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## VENTIA IRON & VENTIA METAL ROOF UNDERLAYS

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### BRANZ Appraisals

Technical Assessments of  
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## Product

- 1.1 Ventia Iron Roof Underlay is a synthetic building underlay for use under roof claddings. The product consists of a micro-porous water-resistant polypropylene film laminated between two layers of spun-bonded polypropylene and is coloured grey.
- 1.2 Ventia Metal Roof Underlay comprises a polymer drainage mat adhered to the Ventia Iron Roof Underlay for use under profiled metal roof cladding.

## Scope

- 2.1 Ventia Iron Roof Underlay has been appraised for use as a self-supporting roof underlay on buildings within the following scope:
  - the scope limitations of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1 with regard to building height and floor plan area; and,
  - with masonry tile roof cladding; and,
  - with metal tile roof cladding; and,
  - with profiled metal roof cladding; and,
  - situated in NZS 3604 Building Wind Zones up to, and including, Extra High.
- 2.2 Ventia Metal Roof Underlay has been appraised for use as a self-supporting roof underlay on buildings within the following scope:
  - the scope limitations of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1 with regard to building height and floor plan area; and,
  - with profiled metal roof cladding; and,
  - situated in NZS 3604 Building Wind Zones up to, and including, Extra High.



## Building Regulations

### New Zealand Building Code (NZBC)

3.1 In the opinion of BRANZ, Ventia Iron & Ventia Metal Roof Underlays, if used, designed, installed and maintained in accordance with the statements and conditions of this Appraisal, will meet or contribute to meeting the following provisions of the NZBC:

**Clause B2 DURABILITY:** Performance B2.3.1 (a) not less than 50 years, B2.3.1 (b) 15 years and B2.3.2. Ventia Iron & Ventia Metal Roof Underlays meet these requirements. See Paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2.

**Clause E2 EXTERNAL MOISTURE:** Performance E2.3.2. When used as part of the roof cladding system, Ventia Iron & Ventia Metal Roof Underlays contribute to meeting this requirement. See Paragraphs 12.1-12.4.

**Clause F2 HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS:** Performance F2.3.1. Ventia Iron & Ventia Metal Roof Underlays meet this requirement.

## Technical Specification

### Ventia Iron Roof Underlay

4.1 Ventia Iron Roof Underlay is a synthetic building underlay for use under roof claddings. The product consists of a micro-porous water-resistant polypropylene film laminated between two layers of spun-bonded polypropylene. Ventia Iron Roof Underlay is coloured grey and/or white on the top and bottom faces.

4.2 Ventia Iron Roof Underlay is supplied in rolls 2.74 m wide x 36.5 m long [100 m<sup>2</sup>] and 1.5 m wide x 50 m long [75 m<sup>2</sup>]. The product is printed with the Ventia Iron Roof Underlay logo repeated along the length of each roll. The rolls are wrapped in clear polythene film.

### Ventia Metal Roof Underlay

4.3 Ventia Metal Roof Underlay comprises a polymer drainage mat adhered to the Ventia Iron Roof Underlay. The drainage mat sits between the underlay and the profiled metal roof cladding.

4.4 Ventia Metal Roof Underlay is supplied in rolls 1.5 m wide x 25 m long [37.5 m<sup>2</sup>].

### Accessories

4.5 Accessories used with Ventia Iron & Ventia Metal Roof Underlays which are supplied by the installer are:

- **Fixings** – stainless steel staples, clouts, screws or proprietary underlay fixings, or other temporary fixings to attach the roof underlay to the framing.

### Components

4.6 Components used with Ventia Metal Roof Underlay which are supplied by the installer are:

- **Plywood** – complying with AS/NZS 2269, minimum 7 mm thick and treated to H3 in accordance with NZS 3602.
- **Strandsarking from Laminex New Zealand** – an engineered wood panel sheet material, treated to H3.1.

## Handling and Storage

5.1 Handling and storage of the products, whether on-site or off-site, is under the control of the installer. The rolls must be protected from damage and weather. They must be stored on end, under cover, in clean, dry conditions and must not be crushed.

