

Description

GRIPSET 38FC is a next generation, water based, fast curing, fibre reinforced SBR latex membrane designed for waterproofing applications to internal and external areas that will be covered over with toppings, tile beds or overlay finishes

Gripset 38FC utilises the latest in fast cure technology, enabling rapid recoat and tile over times. Flexible, elastomeric and with low water vapour transmission properties, Gripset 38FC is a high performance waterproofing solution for domestic and commercial projects with time constraints that require fast turnaround times

Features & Benefits

- Water based, solvent free, non-toxic and non-flammable
- Fast curing, able to be tiled over after only 4 hours
- Fibre reinforced for enhanced tensile strength and workability
- Can be flood tested after only 24 hours
- Waterproof with ability to withstand continuously wet environments and ponding without re-emulsifying
- Flexible & elastomeric, accommodating normal substrate movement
- Compatible with tile finishes, concrete, render and masonry toppings
- Fast turnaround time, waterproofing and tiling applications can be completed within one day
- Durable and tough seamless finish
- Excellent vapour barrier & low water vapour transmission properties
- Can be applied by brush, roller, or spray unit on horizontal and vertical surfaces
- Compliant to AS 4858 and AS4654.1 for internal and external wet areas

Application

- Gripset 38FC is suitable for commercial, industrial and residential applications

Uses

- Internal wet areas, bathrooms, laundries and tiled areas
- External wet areas balconies, decks, podiums, terrace floors
- Roofs and rooftop terraces to be covered over with screeds and toppings
- Sandwiching between existing and new concrete substrates
- Liquid vapour barrier between toppings and slabs
- General tiled areas to prevent moisture ingress

Substrates

- Concrete, render and masonry
- Compressed fibre cement sheeting and plasterboard
- Wet area timber sheeting and external grade plywood
- Aerated concrete panels and blocks

For further information and advice on surface/substrate suitability and preparation contact RLA Technical department

Surface Preparation

- All surfaces are to be clean, sound, smooth, dry, and free from loose material, dirt, dust, oil, grease, wax residues, laitance, curing compounds, release agents, existing coatings, moss, algae, sharp protruding objects and general surface contaminants that may compromise the adhesion of the overlaid membrane system
- Structurally unsound layers and surface contaminants to be mechanically removed by grinding, abrasive blasting or equivalent methods.
- Masonry surfaces to be pointed flush, and all surface defects including voids, holes, pitted sections, heavy undulations and non-structural cracks to be filled and levelled. Refer to Gripset 11Y enhanced repair mortar or the RLA range of repair mortars and levelling compounds for options
- Building surfaces must be fit for purpose, constructed and installed to manufacturer's recommendations and relevant building standards in force at time of application
- Concrete to be allowed to cure for at least 28 days, and cement render/sand cement screeds allowed to cure for at least 7 days

Priming

Gripset 38FC membrane must be applied onto primed surfaces.

POROUS/ABSORBENT SURFACES

GRIPSET GP PRIMER

Apply by brush or medium nap roller at a minimum coverage of 1litre/8-10m²

NON POROUS/NON ABSORBENT SURFACES

GRIPSET OP PRIMER

Apply by brush or medium nap roller at a minimum coverage of 1 litre/10m²

GREEN/DAMP SURFACES WITH RESIDUAL MOISTURE

XPRESS PRIMER H2O PLUS

Apply by brush or medium nap roller at a minimum coverage of 1 litre per 8m²

DAMP SURFACES/SURFACES SUBJECT TO RISING DAMP

GRIPSET E60

For applications over mineral surfaces with residual moisture >80%RH when tested to ASTM F2170 or 5% moisture content when tested to ASTM F2659

For applications over mineral surfaces subject to rising damp

Apply 1-2 coats by brush or medium nap roller at a minimum coverage of 1litre per 3m² per coat

Installation

Apply primer to surfaces to the extent of the waterproofing application, in line with relevant standards and project specifications.

