4.2 Buildings in areas of risk should be constructed in accordance with the recommendations of BRE Report BR 211 : 2015 *Radon: Guidance on protective measures for new buildings,* and following the guidance set out in BS 8485 : 2015.

4.3 The product is also satisfactory for use as a damp-proof membrane in accordance with CP 102 : 1973, Section 2 and BS 8000-4 : 1989.

5 Practicability of installation

The membrane is designed to be installed by a competent general builder, or a contractor, experienced with this type of product.

6 Resistance to water and water vapour



6.1 The membrane, including joints, provides an effective barrier to the passage of liquid moisture from the ground.

6.2 When installed in accordance with the following documents, the membrane will comply with the minimum sheet thickness detailed in the national Building Regulations:

England and Wales — Approved document C, Requirement C2(a), Section 4.6
Scotland — Mandatory Standard 3.4, clauses 3.4.2, 3.4.4 and 3.4.6
Northern Ireland — Regulation 28(a).

6.3 The membrane is impervious to water and provides a waterproof layer capable of accepting minor structural movements without damage.

7 Resistance to underground gases



7.1 The product will restrict the ingress of radon, methane and carbon dioxide gases into buildings from landfill and naturally-occurring sources and meets the performance criteria for a gas-resistant membrane as defined in BS 8485 : 2015.

7.2 Measured gas permeability/diffusion values on unjointed membrane are given in Table 1.

Table 1 Gas permeability of Keytec 400 HP

Gas	Method	Result
Methane	BS ISO 15105-1	<0.09 $ml \cdot m^2 \cdot day^{-1} \cdot atm^{-1}$
Carbon dioxide	BS ISO 15105-1	<0.09 $ml \cdot m^2 \cdot day^{-1} \cdot atm^{-1}$
Radon	K124/02/95	8.0×10^{-15} $m^2 \cdot s^{-1}$

7.3 BRE Report BR 211 : 2015 recommends a 300 µm thick polyethylene sheet as the minimum required thickness for a radon gas-resistant membrane. It is generally accepted that other materials with comparable or higher gas resistance are suitable, provided they can withstand the construction process. In the opinion of the BBA, the product meets these criteria.

8 Resistance to puncture

8.1 The membrane can be punctured by sharp objects, and care should be taken when handling building materials over the exposed surface.

8.2 Provided there are no sharp objects present on the membrane's surface prior to and during installation of the protective layer, the product will not be damaged by normal foot traffic.

9 Compatibility with other materials

The membrane contains an aluminium foil interlay which may be subject to corrosion by alkaline conditions if damage

to the membrane and exposure occurs. However, under normal circumstances, the polyethylene faces of the membrane are compatible with other materials and products typically used in the same areas, with the exception of those containing pitch.

10 Underfloor heating

There will be no adverse effect on the membrane from underfloor heating under normal service conditions. In other circumstances, the Certificate holder's advice should be sought.

11 Effects of temperature

When the membrane is loose-laid and the joints are taped, the installation temperature should not be below 5°C.

12 Maintenance

As the product is confined under concrete and has suitable durability (see section 13), maintenance is not required. However, any damage occurring before enclosure must be repaired (see section 16).

13 Durability



13.1 The membrane will, in normal circumstances, remain effective against the ingress of water and water vapour, and will restrict the ingress of radon, methane and carbon dioxide during the lifetime of the building.

13.2 Long periods of exposure to ultraviolet light will reduce the effectiveness of the membrane.

Installation

14 General

14.1 Keytec 400 HP Gas Barrier must be installed and fixed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and the relevant clauses of BR 211 : 2015, and following the guidance of BS 8485 : 2015.

14.2 The membrane can be installed in all normal site conditions, provided that the air temperature is not below 4°C to prevent the risk of surface condensation.

15 Procedure

15.1 The product must only be applied to surfaces that have a smooth finish, ie they should be free from voids, projections and mortar deposits. Surfaces should be dry and free from dust and frost.

15.2 Concrete surfaces should be dense. Vertical surfaces of brickwork and blockwork must be dry and rendered to provide an even surface. Brickwork or blockwork not rendered must be flush pointed to give a smooth surface without sudden changes in level.

15.3 The membrane is rolled out with the coloured surface uppermost (white side down), ensuring that it is properly aligned. All end and side overlaps should be a minimum of 150 mm and prepared in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.

15.4 When the membrane is laid below the concrete slab, it should be loose-laid to accommodate any small movements.

15.5 All surfaces must be dried thoroughly prior to joining. Roll edges can be welded, or taped. A strip of the tape is unrolled over the membrane with its nearest edge 50 mm from the membrane edge. The protective paper is removed from the butyl tape prior to rolling an adjacent run of the membrane, which must be carefully unrolled over the jointing tape, ensuring a 100 mm overlap.

