

**0621P DRIBOND CONSTRUCTION CHEMICALS WATERPROOFING - WET AREAS****Branded worksection**

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**Worksection abstract**

This branded worksection *Template* is applicable to Dribond Construction Chemicals liquid membrane waterproofing systems for wet areas and is written with reference to AS 3740 (2021) and AS/NZS 4858 (2004). DRIBOND liquid membrane waterproofing systems for wet areas, comprising acrylic, polyurethane, or polymer/cementitious material and flashing tape to wall-to-wall and floor-to-wall junctions to accommodate movement.

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- 0315 Concrete finishes.
- 0411 Waterproofing - external and tanking.
- 0612 Cementitious toppings.
- 0613 Terrazzo in situ.
- 0632 Stone and terrazzo tiling.
- 0802 Hydraulic design and install.

Related branded worksections include:

- 0473p DRIBOND CONSTRUCTION CHEMICALS acoustic floor underlays.
- 0631p DRIBOND CONSTRUCTION CHEMICALS in ceramic tiling.

**Documenting this and related work**

You may document this and related work as follows:

- Show the location, extent and type of membrane including details of junctions with flashings on the drawings. See BCA (2022) F2D2 for Class 2 to 9 buildings and BCA (2022) H4D2 for Class 1 buildings.
- Plan structural control and expansion joints to avoid wet areas.

The *Normal* style text of this worksection may refer to items as being documented elsewhere in the contract documentation. Make sure they are documented.

Search [acumen.architecture.com.au](http://acumen.architecture.com.au), the Australian Institute of Architects' practice advisory subscription service, for notes on the following:

- Guarantees and warranties.
- Waterproofing.

**Specifying ESD**

The following may be specified by including additional text:

- Low VOC emitting and/or solvent free materials.
- Recycled material content.
- Materials that can be used on supplementary cementitious materials, e.g. fly ash and slag.
- Materials recyclable at the end of service life.

Refer to NATSPEC TECHreport TR 01 on specifying ESD.

## 1 GENERAL

Dribond Construction Chemicals, in business since 1974, is one of the most respected manufacturers of acoustic membranes, tile adhesives, waterproofing, grouts, sealers, repair products and other solutions for the building industry in the Asia-Pacific region. A multinational, family-owned and operated business that focuses on quality and service, Dribond Construction Chemicals has factories in Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia, with locations in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney, Auckland and Kuala Lumpur.

### 1.1 RESPONSIBILITIES

#### General

Requirement: Provide wet area waterproofing systems by Dribond Construction Chemicals, as documented.

*Documented* is defined in 0171 General requirements as meaning contained in the contract documents.

#### Performance

Requirements:

- Graded to floor wastes, to dispose of water without ponding.
- Able to prevent moisture entering the substrate or adjacent areas.

The following are characteristics of the product and should be considered when making selections:

- Ability to accommodate anticipated environmental conditions and expected movement of joints in the substrate.
- Resistance to damage from traffic and falling objects.
- Chemical compatibility with the surrounding building materials.
- Suitability for permanent immersion (e.g. tanking, tiled areas).

### 1.2 COMPANY CONTACTS

#### Dribond Construction Chemicals technical contacts

Website: [www.constructionchemicals.com.au/contact-us/](http://www.constructionchemicals.com.au/contact-us/)

### 1.3 CROSS REFERENCES

#### General

Requirement: Conform to the following:

- 0171 General requirements.

0171 General requirements contains umbrella requirements for all building and services worksections.

List the worksections cross referenced by this worksection. 0171 General requirements references the 018 Common requirements subgroup of worksections. It is not necessary to repeat them here. However, you may also wish to direct the contractor to other worksections where there may be work that is closely associated with this work.

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### 1.4 STANDARDS

#### Waterproofing wet areas

Standard: To AS 3740 (2021).

AS 3740 (2021) specifically applies to waterproofing of wet areas as defined in the NCC. The Note to AS 3740 (2021) clause 1.1 states that the standard is not intended to apply to communal or group wet areas such as shower areas in swimming pool complexes, sporting facilities and similar situations.

AS 3740 (2021) Section 4 illustrates detailing of waterproofing for typical situations. Nonetheless, it is recommended that project specific details be provided to eliminate any conflict in interpretation.

The Master Builders Association of NSW *Guide to internal wet area waterproofing (2017)* is a useful source of details and advice on good installation practice.

