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Agrément Certificate  
**90/2548**  
Product Sheet 5

### TYVEK CONSTRUCTION MEMBRANES

### DUPONT AIRGUARD REFLECTIVE

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> relates to DuPont AirGuard Reflective<sup>(2)</sup>, an air leakage and vapour control layer for use in roofs and ceilings as an air and vapour control layer (AVCL).

- (1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.  
(2) DuPont AirGuard Reflective and TYVEK are registered trademarks of E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. or its affiliates.

#### CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.

#### KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

**Risk of condensation** — the product is a vapour control layer and will reduce the risk of interstitial condensation (see section 6).

**Air permeability** — the product is an air barrier and can reduce heat loss by air infiltration (see section 7).

**Thermal insulation** — the product can contribute to limiting heat loss through walls and floors (see section 8).

**Strength** — the product has adequate strength to resist the loads associated with the construction of the wall or floor (see section 9).

**Durability** — the product will have a service life comparable with other similar elements of construction (see section 12).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the product described herein. This product has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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# Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, DuPont AirGuard Reflective, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, will meet or contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



## The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales)

Requirement:	C2(c)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:		The product can contribute to limiting the risk of interstitial condensation. See section 6.2 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	L1(a)(i)	Conservation of fuel and power
Comment:		The product can contribute to meeting this Requirement. See sections 7 and 8 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	Regulation 7	Materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.



## The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)	Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product can contribute to a construction satisfying this Regulation. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	9	Building standards – construction
Standard:	3.15	Condensation
Comment:		The product can contribute to limiting the risk of interstitial condensation, with reference to clauses 3.15.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 3.15.5 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> of this Standard. See section 6.2 of this Certificate.
Standard:	6.1(b)	Carbon dioxide emissions
Standard:	6.2	Building insulation envelope
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying the requirements of this Standard, with reference to clauses 6.1.6 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.3 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.4 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.5 <sup>(2)</sup> , 6.2.6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.7 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.8 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.9 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.10 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.11 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.12 <sup>(2)</sup> and 6.2.13 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See sections 7 and 8 of this Certificate.
Standard:	7.1(a)(b)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:		The product can contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard. In addition, the product can contribute to a construction meeting a higher level of sustainability as defined in this Standard, with reference to clauses 7.1.4 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> (Aspects 1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 2 <sup>(1)</sup> ) 7.1.6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> (Aspects 1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 2 <sup>(1)</sup> ) and 7.1.7 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> (Aspect 1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> ). See section 8 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	12	Building standards – conversions
Comment:		Comments made in relation to this product under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and Schedule 6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . (1) Technical Handbook (Domestic). (2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



## The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (as amended)

Regulation:	B2	Fitness of materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	C5	Condensation
Comment:		The product can contribute to limiting the risk of interstitial condensation. See section 6.2 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	F2(a)(i)	Conservation measures
Regulation:	F3(2)	Target carbon dioxide Emission Rate
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying these Regulations. See sections 7 and 8 of this Certificate.

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, CDM co-ordinator, designer and contractors to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: 1 *Description* (1.3) of this Certificate.

# Additional Information

## NHBC Standards 2011

NHBC accepts the use of DuPont AirGuard Reflective, when installed and used in accordance with this Certificate, in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapters 6.2 *External timber framed walls* and 8.2 *Wall and ceiling finishes*.

