## TECHNICAL DATA BULLETIN

# Flexible DASH<sup>™</sup> Adhesive



### **Overview**

Versico's VOC-free, energy-absorbing, impact resistant Flexible DASH Adhesive is for use with VersiFleece membranes and to secure insulation boards to the deck for a totally non-penetrating system application. This industry-leading breakthrough in urethane adhesive technology offers builtin elongation and energy-absorbing properties that work in conjunction with the VersiFleece membrane to enhance puncture and hail resistance. Flexible DASH Adhesive is applied in full spray, splatter, or extrusions to deliver the two components onto the substrate. Parts A & B are mixed in the spray gun and applied to the roof. A catalytic reaction takes place, causing the Flexible DASH Adhesive to expand and foam. VersiFleece membrane is then laid into the foamed adhesive after developing "string/body" and rolled with a 150-lb. segmented roller to ensure the fibers of the fleece are embedded into the adhesive. Within 20 minutes, Flexible DASH Adhesive cures to form a tenacious bond between the substrate and the VersiFleece membrane.

### **Features and Benefits**

#### Added Puncture Resistance

In side-by-side dynamic puncture tests, Flexible DASH Adhesive increased puncture resistance between 33 – 50% compared to traditional competitive 2-component low-rise adhesives. The energy absorbing nature of the Flexible DASH foam makes this an ideal product for use in Roof Garden, Plaza Paver and Solar Panel applications in conjunction with VersiFleece membrane.

• FM approved



### Labor Saving Features and Benefits:

Reduces membrane application time up to 93% when compared to traditional installations using bonding adhesives on non-VersiFleece systems



Eliminates the need to pre-drill into concrete and gypsum decks

15-and 50-gallon drums reduce empty adhesive container stoppage time by 67% – 90% when compared to Bag-in-a-Box and 5 gallon jugs.

#### **Energy Efficient and Environmentally Sound**

Each layer of Flexible DASH Adhesive expands to  $\frac{1}{6}$ " –  $\frac{1}{6}$ "-thick and provides an additional R-value of 0.20 to 0.50 per layer. The NRCA estimates that up to 10% of R-value can be lost due to joints in the insulation. The expanding nature of DASH adhesive helps to seal insulation joints, when Flexible DASH Adhesive is specified for insulation attachment in place of mechanical fasteners, the 3 – 8% loss in R-value can be eliminated. Water is used as the blowing agent in Flexible DASH Adhesive, making it VOC compliant and not labeled as a flammable product.

#### Superior Wind Uplift

Superior wind uplift resistance is delivered with uplift pressures ranging from 90 – 945 psf depending on the substrate. Due to its superior wind uplift performance, the VersiFleece/Flexible DASH Adhesive System can qualify for upgraded wind speed warranties 80 – 120 mph with design enhancements. **Contact Versico Roofing Systems for design enhancement requirements.** 

#### **Expedient Installations without Interruption**

Due to the low noise and low odor associated with the system, the VersiFleece/Flexible DASH assembly is an excellent choice for re-roofing occupied buildings, as there is minimal disruption. Because of these benefits, schools, universities and hospitals are some of the biggest users of the VersiFleece/Flexible DASH assembly. The speed of application with Flexible DASH Adhesive affords project completion in a timely manner. Flexible DASH offers a significant reduction in free MDI: from 32% to 23% compared to traditional urethane adhesives.

#### **System Warranties**

A full range of system warranties are available including 10-, 15-, 20- and 30- year terms, which are No Dollar Limit, transferable and not voided for ponded water. In summary, the combination of 50 years of single-ply experience, fleece backing reinforcement, and Versico's impact-resistant adhesive technology results in an extremely tough and durable roofing composite system with superior wind uplift performance that can be applied with minimal business disruption and no deck penetrations.

## Application

- The surface to which adhesive is to be applied shall be dry and free of fins, protrusions, sharp edges, loose and foreign materials, oil and grease. Depressions greater than ¼" (6 mm) shall be filled with Flexible DASH Adhesive or other approved patching material. All sharp projections shall be removed. Previously unweathered asphalt must be primed with CAV-GRIP<sup>™</sup> 3V.
- Seal gaps between the wall/penetration and concrete deck with Versico 725TR, or other suitable material, to avoid condensation issues and positive pressure from air infiltration.
- For re-roofing sprayed-in-place (SPF) urethane roofs, all wet areas must be removed. The surface must then be scarified or perforated, depending on the coating, before applying Flexible DASH Adhesive.
- 4. Apply Flexible DASH Adhesive when the substrate and ambient temperatures are 25°F (-4°C) or above when spraying or extruding with heated or non-heated equipment. Dispense the adhesive between 300 800 psi, depending on the equipment used. Consult with your local VersiFleece Specialist for more details.
- Set pre-heater and hose temperature to 120°F (49°C). Temperature settings will vary with conditions.