Refer to individual primer data sheets for specific application details

Detailing & Bond breaker Systems

All critical areas of the waterproofing application including joints, junctions, movement zones, penetrations, drainage points and cracks are to be correctly sealed and detailed prior to membrane application.

Refer to the following table and individual product TDS for specific installation details

Detailing & Bond breaker Systems

Bond breaker & joint transitions (AS 3740 & AS 4654.1)	Option A ELASTOPROOF B50 JOINT BAND
	Option B BRW PF TAPE
	Option C RLA MAX SMP 25*
Pipes and penetrations	Option A ELASTOPROOF COLLARS
	Option B BRW PF TAPE
	Option C RLA MAX SMP 25*
Leak control flanges and general fixtures/waterstops	Option A RLA MAX SMP 25*
	Option B BRW PF TAPE/BUTYL SQUARES
Static cracks $\geq 1\text{mm}$ up to 6mm/ screw/nail holes	RLA MAX SMP 25*

Bond breaker – Option A

- Measure and cut [ELASTOPROOF B50 JOINT BAND](#) bond breaker tape for joints/junctions to be sealed.
- Apply first coat of Gripset 38FC membrane by brush or roller in a 150mm wide strip applied centrally over the joint
- Install Joint Band into the wet coat, and using a brush, press down firmly over the face of the B50 Joint Band ensuring all creases or air pockets behind fabric edges are pushed out
- Apply a second coat of 38FC membrane to fully encapsulate the Joint Band and affix to the surface
- [PREFABRICATED CORNERS](#) are available for both internal (90°) and external (270°) junctions

Bond breaker – Option B

- Unroll [BRW PF TAPE](#) and measure the required lengths for joints to be sealed. Cut the tape using scissors or knife
- Gradually remove release paper and position the tape in place, placing centrally over the joint
- Press into place with a spatula, roller, or cloth, ensuring air pockets and creases are pushed out

Bond breaker – Option C

- Install a bond breaker fillet using [RLA MAX SMP 25*](#) sealant to floor/wall junctions & horizontal/vertical joint transitions where the membrane will be bonded to the substrate and tool off smooth

Pipes and penetrations

- For floor pipes/penetrations protruding floors and walls, [ELASTOPROOF COLLARS](#) are to be fitted over the neck of the pipe and fixed into wet coat of 38FC Membrane
- Where Elastoproof Collars are not used, create flanges using lengths of the [BRW PF TAPE](#). Cut a circular aperture into the centre of a length and slide over the penetration to seal and adhere to the substrate
- Alternatively, seal around base of penetration with a liberal bead of [MAX SMP 25*](#) and tool smooth

Leak control flanges, fixtures & waterstops

- Seal the base perimeter of the fixture/flange to the substrate with [RLA MAX SMP 25*](#) sealant and tool smooth
- Alternatively, seal areas with [BUTYL SQUARES](#) or lengths of [BRW PF TAPE](#)

Static cracks $\geq 1\text{mm}$ up to 6mm/ screw/nail holes

- Clean and remove all loose material from inside the crack/screw hole
- Fill flush with surrounding surface using [RLA MAX SMP 25](#) sealant and overlay with strips of RLA Waterproofing Bandage, Elastoproof B50 Joint Band or BRW PF Tape

*[RLA WATERPROOF BANDAGE](#) can be considered for use in conjunction with [RLA MAX SMP](#) Sealant for additional reinforcement

Application & Coverage

- Gripset 38FC is to be installed in line with current edition, relevant volume and sections of the NCC (National Construction Code of Australia) pertaining to internal, external and general waterproofing applications within the scope of use for the product
- Product is to be applied by brush or medium nap roller
- Apply a minimum of 2 coats at a total minimum coverage of 1.5 litres/m²
- Minimum dried film thickness is 1mm
- Apply subsequent coats at different directions to the previous coat.
- A wet film gauge should be used to regulate correct coverage of each coat.