## CE marking

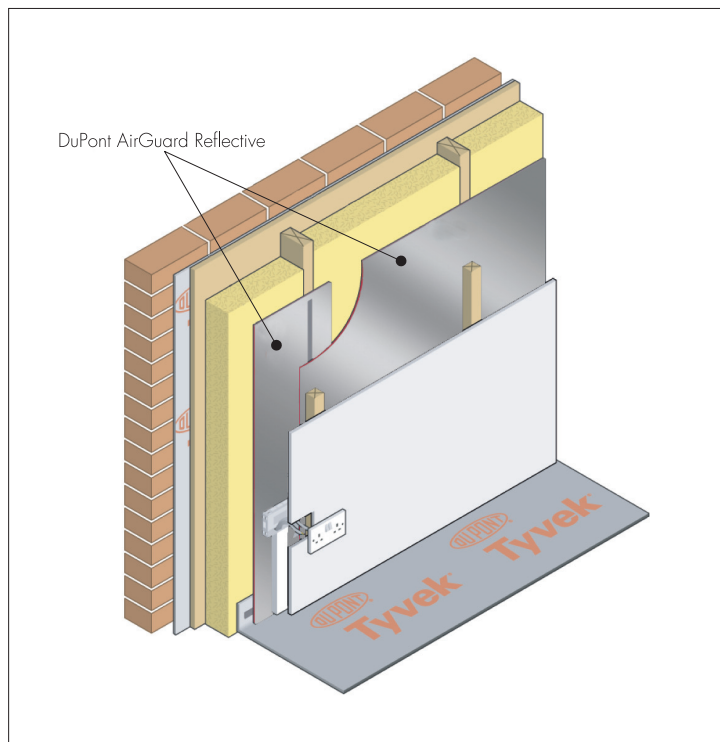
The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the product in association with EN 13984 : 2004. An asterisk (\*) appearing in this Certificate indicates that data shown has been taken from the manufacturer's Declaration of Performance.

# Technical Specification

## 1 Description

1.1 DuPont AirGuard Reflective is an air barrier and vapour control layer with a low-emissivity aluminium foil face on one side. It is placed on the warm side of the insulation with the foil surface facing the interior of the building or to the exterior of the building into the air space if used as a radiant barrier.

Figure 1 Typical wall and floor installation



1.2 DuPont AirGuard Reflective consists of a  $50 \text{ g}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$  spunbond polypropylene, coated with a  $50 \text{ g}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$  layer of polyethylene (LDPE) with a  $27 \text{ g}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$  polypropylene grid and a  $7 \mu\text{m}$  aluminium foil.

1.3 The product has the nominal characteristics of:

Thickness* (mm)	0.43
Mass per unit area* ( $\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ )	149
Roll length (m)	50
Roll width (m)	1.50
Water vapour transmission – $s_d$ * (m)	
minimum	500
nominal	2000
Tensile strength* (N per 50 mm)	
longitudinal	440
transverse	210
Elongation (%)	
longitudinal	25
transverse	22
Nail tear* (N)	
longitudinal	250
transverse	230.

1.4 The following products are used in conjunction with DuPont AirGuard Reflective to minimise air infiltration:

- TYVEK Metallised Tape — to close laps between the membrane
- TYVEK Acrylic Tape (double-sided) — an acrylic tape for sealing overlaps and bonding the membrane to smooth surfaces.

## 2 Manufacture

2.1 The membrane is manufactured by spinning strands of polypropylene and bonding them together with heat and pressure. The polypropylene is laminated to the aluminium foil and polypropylene grid extrusion using the LDPE by extrusion.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has :

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of non-conformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management system of DuPont de Nemours (Luxembourg) S.à r.l. has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2008 by DQS GmbH (Certificate 463950 QM08).

## 3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 Rolls are delivered to site packaged. Each package carries a label bearing the BBA identification mark incorporating the number of this Certificate.

3.2 Rolls should be stored on their sides, on a smooth, clean surface under cover and protected from direct sunlight.

## Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following gives a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on DuPont AirGuard Reflective.

## Design Considerations

### 4 General

4.1 DuPont AirGuard Reflective is satisfactory for use as an air barrier and vapour control layer in all conventional timber frame, masonry and metal frame walls and floor structures and as part of the DuPont Climate System for walls in conjunction with TYVEK Reflex (see Figure 1). The product is satisfactory for use as a radiant barrier when the foil surface is facing towards the exterior of the building into an air space.

4.2 Further information is given in BRE report (BR 262 : 2002) *Thermal insulation : avoiding the risks*.

4.3 Where constructions need to comply with *NHBC Standards*, specifiers should observe the requirements of this document.

4.4 It is essential that proper care and attention be given to maintaining the product's integrity and continuity.

4.5 The product is effective in reducing the U value (thermal transmittance) of walls and floors in which it is installed (see section 8).