### 1.5 MANUFACTURER'S DOCUMENTS

#### Technical manuals

Website: [www.constructionchemicals.com.au/tech-info/](http://www.constructionchemicals.com.au/tech-info/)

## 1.6 INTERPRETATION

### Definitions

General: For the purposes of this worksection, the definitions given in AS 3740 (2021) and the following apply:

- Membranes (waterproof): Impervious barriers to liquid water, which may be:
  - . Installed below floor finishes.
  - . Installed behind the wall sheeting or render.
  - . Installed to the face of the wall sheeting or render.
  - . Applied in liquid or gel form and air cured to form a seamless film.
  - . Applied in sheet form with joints lapped and sealed.
- Waterproofing system: Combinations of membranes, flashings, drainage and accessories that form waterproof barriers and that may be:
  - . Loose-laid.
  - . Bonded to substrates.
- Wet area: An area within a building supplied with a floor waste.

Edit the **Definitions** subclause to suit the project or delete if not required. List alphabetically.

## 1.7 SUBMISSIONS

### Products and materials

Manufacturer's data: Submit product data sheets.

Type tests: Submit test results for the following:

- Membranes: To **MEMBRANES, Tests**.

Type tests are carried out off-site. However, submission of evidence of a successful type test may be called up here for requirements specified in **PRODUCTS**.

Evidence of delivery: Submit delivery docket as evidence of delivery of [complete/delete]

If evidence of delivery to site is required for particular products, consider including this *Optional* style text by changing to *Normal* style.

### Prototypes

Requirement: Submit prototypes to **EXECUTION, GENERAL, Prototypes**.

Include this *Optional* style subclause by changing to *Normal* style text if the *Optional* **EXECUTION, GENERAL, Prototypes** subclause is included.

### Records

General: Submit photographic records to **EXECUTION, GENERAL, Reporting**.

Flood tests: Submit photographic records to **TESTING, Flood tests**.

### Samples

Requirement: Submit samples to **PRODUCTS, GENERAL, Samples**.

### Shop drawings

Requirement: Submit shop drawings showing the following:

- Junctions with vertical surfaces and upstands.
- Junctions at perimeters.
- Drainage details.
- Control joints.
- Flashings.
- Penetrations.
- Corners.
- Terminations and connections.
- Membrane layers.

An alternative is to prepare these details in consultation with the membrane supplier. Delete as appropriate.

**Subcontractors**

Requirement: Submit names and contact details of proposed suppliers and installers as recommended by the manufacturer.

Evidence of experience: [complete/delete]

Delete if supplier/installer details are not required.

**Substrate acceptance**

Requirement: Submit evidence of installer's acceptance of the flooring substrate before starting installation.

**Tests**

Detail the tests required in EXECUTION and list the submissions required here.

Site tests: Submit results, as follows:

- Substrate moisture content test.
- Flood test.
- Electronic leak detection test.
- Seam probe test.

**Warranties**

Requirement: Submit warranties to **COMPLETION**, Warranties.

**1.8 INSPECTION****Notice**

Inspection: Give notice so that inspection may be made of the following:

- Substrates prepared and ready for installation of the wet area waterproofing systems.
- Following primer application.
- Membranes after installation and before concealment.
- Flood tests, if applicable.
- After flood testing, if applicable.

Edit to suit the project adding critical stage inspections required.

**Hold points**, if required, should be inserted here, e.g. to make sure the membrane is fully cured before it is covered.

AS 3740 (2021) Appendix D also includes a suggested checklist of items to be reviewed following installation of waterproofing.

**2 PRODUCTS****2.1 GENERAL****Product substitution**

Other products: Conform to **SUBSTITUTIONS** in 0171 General requirements.

**SUBSTITUTIONS** in 0171 General requirements sets out the submissions required if the contractor proposes alternative products. Refer also to NATSPEC TECHnote GEN 006 for more information on proprietary specification.

**Samples**

Requirement: Provide 300 x 300 mm samples of each type of membrane.

Delete if not required.

**Storage and handling**

General: Store and handle to Dribond's recommendations and as follows:

- Protect materials from damage.

**Product identification**

General: Marked to show the following:

- Manufacturer's identification.
- Product brand name.
- Product type.
- Quantity.
- Product reference code and batch number.

- Date of manufacture.

Edit the list to suit the project or delete if not required.

