

# Sure-Flex™ PVC Roofing Systems

## GUIDE - SPEC MECHANICALLY-FASTENED ROOFING SYSTEM

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This **GUIDE-SPEC** is a brief outline of Carlisle's Sure-Flex™ Mechanically-Fastened Roofing System requirements and is intended for use as a submittal with a bid package. Specifiers and the Carlisle Authorized Roofing Applicator must comply with the applicable sections of the Carlisle Technical Manual, prior to design or bid.

### PART I GENERAL

#### 1.01 DESCRIPTION

The **Sure-Flex PVC Mechanically Fastened Roofing System** incorporates 50, 60 or 80-mil Polyester Reinforced Sure-Flex Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) membrane (white, gray, light gray, slate gray and tan). Available in 10' or 81" wide field sheets and 5' or 40.5" perimeter sheets. All sheets are mechanically fastened over an approved insulation/underlayment to an acceptable roof deck with the appropriate Carlisle Fasteners and Fastening Plates. Adjoining sheets of Sure-Flex membrane are overlapped and joined together with a minimum 1-1/2" wide heat weld. Membrane fastening requirements are outlined in Warranty Tables in the Thermoplastic Specification.

#### 1.02 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. This roofing system must be installed by a Carlisle Authorized Roofing Applicator in compliance with shop drawings as approved by Carlisle SynTec.
- B. Upon request, an inspection shall be conducted by a Field Service Representative of Carlisle to ascertain that the membrane roofing system has been installed according to Carlisle's published specifications and details applicable at the time of bid. This inspection is to determine whether a warranty shall be issued. It is not intended as a final inspection for the benefit of the owner.
- C. For specific code approvals achieved with this system, refer to Carlisle's PVC Code Approval Guide, DORA (Directory of Roof Assemblies), FM Approvals or UL Fire Resistance Directory for Roofing Materials and System.

#### 1.03 SUBMITTALS

- A. To ensure compliance with Carlisle's warranty requirements, the following projects should be forwarded to Carlisle for review prior to installation, preferably prior to bid.
  1. Air pressurized buildings, canopies, and buildings with large openings, cold storage buildings or freezer facilities, adhered roofing system projects over 100' in height or projects where the PVC membrane is expected to come in direct contact with petroleum-based products, waste products (i.e., grease, oil, animal fats, etc) and other chemicals.
- B. Shop drawings must be submitted to Carlisle by the Carlisle Authorized Roofing Applicator along with a completely executed Notice of Award (Page 1 of Carlisle's Request For Warranty form) for approval. Approved shop drawings are required for inspection of the roof and on projects where on-site technical assistance is requested.

#### 1.04 GENERAL DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- A. It is the responsibility of the building owner or his/her designated representative to verify structural load limitation. In addition, a core cut may be taken to verify weight of existing components when the roofing system is to be specified on an existing facility.
- B. On new construction projects, especially in cold climate regions, moisture generated due to the construction process could adversely impact various components within the roofing assembly if not addressed. [Refer to Design Reference DR-01 "Construction Generated Moisture" included in the Carlisle Technical Manual.]
- C. On structural concrete decks, when a vapor retarder is not used, gaps in the deck along the perimeter and around penetrations must be sealed along with vertical joints between tilt-up panels, if present, to prevent infiltration of hot humid air and possible moisture contamination resulting from condensation. This is specifically important when adhesive is used to attach the roof insulation.  
**CAUTION:** If left unaddressed, collected moisture could weaken insulation boards and facers resulting in a blow-off or increase the probability of mold growth.



D. Vapor Retarders

1. Carlisle does not require a vapor retarder for the protection of the membrane; however, it should be considered by the specifier for the protection of the roofing assembly (i.e. primarily insulation, underlayment and adhesives). The following criteria should be considered by the specifier:
  - a. Use of a vapor retarder to protect insulation and reduce moisture accumulation within an insulated roofing assembly, should be investigated by the specifier.
  - b. In the generally temperate climate of the United States, during the winter months, water vapor flows upward from a heated, more humid interior toward a colder, drier exterior. Vapor retarders are more commonly required in northern climates than in southern regions, where downward vapor pressure may be expected and the roofing membrane itself becomes the vapor retarder.

**1.05 WARRANTY**

**Table I** **Mechanically Fastened Membrane Systems**  
**Warranty Options**

Years	Thermoplastic Membranes (Sure-Flex PVC)			
	55, 72, 80 or 90 mph	100 mph	110 to 120 mph	Minimum Membrane Thickness
	Mech. Fastened	Mech. Fastened	Mech. Fastened	
5,10, or 15 year	√	N/A (1)	N/A	Sure-Flex 50-mil
20 year	√	N/A	N/A	Sure-Flex 60 mil
25 year (3)	√	N/A	N/A	Sure-Flex 80-mil (2)

Notes: N/A = Not Acceptable √= Acceptable

- (1) Contact Carlisle for specific requirements.
- (2) All "T-Joints" must be overlaid with appropriate flashing material when using 80-mil membrane.
- (3) Enhancements may be required for certain flashing details. Published details must be referenced for applicable requirements.

**1.06 PRODUCT DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING**

- A. Deliver materials to the job site in the original, unopened containers labeled with the manufacturer's name, brand name and installation instructions.
- B. Store Sure-Flex membrane on provided pallets in the original undisturbed plastic wrap.
- C. Job site storage temperatures in excess of 90°F may affect shelf life of curable materials (i.e., adhesives and sealants).
- D. When liquid adhesives and sealants are exposed to lower temperatures, restore to a minimum of 60°F before use.
- E. Do not store adhesive containers with opened lids due to the loss of solvent which will occur from flash off.