## **VersiFleece Installation**

#### Slide-in Method:

- 1. Unroll VersiFleece sheet and position. Fold the sheet back in half lengthwise (end-to-end).
- 2. Spray-apply, splatter, or extrude Flexible DASH Adhesive to the substrate.
  - a. For full spray applications, spray adhesive at 1-gallon per square to obtain full coverage (approximately ¼" to ½" thick after foaming). Ensure membrane end laps are protected from adhesive.
  - b. For splatter applications, spray adhesive at ½ gallon per square to obtain 50% coverage (approximately ¼" to ½" thick after foaming). Ensure membrane end laps are protected from adhesive.
  - c. For extruded applications, apply at 4", 6", or 12" on center with a minimum 1/2" bead. Ensure membrane end laps are protected from adhesive.

3. Once "string time" occurs, gradually feed VersiFleece sheet into Flexible DASH Adhesive, checking for "string/body" every few feet. Stop feeding VersiFleece sheet into adhesive when applicator reaches adhesive that has NOT developed "string/body". Immediately begin to roll membrane width-wise with a 150-lb. segmented weighted roller. Repeat process until VersiFleece sheet is fully installed.

#### Roll-in (Mod Bit) Method:

- 1. Keeping the VersiFleece sheet on the core, position roll of VersiFleece membrane at the designated starting point.
- 2. Spray-apply, splatter, or extrude Flexible DASH Adhesive to the substrate.
  - a. For full spray applications, spray adhesive at 1-gallon per square to obtain full coverage (approximately ¼" to ½" thick after foaming). Ensure membrane end laps are protected from adhesive.
  - b. For splatter applications, spray adhesive at ½ gallon per square to obtain 50% coverage (approximately ¼" to ½" thick after foaming). Ensure membrane end laps are protected from adhesive.
  - c. For extruded applications, apply at 4", 6", or 12" on center with a minimum 1/2" bead. Ensure membrane end laps are protected from adhesive.
- 3. Once "string time" occurs, gradually roll VersiFleece membrane into Flexible DASH Adhesive, checking for "string/body" every few feet. Stop rolling VersiFleece into adhesive when applicator reaches adhesive that has NOT developed "string/body". Immediately begin to roll membrane width-wise with a 150-lb. segmented weighted roller. Repeat process until VersiFleece sheet is fully installed.

### **Insulation Attachment**

- 1. Apply Flexible DASH Adhesive to the substrate achieving a light-bluecolored foam.
  - For full spray applications, spray adhesive at 1-gallon per square to obtain full coverage (approximately ¼" to ½" thick after foaming).
    Ensure membrane end laps are protected from adhesive.
  - For splatter applications, spray adhesive at ½ gallon per square to obtain 50% coverage (approximately ¼" to ½" thick after foaming).
    Ensure membrane end laps are protected from adhesive.
  - For extruded applications, apply at 4", 6", or 12" on center with a minimum  $\frac{1}{2}$ " bead. Ensure membrane end laps are protected from adhesive.



Bead Spacing parameters for 5-, 10-, 15, or 20-year, 55-mph warranties are listed below. Contact Versico Project Review for bead spacing on high mph warranties and 30-year warranty projects.

| Building Height | Bead Spacing (Perimeter) | Bead Spacing (Field) |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 0' – 25'        | 6" o.c. (4' perimeter)   | 12" o.c.             |
| 26' – 50'       | 6" o.c. (8' perimeter)   | 12" o.c.             |
| 51' – 75'       | 6" o.c. (12' perimeter)  | 12" o.c.             |
| 76' – 100'      | 6" o.c. (16' perimeter)  | 12" o.c.             |
| 101' of greater | 6" o.c. (24' perimeter)  | 12" o.c.             |

- Factory Mutual bead spacing guidelines in the perimeter and corner may differ from the table above. Beads at 12" o.c. are not acceptable at perimeters and corners.
- Allow Flexible DASH Adhesive to rise and develop "string/body" (approx. 1½ – 2 min.). String time will vary based on environmental conditions like temperature and humidity. Do not allow the adhesive to over-cure prior to setting insulation boards.
- 4. Place insulation boards (maximum 4' x 4' insulation boards when adhesive is extruded at 12" o.c. or when boards exceed 4" thickness, or 4' x 8' insulation boards when adhesive is applied in full spray, 4", or 6" beads) into adhesive after allowing it to rise and develop "string/body". String time will vary based on environmental conditions like temperature and humidity. Do not allow the adhesive to over-cure prior to setting insulation boards.
- Designate one person to walk boards into place and then roll the boards between 5 – 7 minutes from the initial adhesive application. Boards may be temporarily weighted or relief-cut where necessary to keep the boards in constant contact with the adhesive until the adhesive cures.
- At the beginning of the insulation attachment process and periodically throughout the day, check the adhesion of boards to ensure a tight bond is created and maximum contact is achieved.

