

Your Commerial & Industrial FLAT ROOFING EXPERTS



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History Of Flat Roofing Systems

From The Start...

Low Sloped Roof Systems















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Low Sloped Roof Systems **Polymer Based** Thermoplastic Thermoset **PVC** EPDM (Poly(vinyl) Chloride) (Ethylene-Propylene-Diene Monomer) TPO CSPE (Thermoplastic (Chlorosulfonated Polyolefin) Polyethylene) CPA (Copolymer Alloy) ACG

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Historical Review Of Roofing Membranes



Note: PVC Roofing Technology – 2nd Most Established Roofing Material



Built Up Roofing

- Semi-flexible material
 - Constructed with plies of felts, fabrics or mats applied on the roof with alternating layers of bitumen.
- Surface covered with aggregates
 - Mineral granules or coatings.
- Bitumen is typically asphalt or Coal Tar
 - Refined from crude oil, coal tar pitch (destructive distillation of coal) or modified asphalt (addition of rubbers or plastics to asphalt)

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Modified Bitumen



- Modified asphalt, reinforcing layers with optional mineral, ceramic or metallic surfacing.
- Definition of Modified Asphalt: atactic polypropylene (APP) or styrene butadiene styrene (SBS) added to asphalt bitumen.
- Normaly installed as a 2-Ply system (Torch Welded)



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Modified Bitumen

Market Share Remains Relatively Flat



Source: RSI Magazine December 2004 issue "2005 State of the industry Report "

& 2012 SPRI Report



Thermosets



- Formed by chemical bonds (cross linking)
- Results in formation of networks and requires "curing". (Once the linkages have been formed (cured) they cannot be changed.)
 - Typical Thermosets Include:
 - <u>EPDM</u> Ethylene propylene diene monomer, typically vulcanized (reinforced & non-reinforced),
 - <u>CSPE</u> Chlorosulfonated polyethylene (Hypalon), is a self curing non-vulcanized elastomer reinforced with a polyester scrim



Thermosets

Sharp Declines in Market Share





Thermoplastics



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- Plastics (Organic Polymers)
 - Melt when heated and formed by physical bonds
 - Thermoplastics can be reprocessed by application of heat
 - They can be welded together over the life of the product.
 - Typically the strengths of the weld exceed the strength of the base material.
- **Typical thermoplastics** are:
 - **PVC** Polyvinyl chloride,
 - **CPA** Co-polymer alloy
 - **TPO** Thermoplastic polyolefin.

Note: All thermoplastics are reinforced with a scrim

Thermoplastics

The only product group to show a significant market share increase



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TPO Overview

Weathering

 WSRCA field study: 6 mils of degradation in first 3 years.

Seaming

- Narrow welding window
- Re-welding(repairs) Problematic
- Non-treated (wicking) Srim

• Fire

- Fire test clearly shows issue surrounding ASTM E-108
- TPO is flammable

<u>See fire tests:</u> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-MIXboGAhc http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgrRBuTfuf8c





PVC Overview

- Remains weldable throughout lifecycle.
- Durable Weathering Layer (30-35 years)
- Treated anti-wicking Scrim
- Durable Bottom Layer
- Fire
 - Fire test clearly shows
 PVC is NOT FLAMIBLE





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Fire performance of Modified vs TPO vs PVC vs EPDM





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Cool Roof Rating Council

PVC was evaluated by the Cool Roof Rating Council and earned one of the highest reflective ratings for roofing membranes after a 3 year study and qualifies under Title 24 in California.
By applying a top finish on its roofing membranes, they stay cleaner longer, increasing the years of reflectivity and reducing energy consumption.

City of Toronto now requires exclusively a 'Cool Roof' or 'Green Roof' on all new buildings.

