

# CCMC 13099-R

## CCMC Canadian code compliance evaluation

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<b>Product name:</b>	SUPERSEAL Dimpled Membrane
<b>Compliance:</b>	NBC 2015, NBC 2020, OBC
<b>Criteria:</b>	<p>CCMC-TG-071119.01-15, "CCMC Technical Guide for Foundation Wall Dampproofing Systems – Dimpled Membranes"            CCMC-TG-071119.01-20, "CCMC Technical Guide for Foundation Wall Dampproofing Systems – Dimpled Membranes"</p>

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## Compliance opinion

It is the opinion of the Canadian Construction Materials Centre that the evaluated product, when used as dampproofing for basement walls in accordance with the conditions and limitations stated in this evaluation, complies with the following codes:

### National Building Code of Canada 2015

Code provision	Solution type
9.13.2. Dampproofing	<u>Alternative</u>

### National Building Code of Canada 2020

Code provision	Solution type
9.13.2. Dampproofing	<u>Alternative</u>

### Ontario Building Code

Ruling No. 09-29-227 (13099-R) authorizing the use of this product in Ontario, subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Ruling, was made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on 2009-11-27 (revised 2017-03-31) pursuant to s.29 of the Building Code Act, 1992 (see Ruling for terms and conditions). This Ruling is subject to periodic revisions and updates.

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The above opinion(s) is/are based on the evaluation by the CCMC of technical evidence provided by the evaluation holder, and is bound by the stated conditions and limitations. For the benefit of the user, a summary of the technical information that forms the basis of this evaluation has been included.

# Product information

## Product name

SUPERSEAL Dimpled Membrane

## Product description

The product is a black high-density polyethylene, quasi-rigid plastic sheet membrane, extruded in a manner that results in a dimpled surface on one side and a smooth surface on the other. The dimpled surface provides an air gap between the concrete wall and the adjacent soil.

The product is available in rolls that are 0.635 mm thick, 20 m long, and up to 4 m wide.

To ensure correct application, the products must be installed as part of the dampproofing system with appropriate accessories, such as fasteners, washers and moulding strips, as recommended by the manufacturer.

Installation details are shown in [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#) below.

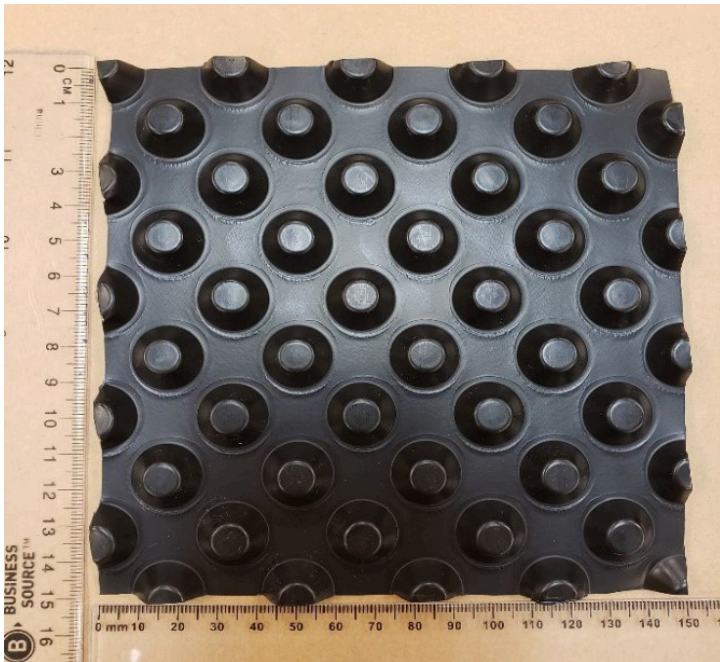


Figure 1. Side facing wall

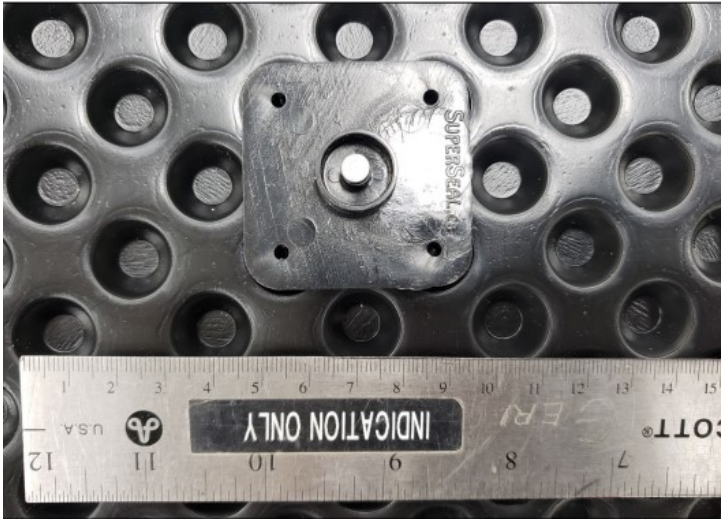


Figure 2. Anchor

## Manufacturing plant

This evaluation is valid only for products produced at the following plant:

Product name	Manufacturing plant
	Haiterbach, Germany
SUPERSEAL Dimpled Membrane	☑

☑ Indicates that the product from this manufacturing facility has been evaluated by the CCMC

## Conditions and limitations

The CCMC's compliance opinion is bound by this product being used in accordance with the conditions and limitations set out below.