15.6 All service penetrations and direction changes should be properly detailed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions. Service ducts should be vented to prevent the possibility of gas accumulating in confined spaces.

15.7 The continuity of the gas protection must extend over the footprint of the building, and the gas membrane must be sealed to a gas-resistant damp-proof course.

15.8 The membrane should be covered by a screed or other protective layer, such as Keytec protection fleece, as soon as possible after installation. If blockwork protection is used, care must be taken to avoid damage to the membrane during construction.

15.9 The membrane installation should be subject to third-party independent validation, in accordance with BS 8485 : 2015.

16 Repair

Any damage to the product must be repaired using a patch of the membrane, and laps welded or sealed with double-sided tape and secured with the butyl tape. All patched areas must extend a minimum of 150 mm from the damaged area. If required by the local authority, repair work should be confirmed by an independent validation report, as all gas membrane installation should be subject to third-party validation in accordance with BS 8485 : 2015.

Technical Investigations

17 Tests

17.1 An assessment was made of data to EN 13967 : 2012 in relation to:

- tensile strength and elongation
- nail tear resistance
- watertightness
- resistance to static loading.

17.2 Tests were carried out to determine

- thickness, width, density and mass per unit area
- dimensional stability, low temperature flexibility and water vapour permeability
- tensile strength and elongation on controls, after 12 weeks heat ageing at 70°C and after 100 hours UVB exposure
- watertightness on controls and after 12 weeks heat ageing at 70°C
- nail tear strength on controls and after 12 weeks heat ageing at 70°C
- resistance of joints to air pressure
- tensile strength of joints on controls and after 12 weeks heat ageing at 70°C

to assess:

- product characteristics
- durability of the product and joints.

18 Investigations

18.1 An evaluation was made of the results of the test data regarding permeability of radon, methane and carbon dioxide.

18.2 A site visit was conducted to assess practicability of installation.

18.3 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

Bibliography

BS 8000-4 : 1989 *Workmanship on building sites — Code of practice for waterproofing*

BS 8485 : 2015 *Code of practice for the characterization and remediation from ground gas in affected areas*

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

BS EN ISO 14001 : 2004 *Environmental management systems — Requirements with guidance for use*

BS ISO 15105-1 : 2007 *Plastics — Film and sheeting — Determination of gas-transmission rate — Differential-pressure methods*

CP 102 : 1973 *Code of practice for protection of buildings against water from the ground*

EN 13967 : 2012 *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Plastic and rubber damp proof sheets including plastic and rubber*

19 Conditions

19.1 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 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.

19.2 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.

19.3 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.

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

19.5 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
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- 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.

19.6 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.

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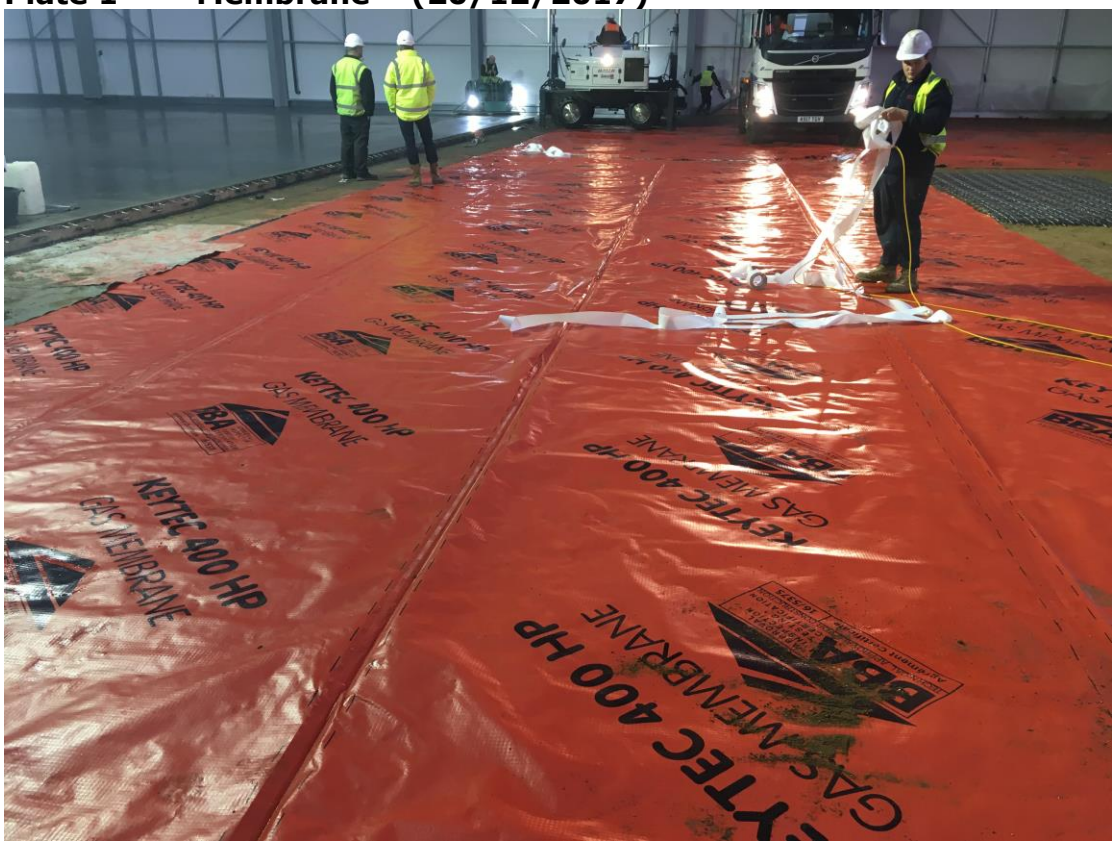
APPENDIX II

