more extensive, or material is lost from the membrane, it must be repaired (see section 17).

## 8 Chemical resistance

8.1 The gelling of sodium bentonite is adversely affected by the presence of electrolytes (particularly trivalent ions) and may also be affected by the presence of soluble cations, such as those found in chalk or lime soils. In these situations, or in chemically contaminated areas, advice should be sought from the Certificate holder.

8.2 The product is not affected by organic contaminants.

## 9 Resistance to loading



Provided that the product is adequately confined, properly hydrated and not subject to point loading, an installation beneath a foundation slab will transmit dead and imposed loads to the ground safely without excessive deformation. In situations where point loading is anticipated, the Certificate holder's advice should be sought.

## 10 Adhesion

When concrete is cast against the woven side of the membrane, the free ends of the needle-punched fibres become embedded in the concrete, creating a permanent bond between the concrete and membrane.

## 11 Maintenance

As the product is confined by the concrete and has suitable durability (see section 12), maintenance is not required. However, any damage occurring during installation must be repaired in accordance with section 17.

## 12 Durability



HYDROLOCK, when fully protected and subjected to normal service conditions, will provide an effective barrier to the transmission of moisture for the life of the structure in which it is incorporated.

### 13 General

13.1 HYDROLOCK must be installed in accordance with the relevant requirements of BS 8102 : 2009 and the Certificate holder's instructions.

13.2 The product may be applied under most normal site conditions, including sub-zero temperatures and during heavy rainfall. Under wet conditions, the product can withstand light construction traffic without significant extrusion of the bentonite. Slight losses at the exposed edges of a lap joint will not impair the watertightness but may have an adverse effect on site safety. Excess pressure should be avoided if the membrane is hydrated without the proper confinement.

13.3 The product must be installed fully supported on flat, smooth surfaces, without wrinkles or folds in the membrane that could cause it to sag during concrete placing. The Certificate holder can advise on suitable surfaces for a particular installation.

13.4 All surfaces to which the membrane is applied must be sound and solid to ensure that no movement occurs during the pouring of concrete.

13.5 The membrane is installed with the non-woven geotextile facing uppermost (horizontal) or facing the structure vertically, ensuring that it will be in contact with the fresh concrete when it is poured.

13.6 The membrane is easy to handle and can be cut using a sharp knife.

13.7 The membrane will swell on contact with moisture, and must be confined to ensure that a watertight seal is achieved in service. The Certificate holder should be consulted for a particular application, to ensure that this is adequately achieved and the operation properly supervised.

13.8 The product must not remain permanently exposed.

### 14 Joints

14.1 The formation of a continuous waterproof barrier is achieved using lap joints. The minimum overlap between adjoining edges and roll ends is 100 mm. It is recommended that laps be staggered by a minimum of 300 mm to avoid four sheets overlapping in one location. All vertical lap joints are secured by nailing laps together, or fixing to the substrate with fasteners.

14.2 Overlaps should be planned to ensure that they all run in a uniform direction. The concrete should be placed on top of the membrane following the direction of the overlaps, to avoid folding of the membrane during concrete placing.

### 15 Penetrations and sealing

15.1 Sealing around protrusions through the membrane, eg at details such as piles and service pipes, is achieved by cutting a hole in the membrane, fitting the membrane over the protrusion and sealing around the protrusion on top of the membrane with a bentonite paste<sup>(1)</sup>.

15.2 Foundation piles to be sealed should be clean and free from surface irregularities. The area surrounding the pile is covered with a bentonite powder<sup>(1)</sup> and a pre-trimmed section is slipped over the protruding steel reinforcement or laid against the pile, ensuring that no areas remain unsealed. The whole area is protected by covering with another pre-trimmed membrane which is fixed to the lower membrane with nails.

(1) The Certificate holder can advise on suitable materials, but these products are outside of the scope of this Certificate.

## 16 Procedure

### Horizontal surfaces

16.1 Following the required groundwork preparation, a minimum of 50 mm blinding layer consisting of lean concrete, sand or gravel is placed, compacted and levelled. This layer must be free from debris and have a smooth surface.