## Technical Literature

- 6.1 This Appraisal must be read in conjunction with:
- Ventia Iron – Roof Underlay Installation Procedure, August 2020.
  - Ventia Metal [Ventia Iron & Drainage Mat] Installation Procedure, Version No. 1, March 2025.
- 6.2 All aspects of design, use, installation and maintenance contained in the Technical Literature and within the scope of this Appraisal must be followed.

## Design Information

### General

#### Ventia Iron Roof Underlay

- 7.1 Ventia Iron Roof Underlay is suitable for use in residential and commercial roofs with roof pitches of minimum 3°. The product must not span unsupported more than 1,200 mm in one direction. Spans greater than 1,200 mm require additional support such as galvanised wire mesh or safety mesh.
- 7.2 At roof pitches of 10° or more, Ventia Iron Roof Underlay may be run horizontally or vertically. At roof pitches less than 10° (minimum 3°), Ventia Iron Roof Underlay may be run horizontally, or vertically if installed over a roof underlay support. Refer to Table 1 for a summary of the roof underlay support requirements.

**Table 1: Roof Underlay Support Requirements**

Roof Pitch	Span	Roof Underlay Support Required?	
		Horizontally Installed	Vertically Installed
10° or more	Greater than 1,200 mm	Yes	Yes
	1,200 mm or less	No	No
Less than 10° (minimum 3°)	Greater than 1,200 mm	Yes	Yes
	1,200 mm or less	No	Yes

- 7.3 Ventia Iron Roof Underlay is intended for use as an alternative to conventional kraft paper roof underlays, which are fixed over timber or steel-framed roofs in order to limit the entry of wind into the roof cavity, and to assist in the moisture management of the roof cladding system.
- 7.4 The material also provides a degree of temporary weather protection during early construction. However, the product will not make the roof weathertight and some wetting of the underlying structure is always possible before the roof cladding is installed. Hence, the entire building must be closed-in and made weatherproof before moisture sensitive materials such as ceiling linings and insulation materials are installed.
- 7.5 Ventia Iron Roof Underlay must not be exposed to the weather or ultraviolet [UV] light for a total of more than 7 days before being covered by the roof cladding.
- 7.6 Ventia Iron Roof Underlay is suitable for use under roof claddings on buildings as a roof underlay in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1. Refer to Table 2 for the material properties of Ventia Iron & Ventia Metal Roof Underlay.

#### Ventia Metal Roof Underlay

- 7.7 In addition to Paragraphs 7.1-7.6 above, Ventia Metal Roof Underlay must:
- only be installed under profiled metal roof cladding; and,
  - be installed directly to clean and dry plywood or Strandsarking panels; and,
  - be ventilated from eaves to ridges.



**Table 2: NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1 Requirements**

NZBC E2/AS1 Roof Underlay Properties	Property Performance Requirement	Results
Absorbency	$\geq 150 \text{ g/m}^2$	Pass
Vapour Resistance	$\leq 7 \text{ MN s/g}$	Pass
Water Resistance	$\geq 100 \text{ mm}$	Pass
pH of Extract	$\geq 5.5$ and $\leq 8$	Pass
Shrinkage	$\leq 0.5\%$	Pass
Mechanical	Edge tear and tensile strength	Edge tear [Average]: Machine direction = 112 N Cross direction = 93 N Tensile strength [Average]: Machine direction = 4.51 kN/m Cross direction = 3.21 kN/m

### Structure

- 8.1 Ventia Iron Roof Underlay is suitable for use in all Wind Zones of NZS 3604 up to, and including, Extra High.
- 8.2 Ventia Metal Roof Underlay is suitable for use in all Wind Zones of NZS 3604 up to, and including, Extra High.