PLATES

Plate 1 Membrane – (20/12/2017)



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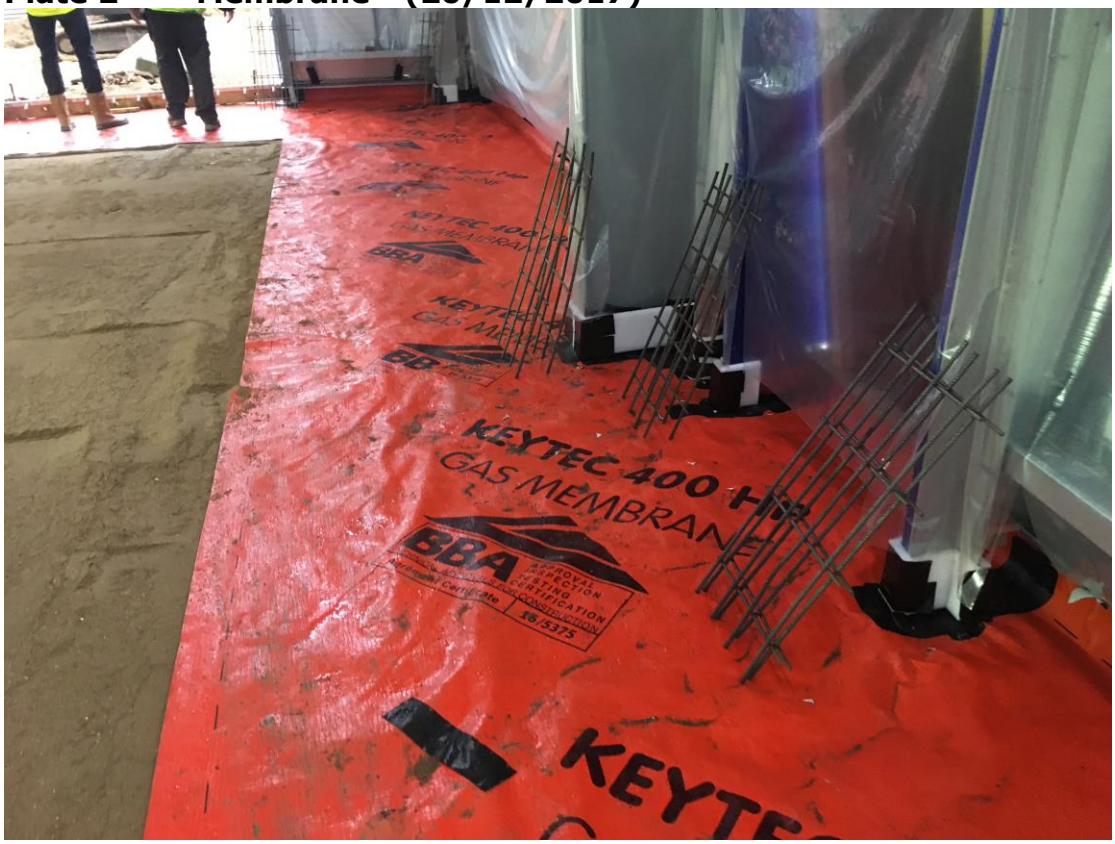

Plate 3 Membrane – (20/12/2017)



Plate 4 Sealed Joint - (20/12/2017)



Plate 5 Sealed Penetration – (20/12/2017)



Plate 6 Sealed Penetration - (20/12/2017)