## 2.2 MEMBRANES

### Standards

Standard: To AS/NZS 4858 (2004).

### Tests

0171 General requirements defines different tests in **INTERPRETATION, Definitions**.

Standard: To AS/NZS 4858 (2004) Table 8.1.

### Total VOC limits

Requirement: Conform to the following maximum total VOC content:

- Waterproof membrane: 250 g/L.

Limiting VOC levels improves indoor air quality. Edit to more stringent values if required.

Compliance with this subclause targets the Waterproof membranes requirement within the Minimum Expectation level of the Exposure to Toxins credit in Green Star Buildings (2021).

Conformance testing: To SCAQMD Rule 1168 (1989).

Consider editing and changing this *Optional* style text to *Normal* style text if required as a general quality standard.

## 2.3 DRIBOND CONSTRUCTION CHEMICALS MEMBRANE SYSTEMS

### Hydrathane

Description: One-part, water-based, polyurethane waterproofing membrane.

Application: Internal wet areas including shower alcoves, bathrooms and laundries.

### Liquid Flash 1

Description: Premixed, one-pack, water-based microfibre reinforced acrylic, flexible waterproofing membrane.

Application: Internal wet areas including shower alcoves, bathrooms and laundries.

### Liquid Flash 2

Description: Two-pack, microfibre reinforced, cement acrylic waterproofing membrane.

Application: Internal wet areas including shower alcoves, bathrooms, kitchens and laundries. As an anti-fracture membrane for floors.

### Flexible Sealer

Description: Pre-mixed, one-pack, water-based, brush/roller applied acrylic waterproofing membrane.

Application: Internal tiled wet areas including shower alcoves, bathrooms and laundries.

### Primebond

Description: Acrylic based liquid primer.

Application: For use internally on concrete, brick, block, cement render, fibre cement and gypsum building boards.

### Primax

Description: Two-pack, water resistant, bonding primer.

Application: For increased adhesion to porous and non-porous surfaces. e.g. concrete (smooth finish), ceramic tiles and compressed cement sheeting.

## 2.4 ACCESSORIES

### Shower tray

General: Purpose-made jointless shower tray, with wall upstands at least 50 mm higher than the hob upstands. Set hob on the inside of the tray upstands.

A shower tray is not required to complete the Dribond Membrane System. Typical materials include PVC, copper and stainless steel. Do not use timber for hob construction or Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (AAC) for hobs located within the tray. Delete if a preformed shower base is scheduled in 0811 Sanitary fixtures.

### Waterstop angles

Material: Rigid, corrosion-resistant angles compatible with the waterproof membrane system.

**Bond breakers**

Requirement: Compatible with the extensibility class of the membrane to be used.

Material: Purpose-made bond breaker tapes or fillets of sealant.

See AS 3740 (2021) Table 4.10 for appropriate bond breaker tape widths.

**Flashings**

This term is used to describe additional overlapping coats of liquid applied membranes or overlapping pieces of sheet membranes.

Requirement: Flexible waterproof flashings compatible with the waterproof membrane system.

**Liquid membrane reinforcement**

Description: Flexible fabric compatible with the waterproof membrane system.

Product: Reomat tape - 140 mm wide.

Application: For use at joints, corners and other details. Reinforcement to be fully wetted out with no wrinkles or bubbles.

**Sealants**

Requirement: Waterproof or water resistant, flexible, mould-resistant and compatible with the waterproofing system and to the manufacturer's recommendations.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 3.5.

Refer to NATSPEC TECHnote DES 017 on the selection of sealants.

**Adhesives**

Requirement: Waterproof and compatible with the waterproofing system.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 3.7.

**3 EXECUTION****3.1 GENERAL****Prototypes**

Requirement: Apply waterproofing to 10 m<sup>2</sup> of substrate to demonstrate surface preparation, crack and joint treatment, corner treatment and execution quality. Install final surface finish to demonstrate aesthetic affects, physical properties and quality of materials and execution as applicable.

If a prototype is a project requirement, consider including this *Optional* style text by changing to *Normal* style text.

Nominate an approval process and indicate if the prototype is to be retained. Indicate location, size and other details of prototypes on drawings.

**Reporting**

General: Make progressive photographic records of the waterproofing installation. Label photographs with the date and location.

Timing: Record at the following stages:

- After substrate preparation.
- After primer application.
- After membrane installation.
- After protection from traffic provided.