### Durability

- 9.1 Ventia Iron Roof Underlay meets code compliance with NZBC Clause B2.3.1 [a] not less than 50 years for roof underlays used where the roof cladding durability requirement or expected serviceable life is not less than 50 years, e.g. behind masonry roof tile cladding, and code compliance with NZBC Clause B2.3.1 [b] 15 years for roof underlays used where the roof cladding durability requirement is 15 years.
- 9.2 Ventia Metal Roof Underlay meets code compliance with NZBC Clause B2.3.1 [b] 15 years for roof underlays used where the profiled metal roof cladding durability requirement is 15 years.

### Serviceable Life

- 9.3 Provided the underlay is not exposed to the weather or UV light for a total of more than 7 days, and provided the roof cladding is maintained in accordance with the cladding manufacturer's instructions and the roof cladding remains weather-resistant, Ventia Iron and Ventia Metal Roof Underlays are expected to have a serviceable life equal to that of the roof cladding.

### Control of Internal Fire and Smoke Spread

- 10.1 Ventia Iron Roof Underlay has an AS 1530 Part 2 flammability index of no greater than 5, and therefore meets the requirements of NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS2, for the surface finish requirements of suspended flexible fabric used as an underlay to exterior cladding that is exposed to view in occupied spaces. It may therefore be used with no restrictions in all buildings.
- 10.2 As Ventia Metal Roof Underlay is not exposed to view in occupied spaces, the product does not need to meet the requirements of NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS2, for the surface finish requirements of suspended flexible fabric.

### Prevention of Fire Occurring

- 11.1 Separation or protection must be provided to Ventia Iron & Ventia Metal Roof Underlays from heat sources such as fireplaces, heating appliances and chimneys. NZBC Acceptable Solutions C/AS1 and C/AS2 provide methods for separation and protection of combustible materials from heat sources.



## External Moisture

- 12.1 Ventia Iron Roof Underlay must only be used under roof claddings that meet the requirements of the NZBC, such as those covered by NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, or roof claddings covered by a valid BRANZ Appraisal or CodeMark Certificate.
- 12.2 Ventia Iron Roof Underlay, when installed in accordance with the Technical Literature and this Appraisal, will assist in the total cladding system's compliance with NZBC.
- 12.3 Ventia Metal Roof Underlay must only be used under profiled metal roof claddings that meet the requirements of the NZBC, such as those covered by NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, or profiled metal roof claddings covered by a valid BRANZ Appraisal or CodeMark Certificate.
- 12.4 Ventia Metal Roof Underlay, when installed in accordance with the Technical Literature and this Appraisal, will assist in the total cladding system's compliance with NZBC.

## Installation Information

### Installation Skill Level Requirement

- 13.1 All design and building work must be carried out in accordance with the Ventia Iron & Ventia Metal Roof Underlay Technical Literature and this Appraisal by competent and experienced tradespeople conversant with Ventia Iron & Ventia Metal Roof Underlays. Where the work involves Restricted Building Work (RBW) this must be completed by, or under the supervision of, a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP) with the relevant Licence Class.

### Underlay Installation

#### Ventia Iron Roof Underlay

- 14.1 Ventia Iron Roof Underlay must be fixed at maximum 300 mm centres to all framing members with large-head clouts 20 mm long, 6-8 mm stainless steel staples, self-drilling screws or proprietary underlay fixings. The underlay must be pulled taut over the framing before fixing.
- 14.2 Ventia Iron Roof Underlay may be installed horizontally or vertically at roof pitches 3° and above [refer to Paragraph 7.1 for further guidance]. It must extend from the ridge and overhang the fascia board by 20-25 mm. Vertical laps must be no less than 150 mm wide. Horizontal laps must also be no less than 150 mm, with the direction of the lap ensuring that water is shed to the outer face of the underlay. End laps must be made over framing and be no less than 150 mm wide.
- 14.3 When fixing the product in windy conditions, care must be taken due to the large sail area created.
- 14.4 Any damaged areas of Ventia Iron Roof Underlay, such as tears, holes or gaps around service penetrations, must be repaired. Damaged areas can be repaired by covering with new material lapping the damage area by at least 150 mm and taping, or by taping small tears.

