



Application Specification:

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DIVISION 07 01 50.61: GACOFLEX™ POLYURETHANE COATING & ALIPHATIC TOP COAT FOR RESTORING MODIFIED BITUMEN AND SMOOTH BUILT-UP ROOFING MEMBRANE ASSEMBLIES

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.1 SUMMARY

- A. This specification provides a remedial roof coating for application over existing smooth and granule-surfaced modified bitumen and smooth built-up roofing membranes (BUR), including mineral surfaced cap sheets (but excluding gravel-surfaced built-up roofs). Application is restricted to circumstances in which the membrane substrate is in sound condition but requires a renewal of the surface due to the normal effects of aging and use.
- B. When properly applied, the GacoFlex Polyurethane Roof Coating System provides a weathertight seal that protects the substrate from degradation caused by (UV), ultraviolet light, water and other normal weathering hazards. The deck should have at least a Slope of Rise = 0.25 in (0.64 cm) to Run = 1 ft (0.30 m) to promote positive drainage.
- C. This specification is intended only as a guide for the development of a project specification. The suitability of this specification for a particular project must be determined by a qualified representative of the owner.

Conditions to check and corrections to consider are:

- The type of pre-existing system must be identified.
- All pre-existing membranes must be fully adhered or mechanically attached and intact.
- The structural decking must be sound.

Elements of this specification may require modification in order to clearly delineate project requirements. Sections that are not pertinent may be deleted.

- D. Adhesion tests are strongly recommended prior to bidding. A Coating Applicator that is licensed by the product manufacturer should perform wet and dry adhesion tests as instructed in GacoFlex General Instructions GW-1-3 Adhesion Testing Procedures using the products listed in Section 2.2.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

A. Cast-In-Place Concrete:	Division 03 30 00	F. Vapor /Air Barriers:	Division 07 25 00
B. Flashing/Sheet Metal:	Division 07 60 00	G. Board Insulation:	Division 07 22 00
C. Roof Accessories:	Division 07 72 00	H. Skylights:	Division 08 60 00
D. Rough Carpentry/Wood Blocking:	Division 06 10 00	I. Metal Decking:	Division 05 30 00
E. Drains, Vents and Penetrations:	Division 22 14 26.13		

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. **PRODUCT DATA:**
Submit manufacturer's standard submittal package including specification, installation instructions and general information for each waterproofing material.
- B. **APPLICATOR QUALIFICATIONS:**
Submit current Letter of Good Standing from the specified waterproofing manufacturer.
- C. **SUBSTRATE CONDITIONS:**
 1. Applicator to present to owner a completed inspection report verifying substrate condition and any noted defects not specifically addressed in regard to the installation of the coating.

2. Surface shall be free from loose dirt, stone, debris, moisture, and shall be in stable condition. Any work on the area to receive this application shall be completed prior to the installation of the coating.
3. Applicator shall complete a substrate inspection prior to the start of the installation of the coating. The architect/owner and Applicator shall accept the substrate. Start of the work constitutes acceptance.

1.4 QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Primary waterproofing materials shall be the products of a single manufacturer. Secondary materials shall be recommended by the primary manufacturer. The manufacturer shall have a minimum of ten (10) years' experience in the manufacture of materials of this type.
- B. Applicators shall have a minimum of five (5) years' experience in the application of waterproofing materials of the type specified. The Applicator shall possess a current Letter of Good Standing from the specified waterproofing manufacturer.
- C. **PRE-BID CONFERENCE:**
Ten (10) working days prior to the bid opening there is to be a mandatory Pre-Bid Conference. Those not attending the Pre-Bid Conference will not be allowed to bid the project. All products considered an equal to the specified product or any changes in the scope of work, installation, or specifications must be presented at the Pre-Bid Conference. If a change in the specifications is accepted, it will be considered as an alternate and will be presented as a bid addendum issued five (5) working days prior to the bid opening. No other changes to the specification or bid documents will be accepted.
- D. Materials other than those specified shall be submitted to the architect/owner for approval no later than ten (10) days prior to the bid date. In requesting prior approval, it shall be necessary to submit:
 1. A letter of certification, signed by an officer of the manufacturer, stating that the alternate material is equal to or better than the specified product.
 2. Independent laboratory test data giving physical property values in comparison to the specified material.
- E. **PRE-INSTALLATION CONFERENCE:**
Just prior to the commencement of the installation, meet at the job-site with a representative of the coating manufacturer, Applicator, general contractor, architect, and other parties affected by this section. Review the methods and procedures, substrate conditions, scheduling, and safety.