Liquid applied membranes:

- Record wet film thickness once every 10 m<sup>2</sup> and compare to the manufacturer's requirements.
- On completion of every 100 m<sup>2</sup> of each coat, compare the amount of membrane used with the manufacturer's application rate and record the result.

Personnel: Employ an appropriately qualified person to monitor the application and protection of the membranes and prepare a daily report.

For large or complex projects, consider including this *Optional* style text by changing to *Normal* style text.

**3.2 PREPARATION****Substrates**

Suitable wall substrates include:

- Concrete.
- Cement render.
- Fibre cement sheeting.
- Water resistant plasterboard sheeting.
- Masonry.

Suitable floor substrates include:

- Concrete.
- Compressed fibre cement sheeting.
- Structurally supported fibre cement sheeting.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 3.3.2 for details of associated standards.

Water resistant plasterboard sheeting may not be suitable for areas of high water volumes, e.g. shower recesses.

General: Prepare substrates as follows:

- Clean and remove any deposit or finish that may impair adhesion of membranes.
- If walls are plastered, remove loose sand.
- If walls or floors are framed or discontinuous, make sure support members are in full lengths without splicing.
- If floors are solid or continuous:
  - Remove excessive projections.
  - Fill voids and hollows greater than 10 mm with abrupt edges with a cement:sand mix not stronger than the substrate nor weaker than the bedding.
  - Fill depressions less than 10 mm with a latex modified cementitious product with feathering eliminated by scabbling the edges.
  - Fill cracks in substrates wider than 1.5 mm with a filler compatible with the membrane system.

Concrete substrates: Cure for more than 28 days.

Refer to the manufacturer's substrate curing time requirements for the membrane system being used.

External corners: Round or arris edges.

### Moisture content

Requirement: Verify that the moisture content of the substrate is compatible with the water vapour transmission rate of the membrane system by testing to the recommendations of AS 3740 (2021) Appendix F.

Refer to NATSPEC TECHnote DES 008 for preparation of concrete substrates. Refer also to CCAA Data Sheet on Moisture in concrete and moisture-sensitive finishes and coatings (2007).

### Falls

Membrane applied to substrate: Make sure the fall in the substrate conforms to the fall documented for the finish.

Document required falls on the drawings and update text above adding minimum fall to non-shower areas if required.

BCA (2022) H4D2 for Class 1 buildings and BCA (2022) F2D4 for Class 2, 3 or 4 buildings require falls for certain bathrooms or laundries to the following:

- Minimum continuous fall of the floor plane to the floor waste: 1:80.
- Maximum continuous fall of the floor plane to the floor waste: 1:50.

Refer to AS 3740 (2021) for Class 5 to 9 buildings, which do not have any NCC Deemed-to-Satisfy provisions for falls.

AS 3740 (2021), a referenced standard in the NCC, requires a minimum fall of 1:80 in shower areas including bathrooms with an integral shower area and a minimum fall of 1:100 to other areas with a floor waste.

For accessible areas, AS 1428.1 (2009) requires a fall between 1:60 and 1:80 in shower recesses and a fall between 1:80 and 1:100 to the remainder of the sanitary facility. The NCC cites AS 1428.1 (2001) and AS 1428.1 (2009). The current edition is AS 1428.1 (2021).

### Sheet substrate fastening

Requirement: Provide fasteners compatible with the substrate. Mechanically fasten to the supporting structure.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 3.6.



**Waterstop angles**

Requirement: Provide waterstop angles at door thresholds and shower enclosures to support the waterproof membrane at junctions between waterproofed and non-waterproofed areas.

Sizing: Size the vertical leg of the waterstop angle to conform to the requirements of AS 3740 (2021).

Corners: Cut the horizontal leg and bend the vertical leg at corners instead of forming vertical joints between separate lengths of angle.

Fixing: Fix waterstop angles to the substrate with compatible sealant or adhesive and corrosion-resistant countersunk or wafer head screws.

**Priming**

General: Prime the substrates with a primer compatible with the membrane system, suited to the substrate surface and to Dribond's recommendations.

Select from Dribond primers: Primebond, Primax.

**Bond breakers**

Requirement: After the priming of surfaces, provide bond breakers at wall/floor junctions, hob/wall junctions and at control joints where the membrane is bonded to the substrate.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.10, Table 4.10 and Figure 4.10. The lack of an effective bond breaker is the most common single source of waterproofing system breakdown.

