



16-MIL REINFORCED "CLASS A" VAPOR BARRIER

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1.0 PRODUCT NAME

VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil
ASTM E 1745 "CLASS A"
Reinforced Under-Slab Vapor Barrier

2.0 MANUFACTURER



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3.0 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

3.1 Basic Use:

VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil is a unique high strength, high performance, cross-woven reinforced polyethylene based under-slab vapor barrier specifically designed for preventing moisture migration through concrete slabs-on-grade. The superior strength properties of **VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil** greatly restrict punctures and tears that come with extensive jobsite traffic. **VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil** reduces water vapor emission transfer and moisture migration from entering the building envelope on commercial, industrial and residential applications. **VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil** may be used to reduce radon and methane gas migration and is resistant to other adverse soil conditions.

VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil is also designed to control condensation, mold, mildew, degradation and prevents costly flooring failures and damage to moisture sensitive furnishings within a building's interior.

3.2 Composition & Materials:

VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil is manufactured using the latest generation of prime virgin (non-recycled) polyethylene resin, constructed in a triple-ply extrusion coated process and engineered with physical properties that maintain long term performance. The extrusion coated process bonds woven high-density fibers together, using HD molten polyethylene, creating an excellent balance of high puncture and tensile strength while maintaining very low water vapor permeance characteristics. The cross-woven high-density fibers, used as the reinforcing layer, yield the highest strength to weight ratio, tensile strength, tear resistance, bursting strength and puncture resistance of any product produced of its kind.

3.3 Product Dimensions & Weight:

VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil is available in 2400 sq. ft. rolls (12' X 200'). Each roll weighs approximately 130 lbs.

3.4 Benefits:

- Unsurpassed Puncture Resistance
- Maintains long term performance after exposure to adverse soil conditions
- Exceeds ASTM E 1745 "Class A" Requirements
- Vapor Barrier rather than Vapor Retarder
- Resistant to alkali salts, moisture & other soil degrading chemicals
- Greatly reduces moisture migration through slab-on-grade applications

4.0 TECHNICAL DATA

4.1 Applicable Standards:

- American Society for Testing & Materials (ASTM)
- American Concrete Institute (ACI)
- **ASTM E 1745** Standard Specification for Plastic Water Vapor Retarders Used in Contact with Soil or Granular Fill Under Concrete Slabs
- **ASTM E 154** Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Retarders used in Contact with Earth Under Concrete Slabs, on Walls, or as Ground Cover
- **ASTM D 1709** Standard Test Methods for Impact Resistance of Plastic Film by the Free-Falling Dart Method
- **ASTM D 5602** Standard Test Methods for Static Puncture Resistance of Roofing/Under Slab Membrane Specimens
- **ASTM E 96** Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials
- **ASTM D 882** Standard Test Method for Tensile Properties of Thin Plastic Sheeting
- **ASTM D 751** Standard Test Method for Coated Fabrics
- **ASTM E 1643** Standard Practice for Installation of Water Vapor Retarders Used in Contact with Earth or Granular Fill Under Concrete Slabs
- **ACI 302.2R-06** Guide for Concrete Slabs that Receive Moisture-Sensitive Flooring Materials

PROPERTIES	TEST METHOD	VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-MIL	
<i>Test Procedure - Independent Test Facility</i>	<i>Applicable Standards</i>	<i>IP Units</i>	<i>SI Units</i>
Thickness, Nominal		16-mil	0.40 mm
Weight Per MSF		47 lbs.	21.3 kg
Classification	ASTM E 1745	CLASS A, B & C	
Puncture Resistance	ASTM D 1709	25335 grams	
Puncture Resistance	ASTM D 5602	123 lbs.	55,792 grams
Tensile Strength (New Material)	ASTM E 154, Sec. 9	167 lbf/in (MD), 158 lbf/in (TD)	29.3 kN/m (MD), 27.7 kN/m (TD)
Tensile Strength (After Soaking)	ASTM E 154, Sec. 9	165 lbf/in (MD), 163 lbf/in (TD)	28.9 kN/m (MD), 28.6 kN/m (TD)
Tear Strength	ASTM D 751, Tongue	62 lbs (Warp), 60 lbs (Weft)	28 kg (Warp), 27.2 kg (Weft)
Bursting Strength	ASTM D 751, Mullen	371 lbs.	168 kg
Operating Temperature Range		-70° F to 180° F	-57° C to 82° C
Water Vapor Permeance	ASTM E 96 / 154 Sec. 7	0.0015 perms (U.S.)	0.0009 perms (Metric)
Water Vapor Transmission Rate	ASTM E 96 / 154 Sec. 7	0.00055 grains/ft ² *hr	0.00038 grams/m ² *hr
Chemical Resistance	ASTM E 154	Unaffected	Unaffected
Life Expectancy	ASTM E 154	Indefinite	Indefinite

4.2 Environmental Considerations:

VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil can be used for controlling soil gas and poisons such as methane, radon, sulfates and petroleum contaminated soil.

4.3 Physical Properties:

VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil exceeds all ASTM E 1745 “Class A” requirements for under-slab vapor retarders.

5.0 INSTALLATION

5.1 Sub-Grade Preparation:

Level and tamp or roll granular base as specified by the architectural or structural drawings.



5.2 Vapor Barrier Placement:

Unroll **VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil** with the longest dimension parallel with the direction of the pour. Unfold **VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil** to full 12' width.

Lap **VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil** over the footings and seal to the vertical foundation walls with either **WHITE POLYETHYLENE TAPE, VIPER® DOUBLE BOND TAPE, VIPER® VAPORPATCH** or **VAPORCHECK® MASTIC**.



5.3 Seams and Penetrations:

Seal around pipes, support columns or any other penetration with **VIPER® VAPORPATCH, VAPORCHECK® MASTIC** or at minimum a combination of **VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil** and **WHITE POLYETHYLENE TAPE**. Doing so creates a monolithic membrane between the surface of the slab and moisture sources below.

Holes or openings through **VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil** should be effectively sealed with **WHITE POLYETHYLENE TAPE, VIPER® VAPORPATCH** or **VAPORCHECK® MASTIC** to maintain the integrity of the vapor barrier. Overlap joints a minimum of six inches. Seal overlap together with **WHITE POLYETHYLENE TAPE** and/or **VIPER® DOUBLE BOND TAPE**.

5.4 Protection:

When installing reinforcing steel and utilities, in addition to the placement of concrete, take precaution to protect **VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil**. Carelessness during installation can damage the most puncture-resistant vapor barriers. Provide for additional protection in high-traffic areas.

Place standard reinforcing bar supports on **VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil**. The strength characteristics of **VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil** will help guard against possible punctures caused by reinforcing bar supports.

Avoid driving stakes through **VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil**. If this cannot be avoided, each individual hole must be repaired.

If a cushion or blotter layer is required in the design between the vapor barrier and the slab, additional care should be taken, especially if sharp crushed rock is used. Washed rock will provide less chance of damage during placement.

These are very general installation instructions. Instructions on architectural or structural drawings should be reviewed and followed as well. Detailed installation instructions are available online at www.insulationsolutions.com. ASTM E 1643 also provides valuable installation information for under-slab vapor retarders.

6.0 AVAILABILITY & COST

VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil is sold through construction supply houses across the United States and Canada.

VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil current cost information can be obtained by calling our Corporate Office at 866-698-6562.

7.0 WARRANTY

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8.0 MAINTENANCE

VIPER® VAPORCHECK® 16-mil requires no maintenance once installed.

9.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES

Technical Information and detailed test results can be obtained by calling our Corporate Office at 866-698-6562.

10.0 FILING SYSTEMS

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