**1.07 JOB CONDITIONS**

- A. Refer to Carlisle Technical Manual for applicable project specific Job Conditions.

**PART II PRODUCTS**

**2.01 GENERAL**

The components of this roofing system are to be products of Carlisle or accepted by Carlisle as compatible. The installation, performance or integrity of products by others, when selected by the specifier and accepted by Carlisle, is not the responsibility of Carlisle and is expressly

disclaimed by the Carlisle Warranty.

## **2.02 MEMBRANE**

Sure-Flex (white, gray, light gray, slate gray and tan) 50-mil (100' long), 60-mil (100' long) or 80-mil (75' long) reinforced Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) membrane is used for this system. Field membrane sheets are 10' or 81" wide. Perimeter sheets are 5' or 40.5" wide. For physical properties of the membrane, refer to Thermoplastic Specification.

## **2.03 RELATED MATERIALS**

Sure-Flex Non-Reinforced Flashing, Reinforced Cover Strips, Cut Edge Sealant, Water Cut-Off Mastic, PVC Membrane Cleaner, One-Part Pourable Sealer, Heat Weldable Walkway Pads, Pre-Molded Inside/Outside Corners, Pipe Flashings, LIQUISEAL Liquid Flashing and Sealant Pockets.

## **PART III EXECUTION**

### **3.01 GENERAL**

- A. When feasible, begin the application at the highest point of the highest roof level and work to the lowest point to prevent moisture infiltration and to minimize construction traffic on completed sections. This will include completion of all flashings, terminations and daily seals.

### **3.02 ROOF DECK CRITERIA**

- A. Proper substrate shall be provided by the building owner. The structure shall be sufficient to withstand normal construction loads and live loads.
- B. Defects in the roof deck must be reported and documented to the specifier, general contractor and building owner for assessment. The Carlisle Authorized Applicator shall not proceed with installation unless defects are corrected.
- C. Refer to Carlisle Technical Manual for acceptable decks and the applicable Carlisle Fasteners (when mechanical attachment of insulation is specified).

### **3.03 SUBSTRATE PREPARATION**

- A. On retrofit-recover projects, cut and remove wet insulation, as identified by specifier, and fill all voids with new insulation so it is relatively flush with existing surface.
- B. For all projects, substrate must be even without noticeable high spots or depressions, and must be free of accumulated water, ice or snow.
- C. Clear the substrate of debris and foreign material. Fresh bitumen based roof cement must be removed or concealed.

### **3.04 INSTALLATION**

Refer to the applicable Safety Data Sheets and Technical Data Bulletins for applicable cautions and warnings.

#### **A. Insulation Attachment**

- 1. Carlisle Flexible FAST Adhesive may be specified for insulation securement in full spray or beads with spacing as outlined in the Carlisle Technical Manual.
- 2. Carlisle Fasteners may be used, when specified, to secure Carlisle Insulation at the specified density outlined in the Carlisle Technical Manual.

#### **B. Membrane Placement, Attachment and Heat Welding**

- 1. A minimum of two 5' or 40.5" wide perimeter sheets shall be installed at edges of each roof level and 10' or 81" wide membrane shall be installed in the field of the roof.
- 2. Membrane sheets shall be mechanically fastened with the appropriate Carlisle Fastener/Fastening Plate spaced 6", 12" or 18" on center, depending on project criteria, within the membrane splice. Refer to the Thermoplastic Specification for required number of perimeter membrane sheets and fastener spacing.
- 3. Overlap adjacent membrane sheets approximately 5-1/2" at those locations where Fastening Plates are located (along length of the membrane) and a minimum of 2" at end roll sections (width of the membrane).
- 4. Heat weld the membrane sheets a minimum of 1-1/2" with an Automatic Heat Welding Machine.

#### **C. Additional Membrane Securement**

The membrane must be secured at the perimeter of each roof level, roof section, expansion joint, curb, skylight, interior wall, penthouse, etc., at any angle change which exceeds 2" in one horizontal foot and at all other penetrations in accordance with Carlisle's Details published with Carlisle's Specifications.

#### **D. Membrane Flashing**

1. Use continuous deck membrane where feasible as outlined in appropriate Carlisle Detail.
2. Non-Fleece membrane shall be limited to inside and outside corners, field fabricated pipe seals, scuppers and Sealant Pockets where the use of pre-molded accessories are not practical.
3. On vertical surfaces, such as walls, curbs and pipes, Bonding Adhesive is not required when the flashing height is 12" or less and the membrane is terminated under a metal counterflashing (nailed). When a coping or termination bar is used for vertical terminations, Bonding Adhesive may be eliminated for flashing heights 18" or less.
4. When using the Overlayment Strip to overlay metal edging flanges or fasteners/plates, Carlisle PVC and KEE HP Membrane Cleaner is used to clean surfaces as needed.
5. Terminate the flashing in accordance with the appropriate Carlisle Details above anticipated slush line.

**Note:** Fleece backing must be removed from the back of the membrane prior to completing compression seal terminations so Water Cut-Off Mastic is applied directly to the membrane surface. Apply heat to the fleece material and scrape to fully remove.

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**Physical properties of Sure-Flex Membrane can be referenced in Part II, "Products" of the Thermoplastic Specification.**

**Attach copies of the applicable Carlisle Details that pertain to the individual project to complete a bid package submittal.**