REVIEW CURRENT VERSICO SPECIFICATIONS AND DETAILS FOR SPECIFIC INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS.

## Precautions

• Review the Safety Data Sheet for complete safety information prior to use.

- The foam produced is an organic material. It must be considered combustible and may constitute a fire hazard. The foam adhesive must not be left exposed or unprotected. Shield from heat and sparks.
- Do not smoke during application.
- Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapors. Wear a NIOSH- or MSHA-approved respirator for organic vapors with prefilters and solvent-resistant cartridges or supplied airline respirators while spraying. Proper safety training is essential for all persons involved in the installation process. If vapor is inhaled, remove to fresh air and administer oxygen if breathing is difficult. Consult a physician immediately.
- Avoid contact with eyes. Safety glasses or goggles are required.
- If Flexible DASH adhesive is splashed in eyes, immediately flush eyes with plenty of clean water for at least 15 minutes. Contact a physician immediately.
- Avoid contact with skin. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. In case of contact with skin, thoroughly wash affected area with soap and water or corn oil. NOTE: Permeation-resistant gloves that meet ANSI/ISEA 105-2005 are required when handling the material or during application.
- Jobsite storage temperatures in excess of 90°F (32°C) may affect product shelf life. When temperatures are in excess of 90°F (32°C), utilize white membrane or material to shield the drums from direct sunlight. When storing or using adhesive in temperatures below 60°F, the adhesive internal temperature must be returned to 70°F prior to use. Placing adhesive in a heated area (70 90°F) for 4 hours should allow liquid adhesive to reach 70 90°F.
- Use spray booths, windscreens and/or lower spray pressure with spatter tips when spraying.
- Precautions must be taken to prevent Flexible DASH Adhesive vapors or overspray from entering buildings during application. All air-intake vents on roofs must be closed during application of adhesive.
- Use desiccant dryers on Part A drums to avoid formation of crystals from exposure to moisture in the air.
- Desiccant dryers should be used to prevent atmospheric moisture contamination of the remaining diisocyanate. Even a small amount of contamination by water or other foreign substance could result in excess pressure and catastrophic failure of the jug container. Do not reseal a jug if contamination is suspected. Move container to a wellventilated area (outside) and allow to stand for at least 48 hours to allow escape of evolved carbon dioxide to avoid hazardous pressure build-up in container.
- KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.



## **Coverage Rates**

Application rates may vary depending on ambient temperatures, surface, and substrate absorption rate.

|   | 50 Gallon Drums   |                  |                    |                    |                    |  |
|---|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| Approximate<br>Coverage<br>Rate (Sq. Ft.) | Full Spray        | 4" o.c.          | 6" o.c.            | 12" o.c.           | Splatter<br>Value  |  |
|   | 5,000 –<br>10,000 | 6,700 –<br>9,000 | 10,000<br>- 12,500 | 20,000<br>- 25,000 | 18,000 –<br>20,000 |  |
|   | 15 Gallon Drums   |                  |                    |                    |                    |  |
|   | Full Spray        | 4" o.c.          | 6" o.c.            | 12" o.c.           | Splatter<br>Value  |  |
|   | 1,800-3,000       | 2,110 –<br>2,700 | 3,000 –<br>3,750   | 6,000 –<br>7,500   | 5,400 –<br>6,000   |  |

### **LEED®** Information

| Pre-consumer Recycled Content  | 0%   |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Post-consumer Recycled Content | 0%   |
| Manufacturing Locations        | Geismar, LA<br>Elwood, IL<br>Chattanooga, TN |
| VOC Content                    | 0 g/L  |
| Solar Reflectance Index        | N/A  |