Sealant fillet bond breakers:

- Application: Form a triangular fillet or cove of sealant to internal corners within the period recommended by the membrane manufacturer after the application of the primer.
- Width: Conform to AS 3740 (2021) Table 4.10.

Oversized bond breakers can interfere with finishes. See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.10.

**3.3 INSTALLATION****Ambient conditions**

Requirement: Do not install in conditions outside the manufacturer's recommendations.

**Protection**

Damage: Protect membrane from damage during installation and for the period after installation until the membrane achieves its service characteristics that resist damage and an overlaying finish is installed.

This includes making sure liquid applied membranes have fully cured.

**Extent of waterproofing**

Waterproof or water resistant surfaces: To BCA (2022) F2D2.

See BCA (2022) H4D2 for Class 1 and 10 buildings.

The NCC defines the extent of surfaces within wet areas required to be waterproof or water resistant.

**Flashings**

Junctions between waterproof surfaces: Provide a bond breaker at internal corners behind flashings.

Junctions between waterproof surfaces and other surfaces: Provide a bead of sealant at the following junctions:

- Waterproof and water resistant surfaces.
- Water resistant and water resistant surfaces.
- Water resistant and non-water resistant surfaces.

Perimeter flashings: Provide continuous flashings to the full perimeter of waterproof areas at wall/floor junctions and to waterstop angles.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.9.1 and Figure 4.9.1.

Vertical flashings: Provide vertical corner flashings continuous across wall/wall junctions to at least 1800 mm above finished floor level of the shower or base of the bath or tray, or 50 mm above the shower rose, whichever is the higher.

Vertical liquid applied flashings:

- Return legs at least 40 mm on each wall.
- Overlap the vertical termination of the floor waterproofing membrane at least 20 mm.



Vertical sheet flashings:

- Return legs at least 50 mm on each wall.
- Overlap shower tray upstands at least 50 mm.
- Do not penetrate flashing with wall lining fasteners.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.11.2.

Reinforcement: At coves, corners and wall/floor junctions with gaps greater than 3 mm, reinforce liquid applied membranes with reinforcement fabric tape to provide critical movement reinforcement.

### Drainage connections

Floor wastes: Provide floor wastes of sufficient height to accommodate the thickness of floor finishes and bedding at the outlet position. Position leak control flange to drain at membrane level. Turn membrane down 50 mm minimum into the floor waste leak control flanges, and adhere to form a waterproof connection.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.3.1 and Figure 4.3.1. Rebate the leak control flange into the substrate so that its upper surface is no higher than the adjacent surface.

Floor wastes in shower trays: Provide drainage of the tile bed and a waterproof connection between the tray and the drain.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.3.1.

Preformed drainage channels:

- With continuous leak control flanges: Provide a continuous waterproof connection between the membrane and the channel.
- Without leak control flanges: Provide continuous waterproofing under the channel and terminate the membrane at a floor waste with a recessed leak control flange.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.3.2 and Figure 4.3.2.

AS 3740 (2021) uses the term leak control flanges while the NCC uses the term drainage flange.

Leak control flanges: Conform to BCA (2022) F2D2.

### Vertical membrane terminations

Upstands:

- Shower areas with hobs and step-downs: Minimum 150 mm above the highest finished tile level of the shower area or 25 mm above the maximum retained water level, whichever is the greater.
- Shower areas without hobs: Minimum 150 mm above the highest finished tile level of the floor within the shower area.
- Shower areas with ceiling mounted shower rose: To the full height of the wall.
- Bath without an integral upstand edge without showers over: Minimum 150 mm above the shower rose connection.
- Bath with an integral upstand edge, bath with a shower over or bath adjoining an unenclosed shower: Minimum 150 mm above the bath edge.

Edge protection: Protect edges of the membrane.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.6.3.

### Showers with hobs

General: Provide masonry, concrete or corrosion-resistant metal hobs. Fix securely to the floor, seal against walls and make flush all gaps, joints and intersections before applying the membrane.

Masonry or concrete hob: Extend membrane over the hob and into the room at least 50 mm.

- Autoclaved aerated concrete hobs: Prime before applying the membrane.

Metal hob: Provide metal angle with height at least 15 mm above the finished floor level of the floor outside the shower. Terminate the membrane within 5 mm from the top of the angle. Seal the gap between the shower screen and the angle.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.6.2 and Figure 4.6.2.