1.5 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Owner/owner's representative shall reject damaged or non-conforming materials. Rejected materials must be removed immediately from the job site.
- B. Store the coating materials as recommended by the manufacturer and conforming to applicable safety regulatory agencies: town or city, state, and federal. Refer to all applicable data including, but not limited to: Safety Data Sheets, Product Data Sheets, product labels, and specific instructions for personal protection.
- C. Provide adequate ventilation, protection from hazardous fumes, and overspray potential to workers and associated trades in close proximity of the site application.

1.6 WARRANTY

- A. Manufacturer warrants that the material supplied will meet or exceed physical properties as published. The Applicator guarantees that workmanship will be free of defects in coating application. Since performance of previously applied coatings is beyond the control of Manufacturer and Applicator, requests for additional warranty coverage shall be subject to prior approval by Manufacturer.
- B. **A TEN (10) YEAR LABOR AND MATERIAL WARRANTY MUST BE OBTAINED THROUGH THE MANUFACTURER.**
- C. **PROTECTION OF BUILDING AND OCCUPANTS:**
 1. All surfaces not to receive the coating specified shall be protected from overspray hazard, e.g., windows, doors, exterior surfaces and facades, parking lots, and vehicles. Protective coverings shall be secured against wind and shall be vented if used in conjunction with applications preventing collection and moisture.
 2. Applicator to post signs noting potential overspray hazard within 400 ft (121.90 m) of applications.

3. All air intake ventilation equipment shall be turned off to prevent fumes from entering building.
4. Surfaces damaged during application shall be restored at no expense to the owner.
5. No smoking signs to be posted as mandated by local fire officials.

D. SUBSTRATE:

Proceed with work as specified only after substrate construction, preparation, and detail work has been completed.

E. EQUIPMENT:

All equipment used during operations shall be located so as not to adversely affect the daily operations or endanger occupants, structure, or materials on-site. All spray equipment must be grounded during operations.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURERS

Acceptable Manufacturers:

Gaco, www.gaco.com

2.2 MATERIALS

A. BLEED BLOCKER:

GacoFlex A4271 BleedTrap™ Base Coat (as needed)

B. PRIMER:

GacoFlex E5320 2-Part Epoxy Primer/Filler (as needed)

C. FLASHING AND JOINT REINFORCING FABRIC:

GacoFlex 66S Reinforcing Polyester Mesh

D. POLYURETHANE COATING:

GacoFlex U91 Single-Component Moisture-Cure Polyurethane Coating with the following physical properties:

GacoFlex U91 Single-Component Moisture-Cure Polyurethane Coating		
PROPERTY	VALUE	TEST METHOD
ELONGATION	350%	ASTM D412
PERMANENT SET AT BREAK	7%	ASTM D412
STRENGTH	2600 psi	ASTM D412
TEAR RESISTANCE	360 pli	ASTM D624
WATER VAPOR PERMEABILITY	0.02 Perm Inches	ASTM E96 Procedure B Max. 100% R.H. Difference at 70 °F (27 °C)
V.O.C.	150 g / L	EPA Method 24

E. ALIPHATIC POLYURETHANE COATING:

GacoFlex UA60 Two-Component Aliphatic Polyurethane Coating with the following physical properties:

GacoFlex UA60 Two-Component Aliphatic Polyurethane Coating		
PROPERTY	VALUE	TEST METHOD
ELONGATION	180%	ASTM D412
PERMANENT SET AT BREAK	10%	ASTM D412
STRENGTH	3000 psi	ASTM D412
TEAR RESISTANCE	480 pli	ASTM D624
WATER VAPOR PERMEABILITY	0.02 Perm Inches	ASTM E96 Procedure B Max. 100% R.H. Difference at 70 °F (27 °C)
V.O.C.	291.2 g / L	EPA Method 24

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. A nuclear or infrared scan must be performed and any wet roofing materials must be removed and replaced.
- B. Repair to the structural components of the roof should be completed.
- C. Verify that the drains, vents, ducts, gutters, metal cap flashing or other penetrations have been replaced or modified.

3.2 PREPARATION

NOTE: It is extremely important for the roof to be clean and dry.

- A. Asphalt substrates shall be prepared by mechanically brushing away loose dirt, debris and granules, and removing via a power broom and/or industrial vacuum. The roof surface must be clean and completely dry, especially in areas of ponding water.

NOTE: For previously coated asphalt substrates, please contact Technical Services.

- B. **BIOLOGICAL CONTROL:**

Areas of algae, mildew or fungus on the roofing membrane should be treated with a solution of 1-part household bleach to 3 parts water, followed by a power washer rinse using clear water. After cleaning, examine the application area to determine that no ponding or standing water remains before applying the coating.

NOTE: Except for cleaning to remove biological residue, do not wash the asphalt roofing substrate—to include pressure washing and the use of cleaners—except at the direction of Technical Services.

3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. **TECHNICAL ADVICE:**

The installation of this system shall be accomplished with the advice of, the manufacturer's technical representative. Contact Technical Services for assistance.

- B. **REPAIRS:**

1. Inspect the roofing system for open field seams, open side laps, open flashings, or voids and perform repairs using granule surfaced APP membrane that is torch-applied or heat fused, regardless of the existing asphalt membrane type. Fish mouths should be cut and allowed to lie flat prior to repair.
2. Areas of delaminated, warped, bowed, or saturated insulation must be removed down to the structural decking, replaced with compatible materials and appropriately attached. The roofing membrane should be repaired using granule surfaced APP membrane that is torch-applied or heat fused, regardless of the existing asphalt membrane type.
3. Repair or replace defective edge attachments or base tie-ins and wall or penetration flashings using granule surfaced APP membrane that is torch-applied or heat fused, regardless of the existing asphalt membrane type.
4. Remove defective pitch pan filler, metal flashing sealants or termination caulking and replace with appropriate materials.

NOTE: Only torch-applied or heat fused granule surfaced APP membrane may be used for repairs to the asphalt roofing substrate prior to the installation of GacoFlex Polyurethane Roof Coating, regardless of the existing asphalt membrane type. Do not use SBS, smooth APP or self-adhering membranes. Do not use asphalt mastics or cold adhesives as part of remedial roof repairs.

NOTE: All areas repaired with new granule surfaced APP membrane must be coated with two (2) applications of A4271 BleedTrap Base Coat and primed with E5320 2-Part Epoxy Primer/Filler prior to the installation of GacoFlex coating.

C. PRIMER:

If adhesion testing indicated the need for a primer:

FOR SMOOTH SUBSTRATES: Apply GacoFlex E5320 2-Part Epoxy Primer/Filler at a rate of 1 gal / 600 – 800 ft² (3.8 L / 56 – 74 m²) to achieve a Dry Film Thickness (DFT) of 1-2 mil.

FOR ROUGH SUBSTRATES: Apply GacoFlex E5320 2-Part Epoxy Primer/Filler at a rate of 1 gal / 250 ft² (3.8 L / 23 m²) to achieve a Dry Film Thickness (DFT) 1-2 mil.