## Substrate Compatibility

| Insulation/Underlayments   |                  | Roof Decks               |                  | Existing Roofing Materials |                       |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| VersiCore® Polyiso         | Yes              | Concrete                 | Yes              | Smooth BUR                 | Yes <sup>5</sup>      |
| HP Recovery Board          | Yes              | Cellular Lt.Wt. Concrete | Yes              | Gravel BUR                 | Yes <sup>6</sup>      |
| Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) | Yes <sup>1</sup> | NVS Lt.Wt. Concrete      | Yes              | Mineral Cap Sheet          | Yes                   |
| Extruded Polystyrene       | Yes <sup>2</sup> | Gypsum                   | Yes              | Granular Modified-Bitumen  | Yes                   |
| New Sprayed Foam           | Yes              | Cementitious Wood Fiber  | Yes              | Smooth Modified-Bitumen    | Yes                   |
| Scarified SPF              | Yes              | Plywood/OSB              | Yes              | Coal Tar Pitch             | Yes <sup>7</sup>      |
| DensDeck®                  | Yes              | Painted Steel            | Yes              | Aluminum-Coated BUR        | Yes <sup>8</sup>      |
| SECUROCK®                  | Yes              | Galvanized Steel         | Yes <sup>3</sup> | Acrylic-Coated SPF         | Yes                   |
| Oriented Strand Board      | Yes              | Acoustical Steel         | Yes <sup>4</sup> | Silicone-Coated SPF        | Yes <sup>9</sup>      |
| SecurShield®               | Yes              | Wood Plank               | Yes              | Aged EPDM, Hypalon, TPO    | Yes <sup>10, 12</sup> |
|                            |                  |                          |                  | Unweathered Asphalt        | Yes/No <sup>11</sup>  |

 VersiFleece TPO membranes maybe installed directly over minimum 1.5-Ib.-density EPS; however, to obtain UL & FM codes, an overlayment of HP Recovery Board, DensDeck, Securock or VersiCore Polyiso insulation is required.

- 2. For insulation attachment only.
- For new galvanized steel decks, power-washing may be necessary to remove finishing oil residue if present.
- 4. For acoustical steel decks, fill the flutes with fiberglass or other suitable fill insulation and tack in place with strips of duct tape 3' o.c., or other adhesive, prior to spraying the deck with Flexible DASH Adhesive.
- Existing Smooth BUR must be Type III or IV asphalt if the VersiFleece PVC and KEE HP or VersiFleece TPO membrane is to be installed directly without insulation.
- A minimum ½" HP Recovery Board or VersiCore Polyiso insulation is required over properly prepared gravel BUR. VersiFleece membrane cannot be installed directly over a gravel/ slag surface.
- 7. An insulation providing the necessary R-value must be specified to prevent the coal tar pitch from softening. VersiFleece membranes cannot be installed directly to coal tar pitch.

 Any loose coatings must be removed by power-washing or by physical abrasion prior to the application of Flexible DASH Adhesive. A test installation over the aluminum-coated smooth BUR is recommended to ensure the aluminum coating is fully adhered.

9. Silicone-coated substrates must be scarified (coating removed) prior to the application of Flexible DASH Adhesive.

 Power-washing aged Hypalon or TPO membrane is required prior to the application of Flexible DASH Adhesive.

11. Requires CAV-GRIP 3V for all applications.

12. Contact Versico for specific requirements on TPO recover.



## **Typical Properties and Characteristics**

| Base  | A-Side Polymeric Isocyanate                     | <b>B-Side Surfactants and Catalysts</b>                        |
|---|---|--|
| Mixing Ratios by Volume                           | 1:1 Part A to Part B                            |  |
| Viscosity (CPS @ 25C)                             | 400   | 400  |
| MDI Content                                       | 23%   |  |
| Avg. Net Weight                                   | 9.88 lbs/gallon                                 | 9.23 lbs/gallon  |
| Packaging   | 15-gallon drum (57 L)<br>50-gallon drum (190 L) | 15-gallon drum (57 L)<br>50-gallon drum (190 L)                |
| Shelf Life  | 1 year  | 1 year   |
| Temperature Requirements<br>(Substrate & Ambient) |   | min. 25°F (Heated Equipment)<br>min. 25°F (Unheated Equipment) |

\* Typical R-value added for VersiFleece membrane attachment: 0.20 to 0.50 R-value. R-value may be higher as more adhesive is used on uneven surfaces.

| Physical Property   | Test Method    | Results  |
|---|----------------|--|
| Elongation  | ASTM D412      | 150%   |
| Modulus at 150% Elongation  | ASTM D412      | 20 psi   |
| Dynamic Puncture Resistance - OSB<br>Dynamic Puncture Resistance - HP Recovery Board<br>Dynamic Puncture Resistance - Polyiso | ASTM D5635-04α | 33% greater than standard DASH<br>40% greater than standard DASH<br>50% greater than standard DASH |



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