### Showers with step-downs

Level of shower area: At least 15 mm below the finished floor level outside the shower.

Framed shower screens:

- Terminate the membrane directly below the floor tiles below the shower screen sill mounted on the upper level of the step-down.
- Support and adhere the membrane to a waterstop angle fixed securely to the substrate.

Frameless shower screens:

- Install a waterstop angle where the base of the shower screen will be installed and across the opening of the shower.
- Install membranes on both sides of the waterstop angle and turn the membranes up against the angle. Extend the membrane at least 50 mm into the adjacent area
- Finish membrane flush with the underside of tiles.
- Provide a sealant joint between the waterstop angle and tiles.
- Install the shower screen with the inside face flush with the step-down.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.8.2 and Figures 4.8.2(B) and 4.8.2(C).

### Showers without hobs or step-downs

Framed shower screens:

- Install a waterstop angle directly below where the base of the shower screen sill will be installed.
- Size the angle so that the vertical leg finishes at least 5 mm above the level of the tiles.

Edit the finishing height of the membrane above the tile level to at least 10 mm for a more secure installation.

- Support and adhere the membrane over the waterstop angle and extend the membrane at least 50 mm into the adjacent area.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.8.4 and Figure 4.8.4.

Frameless shower screens:

- Install a waterstop angle directly below where the base of the shower screen will be installed.
- Support and adhere the membrane over the waterstop angle and extend the membrane at least 50 mm in to the adjacent area.
- Install a capping angle over the membrane and vertical leg of the waterstop angle to protect the exposed membrane.
- Install the shower screen over the capping angle.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.8.3 and Figure 4.8.2(D).

Framed or frameless shower screens with trench drain located below screen:

- Install a waterstop angle where the outer edge of the trench drain to the perimeter of the shower will be installed.
- Size the angle so that the vertical leg finishes at the underside of the tiles.
- Support and adhere the membrane over the waterstop angle and terminate the membrane at floor wastes to **Drainage connections**.
- Install the trench drain with the shower screen located vertically above it.

### Unenclosed showers

Requirement: Extend membrane at least 1500 mm into the room from the shower rose outlet, on the walls and floor.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.8.2.

### Preformed shower bases

Preformed shower bases with integral perimeter upstands:

- Support shower bases to prevent distortion or cracking.
- Recess shower base into walls or batten off wall lining sufficiently to allow water resistant wall finishes to overlap the integral upstands along the top edge of the shower base.
- Maintain the structural integrity of walls that are rebated.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.14 and Figure 4.14. Schedule preformed shower bases in 0811 Sanitary fixtures. AS 3588 (1996) covers acrylic, fibreglass and stainless steel bases.

### Baths and spas

If ventilation of the enclosed space under baths or spas is required, specify openings and grilles in the appropriate worksections.

Baths with integral upstands:

- Recess bath edges into walls or batten off wall lining sufficiently to allow water resistant wall finishes to overlap the integral upstands.
- Maintain the structural integrity of walls that are rebated.

Baths without integral upstands or with showers over:

- Form a rebate in the wall to receive the bath edge.
  - . Rendered masonry walls: Form or chase in the render.
  - . Framed and lined walls: Form in the wall lining with a corrosion-resistant lipped channel.
- Waterproof the wall above and below the rebate, including the rebate, and the floor area under the bath.
- Seal the edge of the bath into the rebate.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.13 and Figures 4.13.2.2 and 4.13.3. Do not use small mosaic tiles if the sealant joint exceeds 25% of the surface area of the mosaic tiles.

Plinth-mounted insert baths and spas:

- Line framed enclosures for insert baths.
- Form an upstand on the inside edge of the enclosure opening to receive the bath with an angle or compressible foam rod.
- Waterproof walls abutting the enclosure, the top of the plinth and the interior and exterior of the enclosure.
- After tiling the walls, top of the plinth and exterior of the enclosure, install the bath with its downturn edge lip outside the upstand formed on the edge of the opening and seal the lip to the tiles.
- Minimum dimension from wall or free edge of the plinth to insert bath: 100 mm.

See AS 3740 (2021) clauses 4.13.3 and 4.13.6 and Figures 4.13.3(E) and 4.13.6.

Installing showers over this type of bath installation is not recommended due to issues with water drainage.

### **Taps and spouts**

Requirement: Waterproof penetrations for taps and spouts with preformed flange systems or a sealant.