Do not over-apply. When properly mixed and applied, E5320 Primer should remain a translucent pink color in its cured state. Spray application of E5320 Primer (i.e., a non-continuous dusting) is preferred to achieve the required coverage rate, but roller application using a ¼" (6.35 mm) to ⅜" (9.53 mm) nap roller or nylon brush is permitted. Allow E5320 Primer to cure for a min. of 6 hours (longer in overcast or humid conditions) before the application of the GacoFlex U91 Single-Component Moisture-Cure Polyurethane Coating.

D. FLASHING:

At all flashing seams, corners, and vertical/side laps, apply a minimum of a 6" wide coat of GacoFlex U91 Liquid Polyurethane Base Coat using a brush or roller. While the GacoFlex U91 Liquid Polyurethane Base Coat is wet, embed a strip of 4" wide GacoFlex 66S Reinforcing Polyester Mesh centered over the coated area. Apply a topcoat of GacoFlex U91 Liquid Polyurethane Base Coat to totally encapsulate the 66S Mesh. Feather the coating onto the membrane surface.

NOTE: After the specified top coat has been applied, Applicator must walk the roof and make sure that all seams are covered. If any open seams are discovered, additional coating must be brushed on the seam until it is completely encapsulated.

E. HVAC / ELECTRICAL:

Existing HVAC Units and other equipment on curbs with a membrane flashing: The membrane flashing must be coated up to the bottom of the metal cap of the unit and sealed underneath with a 100% silicone sealant. Curbs must be a min. of 8 in (203 mm) above the roofing membrane.

F. SLEEPERS:

Any units that are sitting on sleepers must be lifted so that the membrane underneath the units can be cleaned, primed and coated. An approved slip sheet must be placed under the sleepers to protect the coating. If the units are not lifted off the deck so as to be able to accomplish this procedure, the untreated area will be excluded from the manufacturer's warranty.

G. POLYURETHANE / ALIPHATIC POLYURETHANE COATING:

NOTE: For granular or rough surfaces, more material may be needed to achieve the required mil thicknesses.

1. POLYURETHANE BASE COAT:

Apply GacoFlex U91 Polyurethane Coating at average rate of 1.25 gal / 100 ft² (4.7 L / 9.3 m²) to obtain 20 mil Wet Film Thickness (WFT) / 16 mil Dry Film Thickness (DFT). Coat all surfaces including expansion joint covers and flashings.

NOTE: Allow 10-12 hours at 75 °F (24 °C) and 50% RH between coats. Dry time will be faster in warmer and more humid conditions, and slower in colder and drier conditions.

2. POLYURETHANE INTERMEDIATE COAT:

Apply GacoFlex U91 Polyurethane Coating at average rate of 1.25 gal / 100 ft² (4.7 L / 9.3 m²) to obtain 20 mil Wet Film Thickness (WFT) / 16 mil Dry Film Thickness (DFT). Coat all surfaces including expansion joint covers and flashings.

NOTE: Allow 10-12 hours at 75 °F (24 °C) and 50% RH between coats. Dry time will be faster in warmer and more humid conditions, and slower in colder and drier conditions.

3. ALIPHATIC POLYURETHANE TOP COAT:

Apply GacoFlex UA60 Aliphatic Polyurethane Coating at average rate of 1 gal / 100 ft² (3.8 L / 9.3 m²) to obtain 16 mil Wet Film Thickness (WFT) / 10 mil Dry Film Thickness (DFT).

NOTE: Allow 24 hours of drying time at 70 °F (21 °C) and 50% RH before walking on the coated surface.

3.4 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Any variations from the specified limits found by the Applicator or owner's representative shall be corrected by the Applicator.
- B. **MINIMUM DRY FILM THICKNESS (DFT) REQUIREMENT:**
Gaco recommends adding a 10% variance factor to obtain the minimum DFT mil thickness required. It is the Applicator's responsibility to calculate the amount of coating needed to obtain the minimum DFT mil thickness.
- C. No traffic shall be permitted on the coated surface for a minimum of three (3) days. Damage to the surface by other trades shall not be the responsibility of the Applicator.