16.2 The membrane is rolled out manually or, to assist handling of larger rolls, with a spreader bar and trimmed to fit.

16.3 An additional 75 mm concrete blinding layer can be placed on top of the membrane as a protective measure to allow the erection of shuttering and steel fixing.

16.4 At the edge of the slab, between the horizontal and vertical joint, the membrane is turned up by 90° and nailed to the vertical shuttering. Flat head nails are used so they can be removed prior to casting the concrete element. A sufficient length of membrane should be left to ensure the formation of the recommended overlap joint with the vertical member.

16.5 Where construction joints are planned, the exposed membrane should be protected from premature hydration and mechanical damage using a suitable water-resistant liner.

16.6 If expansion joints are required, a suitable BBA-approved water bar should be used.

### Vertical surfaces

16.7 In vertical applications, HYDROLOCK can either be installed against the outside of existing walls or, preferably, be applied to the inside face of shuttering to be subsequently filled with poured concrete.

16.8 On cast concrete substrates, the membrane is aligned vertically and fixed through the overlaps to the concrete substrate, using proprietary washer-headed fasteners every 250 to 300 mm along the top edge.

16.9 When fixed to the inside face of shuttering, the membrane is preferably aligned vertically (although horizontal alignment is possible), ensuring that all laps face down, away from the flow of the poured concrete. The overlaps are secured to the shuttering using proprietary soft washers every 250 to 300 mm.

16.10 A minimum overlap of 350 mm should be ensured between the kicker and the wall. If necessary, an additional 400 mm membrane sealing strip can be used. This is placed directly over the construction joint running parallel, to ensure that the overlap of the liners is sealed tightly. The upper liner should overlap the lower to prevent ingress of soil and debris during backfilling.

16.11 Backfilling should be carried out as soon as possible after placing the membrane. Backfill material should be free from builders' debris and angular aggregate, and should be compacted to a minimum 85% Modified Proctor. To prevent soil or debris from damaging the installed liners, a 100 to 150 mm long protection board can be fixed to the membrane and secured using nails 200 to 300 mm beneath the maximum height of the vertical sealing. The Certificate holder can advise on suitable products.

16.12 After backfilling, the application of the membrane is continued. The membrane should not be installed above the intended final ground level and should be terminated at that point on the concrete structure.

## 17 Repair

Where material is lost from the membrane, a patch of HYDROLOCK should be applied. The patch is secured by nailing over the damaged area, ensuring that the patch extends a minimum of 200 mm on each side. If the damage is more extensive, the membrane should be replaced with fresh HYDROLOCK.

### 18 Investigations

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

18.2 An assessment was made of existing data from independent laboratories relating to:

- bond strength between HYDROLOCK and poured concrete
- resistance to liquid water
- resistance to liquid water at lap joint
- resistance to water vapour pressure
- resistance to puncture and ability to self-seal
- stability of bentonite powder within the membrane during normal site handling
- static puncture resistance
- thickness and mass per unit area
- index flux
- wide-width tensile
- peel strength between top and bottom layers.

18.3 An assessment was made of the practicability of installation of the product.

### Bibliography

BS 8102 : 2009 *Code of practice for protection of structures against water from the ground*

BS EN 1992-3 : 2006 *Eurocode 2 : Design of concrete structures — Liquid retaining and containing structures*

BS EN 13491 : 2004 *Geosynthetic barriers — Characteristics required for use as a fluid barrier in the construction of tunnels and underground structures*

CP 102 : 1973 *Code of practice for protection of buildings against water from the ground*



### 19 Conditions

#### 19.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page – no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- 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.

19.2 Publications, documents, specifications, legislation, regulations, standards and the like referenced in this Certificate are those that were current and/or deemed relevant by the BBA at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate.

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

19.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

19.5 In issuing this Certificate the BBA is not responsible and is excluded from any liability to any company, firm, organisation or person, for any matters arising directly or indirectly from:

- 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
- actual installations of the product/system, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any works and constructions in which the product/system is installed, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any loss or damage, including personal injury, howsoever caused by the product/system, including its manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal
- any claims by the manufacturer relating to CE marking.

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