Provision for servicing: Install taps so tap washers or ceramic discs can be serviced without damaging the waterproofing or seal.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.12.

### **Wall recesses**

Requirement: Support all faces of the recess and line with the same sheet material as the adjacent wall. Fall base of recess towards the shower area. Flash all junctions and waterproof all surfaces.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 4.12.4 and Figure 4.12.4.

### **Curing of liquid membrane systems**

General: To the manufacturer's recommendations.

Curing: Allow membrane to fully cure before tiling.

Membranes must be allowed to cure fully before tiling to prevent failure. Conform to manufacturer's recommendations.

### **Overlaying finishes on membranes**

Requirement: Protect waterproof membranes with compatible water resistant surface materials that do not cause damage to the membrane.

Suitable materials: Conform to AS 3740 (2021).

Suitable materials for walls include:

- Thermosetting laminated sheet.
- Pre-decorated fibre cement sheeting.
- Ceramic and stone tiles.
- Water resistant flexible sheet wall material (e.g. sheet vinyl) with sealed joints.
- Sanitary grade acrylic wall linings.
- Glass material.

Suitable materials for floors include:

- Ceramic and stone tiles.

- Water resistant flexible sheet flooring material (e.g. sheet vinyl) with sealed joints.
- Concrete.

See AS 3740 (2021) clause 2.4.3 for details of associated standards. See also AS 3740 (2021) clauses 4.16 and 4.17 for vinyl floor and wall coverings and polished concrete.

Bonded or partially bonded membranes: If the topping or bedding mortar is to be bonded to the membrane, provide sufficient control joints in the topping or bedding mortar to reduce the movement over the membrane.

### 3.4 TESTING

0171 *General requirements* defines different tests in **INTERPRETATION**, **Definitions** and calls for an inspection and testing plan in **TESTING - GENERALLY**, **Inspection and testing plan**.

AS 3740 (2021) Appendix C includes three methods for membrane continuity testing. Delete testing methods not used here and in **SUBMISSIONS**.

Specify here the approval criteria set up for the project. If necessary, nominate a **Hold point**.

#### Substrate tests

Moisture content: Test substrate for suitability for the installation of membranes to AS 3740 (2021) Appendix F.

- Maximum relative humidity of concrete or cementitious screeds: To AS 3740 (2021) Appendix F2.4.
- Moisture content of timber and plywood substrates: To AS 3740 (2021) Appendix F2.3.

#### Flood tests

Requirement: To AS 3740 (2021) Appendix C2.

A flood test may be required where the waterproofed wet area is over a habitable space particularly that of another occupant. However it should be noted that membrane system failures may occur due to damage caused on site after the flood test is conducted. Delete if not required.

Extent: [complete/delete]

Nominate where flood tests are required, e.g. Areas above plant rooms and habitable areas.

#### Electronic leak detection test

Requirement: To AS 3740 (2021) Appendix C3.

AS 3740 (2021) Appendix C3 notes where electronic leak detection testing can be used and includes a testing procedure. See also ASTM D8231 (2024), which details the standard procedures for electronic leak detection testing.

#### Seam probe test

Requirement: To AS 3740 (2021) Appendix C4.

A seam probe test can only be conducted on sheet membranes.

### 3.5 COMPLETION

#### Reinstatement

Extent: Repair or replace faulty or damaged work. If the work cannot be repaired satisfactorily, replace the whole area affected.

#### Warranties

Refer to 0171 *General requirements* for appropriate warranty type and the terms covered in the warranty.

Type: Cover materials and workmanship in the terms of the warranty in the form of interlocking warranties from the supplier and the applicator.

- Form: Against failure of materials and execution under normal environment and use conditions.

Materials:

- Warranty period: 10 years.
- Warranty terms: As offered by DRIBOND.

Dribond offers 10 year warranty for each of the products.

## 4 SELECTIONS

**Schedules** are a tool to specify properties required for products or systems. If the principal permits documentation of the product or system by proprietary name, some of the properties may be unnecessary and can be deleted. Document the product

or system's location or application here and/or on the drawings with a matching project code. Refer to NATSPEC TECHnote GEN 024 for guidance on using and editing schedules.

Refer to the Master Builders Association of NSW *Guide to internal wet area waterproofing (2017)* for guidance on waterproof membrane system selection.