4.6 Walls in new buildings should be designed and constructed in accordance with the relevant recommendations of the National Annexes of BS EN 1995-1-1 : 2004 and BS EN 1996-2 : 2006.

4.7 Suspended concrete and suspended timber ground floors incorporating the product must include suitable ventilation.

### 5 Practicability of installation

The product can be readily installed by operatives experienced with this type of product.

### 6 Risk of condensation

6.1 The risk of condensation occurring will depend upon the properties and vapour resistance of other materials used in the construction, the internal and external conditions, and the effectiveness of the product's installation.

6.2 The product can contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of the national Building Regulations:



**England and Wales** — Requirement C2(c)

**Scotland** — Mandatory Standard 3.15, clauses 3.15.1 and 3.15.5

**Northern Ireland** — Regulation C5.

6.3 Consideration must be given in the overall installation to minimising penetrations by services. Joints at ceilings/walls must be sealed to offer significant resistance to water vapour transmission. Sealing should also be carried out in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.

6.4 Constructions should be in accordance with the recommendations of BS 5250 : 2011, Annexes F and G, and favourably assessed in accordance with Annex D using a minimum air layer equivalent value ( $s_d$ ) of not less than 500 m\* (equivalent to a water vapour resistance of 2500 MN·s·g<sup>-1</sup>) for the product.

## 7 Air permeability



When lapped, fixed and taped correctly the product acts as an air barrier and can contribute to elements and junctions minimising heat loss by unplanned air infiltration. Guidance in this respect can be found in:

*England and Wales* — Accredited Construction Details (version 1.0)

*Scotland* — Accredited Construction Details (Scotland)

*Northern Ireland* — Accredited Construction Details (version 1.0).

## 8 Thermal insulation



Calculations of thermal transmittance (U value) should be carried out in accordance with BS EN ISO 6946 : 2007 and BRE report (BR 443 : 2006) *Conventions for U-value calculations*, using an emissivity value of 0.05 for the foil surface of the product. Where this faces into an unventilated cavity this corresponds to the following cavity thermal resistance values:

- walls
  - a cavity > 20 mm thick, 0.67 m<sup>2</sup>·K·W<sup>-1</sup>
- floors
  - a cavity > 17 mm thick, 0.58 m<sup>2</sup>·K·W<sup>-1</sup>
  - a cavity > 25 mm thick, 0.80 m<sup>2</sup>·K·W<sup>-1</sup>.

## 9 Strength

The product will resist the normal loads associated with installation of the wall or floor.

## 10 Properties in relation to fire

10.1 The product will melt and shrink away from heat, but will burn in the presence of a naked flame. The product is classified in accordance with EN 13501-1 : 2007 as a Class E\* material.

10.2 When the product is used unsupported, there is a risk that fire can spread if it is accidentally ignited during maintenance works, eg by a roofer's or plumber's torch. As with all types of underlay, care should be taken during building and maintenance to avoid the material becoming ignited.

10.3 In walls, cavity barriers should be used to satisfy the requirements of the national Building Regulations.

## 11 Maintenance

As the product is confined within a wall or floor structure and has suitable durability (see section 12), maintenance is not required. Any damaged areas should be repaired or replaced before completion in accordance with section 15.

## 12 Durability



The product is rot proof, does not tear easily and will have a life equal to that of the building in which it is installed.

# Installation

## 13 General

Installation of DuPont AirGuard Reflective should be in accordance with Certificate holder's instructions and good building practice.

## 14 Procedure

### Walls

14.1 The product is positioned on the warm side of the thermal insulation and held in place by staples at approximately 500 mm centres to the background structure. Joints between adjacent sheets of the material should be lapped 100 mm over a support and be sealed with a strip of either TYVEK Acrylic Tape (double-sided) or TYVEK Metallised Tape.

14.2 At all penetrations and abutments the product is cut neatly to fit as closely as possible and the joint sealed with a strip of TYVEK Acrylic Tape (double-sided) and TYVEK Metallised Tape. Penetrations must be kept to a minimum.

14.3 The product is made vapour and convection tight at all window and door openings and at other detailing. The membrane is sealed tight against the frame with TYVEK Acrylic Tape (double-sided) or TYVEK Metallised Tape or tucked in and compressed by the frame.