- Based on the evidence provided, the product has been classified as Type 2 (applications up to depths of 3.7 m).
- The product must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation manual. In the event of conflict between the manufacturer's instructions and this evaluation, this evaluation shall govern.
- The product was evaluated for use against cast-in-place concrete and concrete block foundations only.
- The product must cover the foundation wall from the top of the footing to the final grade.
- Cast-in-place concrete and concrete block foundation walls shall have all holes and recesses sealed with mortar. The product must be installed on surfaces that are clean, dry and free of the following: ice, snow, frost, dust, dirt, oil, grease, cracks, projections and depressions, loose particles, and debris.
- The product must be used in locations where the foundation wall is well drained, in accordance with Subsection 9.14.2., Foundation Drainage, of Division B of the NBC 2015 and 2020. The product is a dimpled membrane drainage system designed to act as a capillary breaking layer against the foundation wall to protect the wall from transient or intermittent water that may come in contact with the surface of the wall.
- The products must be protected from exposure to ultraviolet (UV) sunlight within a maximum of 6 months of their installation.
- The top of the membrane and all vertical joints and terminations must be mechanically fastened with trims, moulding strips, termination bars or other accessories to prevent soil particles from entering behind the membrane. Accessories used to anchor the products are part of the evaluation.
- The performance of fixtures used to anchor the products in the wall was evaluated for a single anchor. It is the responsibility of the manufacturer to define the pattern and spacing of anchors, considering the anchor strength as well as the site-specific issues such as the type of soil, how it will interact with the products, as well as the backfilling method used.
- The products' label and/or packaging must be clearly identified with the manufacturer's name or logo and "CCMC 13099-R."

## Technical information

This evaluation is based on demonstrated conformance with the following criteria:

Criteria number	Criteria name
CCMC-TG-071119.01-15	CCMC Technical Guide for Foundation Wall Dampproofing Systems – Dimpled Membranes
CCMC-TG-071119.01-20	CCMC Technical Guide for Foundation Wall Dampproofing Systems – Dimpled Membranes

The evaluation holder has submitted technical documentation for the CCMC's evaluation. Testing was conducted at laboratories recognized by the CCMC. The corresponding technical evidence for this product is summarized below.

**Table 1. Results of testing of performance properties of SUPERSEAL (Dampproofing)**

Property	Unit	Requirement	Result
Compressive strength (initial)	kPa	≥ 150	211
Dynamic impact resistance (mean failure energy)	J	≥ 2.45	14.0
Creep resistance (residual thickness at 25 years/10°C)	%	≥ 40% at 25 years/ 10°C	54
Cold bending at –30°C	N/A	No visible crack	No visible crack
Tensile strength – at yield	kN/m	≥ 8	MD 10, XD 10 <sup>(1)</sup>
Tensile strength – elongation at break in cross direction	%	≥ 25	XD 32
Tensile strength – anisotropy ratio	–	≥ 0.5	0.97
Heat aging for 2 weeks – dimensional change	%	≤ 1	–0.9 (length), –0.8 (width), –0.4 (thickness)
Heat aging for 2 weeks – weight change	%	≤ 0.1	0.07
Heat aging for 2 weeks – residual compression strength	%	≥ 80% of initial	92
Resistance to alkaline environment – appearance	N/A	No visible crack	No visible crack
Resistance to alkaline environment – residual compression strength	%	≥ 80% of initial	111
Resistance to alkaline environment – appearance (cold bending at –30°C)	N/A	No cracks at room temperature	No visible crack
UV resistance – residual compression strength	%	≥ 80% of initial	103
UV resistance – oxidation induction time (OIT) after 500 hours of UV exposure	min.	5	25.2 <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Geometrical properties</b>			
Orientation of dimples	–	Report value	Diagonal

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Property	Unit	Requirement	Result
Number of dimples per unit area	Dimples/m <sup>2</sup>	Report value	1 885
Overall thickness	mm	Report value	7.80
Sheet thickness	mm	Report value	0.60
Hollow core thickness	mm	≥ 5	7.10
Anchorage performance	kN/anchor	Report value	0.93

### Notes

- 1 MD refers to the machine direction of the product; XD refers to the cross machine direction of the product.
- 2 UV aging of the samples is extended to 1 500 hours if OIT ≤ 5 minutes.

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## Code Compliance via Acceptable Solutions

If a building design (e.g. material, component, assembly or system) can be shown to meet all provisions of the applicable **acceptable solutions** in Division B (e.g. it complies with the applicable provisions of a referenced standard), it is deemed to have satisfied the objectives and functional statements linked to those provisions and thus to have complied with that part of the Code.

— National Building Code of Canada, Sentence A-1.2.1.1.(1)(a)

The CCMC has determined that compliance with this provision of the Code has been demonstrated as an **Acceptable Solution**. The evaluation report provides a summary of the basis of CCMC's compliance opinion.

### CCMC's code compliance opinions

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- complying with the applicable acceptable solutions in Division B, or
- using an alternative solution that will achieve at least the minimum level of performance required by Division B in the areas defined by the objective and functional statements attributed to the applicable acceptable solutions.

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# Code compliance as an alternative solution

## Code Compliance via Alternative Solutions

Where a design differs from the acceptable solutions in Division B, then it should be treated as an **"alternative solution."** A proponent of an alternative solution must demonstrate that the alternative solution addresses the same issues as the applicable acceptable solutions in Division B and their attributed objectives and functional statements. However, because the objectives and functional statements are entirely qualitative, demonstrating compliance with them in isolation is not possible. Therefore, Clause 1.2.1.1.(1)(b) identifies the principle that Division B establishes the quantitative performance targets that alternative solutions must meet. In many cases, these targets are not defined very precisely by the acceptable solutions [...] Nevertheless, Clause 1.2.1.1.(1)(b) makes it clear that an effort must be made to demonstrate that an alternative solution will perform as well as a design that would satisfy the applicable acceptable solutions in Division B—not “well enough” but “as well as.”

— National Building Code of Canada, Sentence A-1.2.1.1.(1)(b)

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