#### 4.1 SYSTEMS

##### Dribond liquid applied membrane systems schedule

Dribond waterproofing products and systems are membranes as classified by AS/NZS 4858 (2004), as follows:

Class II (Medium extensibility):

- Water-based polymer/cementitious.
- Class III (High extensibility): Water-based polyurethane.
- Class III (High extensibility): Solvent-based polyurethane.

	1A	1B	1C	1D
Proprietary system	Dribond	Dribond	Dribond	Dribond
Membrane	Flexible Sealer	Hydrathane	Liquid Flash 1	Liquid Flash 2
Material type	Pre-mixed, one-pack, water-based, acrylic	One-part, water-based, polyurethane	Premixed, one-pack, water-based microfibre reinforced acrylic	Two-pack, microfibre reinforced, cement acrylic
Tensile strain (elongation at the break) (%)	450	468	420	201
Tensile stress at break (MPa)	1.3	2.2	1.5	1.9
Primer				
Number of coats (minimum)	2	2	2	2
Reinforcement	Reomat	Reomat	Reomat	Reomat
Membrane first coat	Flexible Sealer	Hydrathane	Liquid Flash 1	Liquid Flash 2
Membrane second coat	Flexible Sealer	Hydrathane	Liquid Flash 1	Liquid Flash 2
Method of application	Thick brush or roller	Thick brush or roller	Brush	Thick brush or roller
Application rate/coat (L/m <sup>2</sup> )	1.0	Floors: 0.66 Walls: 1.0	1.0	0.5
Dry film thickness (total) (mm)	1.5	Floors: 1.0 Walls: 0.6	1.5	1.5
Water stop angle				
Bond breakers	Reinforced membrane strip, 150 mm wide.	Reinforced membrane strip, 150 mm wide.	Reinforced membrane strip, 150 mm wide.	Reinforced membrane strip, 150 mm wide.

The codes in the header row of the schedule designate each application or location of the item scheduled. Edit the codes to match those in other contract documents.

Proprietary system: If the system is specified by proprietary name, some of the other schedule items may be unnecessary and can be deleted.

Material type: The defaults are waterproofing design options. Contact Dribond to discuss which option is most suitable for your project. Delete options that are not appropriate.

Primer: Select from: Primax, Primebond.

Water stop angles: Specify size of angle and material, e.g. aluminium, brass, stainless steel, rigid plastic.

##### Shower tray schedule

Typical shower trays as classified by AS 3740 (2021) include:

- Class I (Low extensibility): Metal trays, e.g. copper, stainless steel.

	A	B	C
Material			
Dimensions (mm)			
Surface protection/finish			

The codes in the header row of the schedule designate each application or location of the item scheduled. Edit the codes to match those in other contract documents.

Material: e.g. PVC, copper and stainless steel.

Dimensions (mm): Specify the length and width, e.g. 900 x 900 mm.

Surface protection/finish: Nominate the protection or finish.

#### REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are incorporated into this worksection by reference:

AS 3740	2021	Waterproofing of domestic wet areas
AS/NZS 4858	2004	Wet area membranes
BCA F2D2	2022	Health and amenity - Wet areas and overflow protection - Wet area construction

The following documents are mentioned only in the *Guidance* text:

AS 1428		Design for access and mobility
AS 1428.1	2001	General requirements for access - New building work
AS 1428.1	2009	General requirements for access - New building work
AS 1428.1	2021	General requirements for access - New building work
AS 3588	1996	Shower bases and shower modules
BCA F2D4	2022	Health and amenity - Wet areas and overflow protection - Floor wastes
BCA H4D2	2022	Class 1 and 10 buildings - Health and amenity - Wet areas
CCAA Data Sheet MC	2007	Moisture in concrete and moisture-sensitive finishes and coatings
GBCA Buildings	2021	Green Star Buildings
MBA (NSW) Book 1	2017	Guide to internal wet area waterproofing (Book 1)
NATSPEC DES 008		Preparation of concrete substrates
NATSPEC DES 017		Selection of sealants
NATSPEC GEN 006		Product specifying and substitution
NATSPEC GEN 024		Using NATSPEC selections schedules
NATSPEC TR 01		Specifying ESD
ASTM D8231	2024	Standard practice for the use of a low voltage electronic scanning system for detecting and locating breaches in roofing and waterproofing membranes
SCAQMD Rule 1168	1989	South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1168 - Adhesive and sealant applications (California, U.S.)