14.4 Internal lining must be set on spacer battens, leaving a minimum gap of 25 mm behind the lining to accommodate wiring and other services and reduce the need for penetrations of the vapour control layer/air barrier.

## Floors

14.5 The product is either installed above or beneath the floor boarding and beneath the internal floor finishes.

14.6 Joints between adjacent sheets of the material should be lapped 100 mm and be sealed with a strip of either TYVEK Butyl Tape or TYVEK Metallised Tape.

## 15 Repair

Damage to DuPont AirGuard Reflective can be repaired with TYVEK Metallised Tape. Extensive damaged areas must be made good by overlaying the damaged area with a new sheet sealed in place with either TYVEK Metallised Tape or TYVEK Acrylic Tape (double-sided).

## Technical Investigations

### 16 Tests

16.1 An assessment was made of data to EN 13984 : 2004 in relation to:

- thickness\*
- mass per unit area\*
- tensile strength and elongation\*
- resistance to nail tear\*
- tensile shear strength of joint\*
- watertightness\*
- water vapour transmission properties\*
- effect of heat ageing\*
- resistance to alkali\*
- reaction to fire\*.

16.2 Tests were carried out to determine:

- dimensional stability
- emissivity
- emissivity after heat ageing for 90 days at 70°C
- emissivity after combined heat and humidity ageing for 90 days at 70°C and 500 hours at 90% relative humidity at 45°C

in order to assess:

- mechanical stability in service
- thermal performance in service
- durability.

### 17 Investigations

17.1 The risk of interstitial condensation in a range of typical constructions was evaluated.

17.2 An evaluation of the thermal performance of the product in typical constructions was made.

17.3 An evaluation of the assessment leading to Prototype Product Assessment 08/P002 for DuPont Climate System was carried out.

## Bibliography

BS 5250 : 2011 *Code of practice for control of condensation in buildings*

BS EN 1995-1-1 : 2004 + Amendment 1 : 2008 *Eurocode 5 — Design of timber structures — General — Common rules and rules for buildings*

NA to BS EN 1995-1-1 : 2004 + Amendment 1 : 2008 *UK National Annex to Eurocode 5 — Design of timber structures — General — Common rules and rules for buildings*

BS EN 1996-2 : 2006 *Eurocode 6 — Design of masonry structures — Design considerations, selection of materials and execution of masonry*

NA to BS EN 1996-2 : 2006 *UK National Annex to Eurocode 6 — Design of masonry structures — Design considerations, selection of materials and execution of masonry*

BS EN ISO 6946 : 2007 *Building components and building elements — Thermal resistance and thermal transmittance — Calculation method*

BS EN ISO 9001 : 2008 *Quality management systems — Requirements*

## Conditions of Certification

### 18 Conditions

18.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page — no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
- has to be read, considered and used as a whole document — it may be misleading and will be incomplete to be selective
- is copyright of the BBA
- is subject to English Law.

18.2 Publications, documents, specifications, legislation, regulations, standards and the like referenced in this Certificate are those that were current and/or deemed relevant by the BBA at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate.

18.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:

- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

18.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

18.5 In issuing this Certificate, the BBA is not responsible and is excluded from any liability to any company, firm, organisation or person, for any matters arising directly or indirectly from:

- the presence or absence of any patent, intellectual property or similar rights subsisting in the product/system or any other product/system
- the right of the Certificate holder to manufacture, supply, install, maintain or market the product/system
- actual installations of the product/system, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any works and constructions in which the product/system is installed, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any loss or damage, including personal injury, howsoever caused by the product/system, including its manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal
- any claims by the manufacturer relating to CE marking.

18.6 Any information relating to the manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal of this product/system which is contained or referred to in this Certificate is the minimum required to be met when the product/system is manufactured, supplied, installed, used, maintained and removed. It does not purport in any way to restate the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, or of any other statutory, common law or other duty which may exist at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate; nor is conformity with such information to be taken as satisfying the requirements of the 1974 Act or of any statutory, common law or other duty of care.