	Wet Film	Dry Film	Total film	Total coverage per 15litre pail
1 st Coat	750microns	500microns	500microns	10m ²
2 nd Coat	750microns	500microns	1.0mm	

Note: Coverage is dependent upon surface condition and will vary accordingly as uneven and porous surfaces will require greater coverage to achieve the specified film thickness.

Tiling

- When tiling directly over Gripset 38FC, polymer modified cement based adhesives must be used. Refer to Gripset [C-LITE](#), [C-MASTIC](#) and [C-RUBBER](#) TDS for details
- For use of other adhesives over Gripset 38FC, contact the technical department of RLA Polymers for detail of compatibility
- If applying a screed, render or concrete topping over Gripset 38 FC, [GRIPSET 11Y](#) to be incorporated as a proprietary bonding agent and water resistant additive into the mix. Alternatively see [GRIPSET C-BED](#) engineered screed.

Drying times

Re-coat:	1 hour
Tiling/ toppings:	4 hours
Full Cure / Flood test:	24 hours

Important: :

Drying times are based on ambient temperatures @ 23°C and 50% RH.
Drying times may vary subject to ambient/surface temperatures, humidity and substrate porosity.
Drying/curing times will be extended in cooler conditions and periods of high relative humidity

Clean up

- In water while membrane is in a wet state
- Dried product will need to be removed mechanically

Shelf life and Storage

- 12 months when stored in original unopened packaging
- Avoid freezing conditions and off of cold floors
- Best stored at room temperature
- Do not store in direct sunlight

Container sizes

- 5Litre & 15Litre pails

Precautions

- Not to be used as a trafficable surface
- Not to be used as a finished membrane exposed to UV
- Do not apply to areas when rain is imminent
- Do not apply when surface or ambient temperatures are below 5°C or above 30°C
- Not to be used in areas subject to rising damp or negative hydrostatic pressure
- All finish coatings over this membrane must be water based and solvent free
- For further information about this product contact RLA Technical Department

Health & Safety

For information and advice on the safe handling, first aid, storage and disposal of chemical products, users must refer to the most recent Safety Data Sheet (SDS) containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data

Technical Data

Form	Viscous Liquid
Colour	Wet/dry film: Blue
Specific Gravity	1.3kg/litre
Shore A Hardness (ASTM D2240-97)	65
Elongation Classification (AS1145.3)	>300% Class III
Tensile Strength (AS1145.3)	>1MPa
Water Absorption (AS 3558.1)	1%
Water Vapour Transmission (ASTM E96 Desiccant method)	0.6g/m ² /24 hours
Compliance to AS4858	PASS
Compliance to AS 4654.1	PASS



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Warranty Statement:

RLA Polymers guarantees this product against manufacturing defects and guarantees it to be manufactured to our published specification.

We certify that this product is suitable for use when fully cured and will perform as described in our technical data sheet or other published materials.

RLA Polymers will replace the product free of charge when purchased from any legally verifiable source and where the product is proven to have been stored, handled, and install according to instructions published on our packaging and within the stated shelf life. The Installation of all materials must be carried out in accordance with relevant Australian Standards.

Warranty doesn't apply if damage, loss, failure to follow instructions, or other circumstances are out of our control.

Sufficient time and access to investigate any complaint must be accorded to RLA Polymers.

The consumer is responsible for any expenses incurred in making a claim.

Australian Consumer Law:

Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality, and the failure does not amount to a major failure. The benefits under our warranty are in addition to other rights and remedies available to the consumer under the law in relation to the goods and services to which the warranty relates.

Disclaimer:

All statements and technical information contained herein are based on tests we believe to be reliable, but the accuracy thereof is not guaranteed.

Users assume all risk and liability resulting from the use of the product and must confirm the suitability thereof by their own tests. Conditions of Sale contain a limited warranty against manufacturing defects.

GRIPSET 38FC TDS

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