#### Ventia Metal Roof Underlay

- 14.5 Ventia Metal Roof Underlay must be installed directly to clean and dry plywood or Strandsarking panels, with the mat facing outwards. The underlay must be fastened to the substrate with 6-8 mm stainless steel staples.
- 14.6 Ventia Metal Roof Underlay must be installed horizontally at roof pitches 3° and above [refer to Paragraph 7.1 for further guidance]. It must extend from the ridge and overhang the fascia board by 20-25 mm. Vertical laps must be no less than 200 mm wide. Horizontal laps must be no less than 150 mm, with the direction of the lap ensuring that water is shed to the outer face of the underlay. End laps must no less than 150 mm wide.
- 14.7 The drainage mat must be removed from the underlay to allow for overlaps. Care must be taken to not damage the underlay when removing the drainage mat.
- 14.8 When fixing the product in windy conditions, care must be taken due to the large sail area created.
- 14.9 Any damaged areas of the Ventia Metal underlay layer, such as tears, holes or gaps around service penetrations, must be repaired. Damaged areas can be repaired by covering with new material lapping the damaged area by at least 150 mm and taping, or by taping small tears.

- 14.10 Any damaged areas of the Ventia Metal drainage mat layer should be replaced with new product.
- 14.11 Ventia Metal Roof Underlay installations must be vented from the eaves to the ridge.

#### **Inspections**

- 14.12 The Technical Literature must be referred to during the inspection of Ventia Iron & Ventia Metal Roof Underlays.

## **Basis of Appraisal**

The following is a summary of the technical investigations carried out:

#### **Tests**

- 15.1 The following tests have been carried out on Ventia Iron Roof Underlay in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1: tensile strength, edge-tear resistance and resistance to water vapour transmission in accordance with AS/NZS 4200.1, shrinkage in accordance with AS/NZS 4201.3, resistance to water penetration in accordance with AS/NZS 4201.4, surface water absorbency in accordance with AS/NZS 4201.6, pH of extract in accordance with AS/NZS 1301.421s. A range of these tests were completed before and after the underlay was exposed to UV light.
- 15.2 The flammability index of Ventia Iron Roof Underlay has been evaluated in accordance with AS 1530.2.

#### **Other Investigations**

- 16.1 Durability opinions have been given by BRANZ technical experts.
- 16.2 An evaluation of the expected performance of Ventia Iron & Ventia Metal Roof Underlays in direct contact with metal roof cladding has been completed by BRANZ.
- 16.3 The practicability of installation of Ventia Iron & Metal Roof Underlays has been assessed by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.
- 16.4 The Technical Literature, including installation instructions, has been examined by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.

#### **Quality**

- 17.1 The manufacture of Ventia Iron & Ventia Metal Roof Underlay has not been examined by BRANZ, but details of the methods adopted for quality control and the quality of the materials used, have been obtained and found to be satisfactory. BRANZ undertakes an ongoing review of product quality on an inwards goods basis.
- 17.2 The quality of supply to the market is the responsibility of E Built NZ Limited.
- 17.3 Building designers are responsible for the design of the building, and for the incorporation of the roof underlay into their design in accordance with the instructions of E Built NZ Limited.
- 17.4 Quality of installation is the responsibility of the installer in accordance with the instructions of E Built NZ Limited.



## Sources of Information

- AS 1530.2:1993 Test for Flammability of Materials.
- AS/NZS 1301.421s:2017 Determination of the pH value of aqueous extracts of paper, board and pulp – Cold extraction method.
- AS/NZS 2269:2012 Plywood – Structural.
- AS/NZS 4200.1:2017 Pliable building membranes and underlays – Materials.
- AS/NZS 4201.3:1994 Pliable building membranes and underlays – Methods of test – Shrinkage.
- AS/NZS 4201.4:1994 Pliable building membranes and underlays – Methods of test – Resistance to water penetration.
- AS/NZS 4201.6:1994: Pliable building membranes and underlays – Methods of test – Surface water absorbency.
- AS/NZS 4534:2006 Zinc and zinc/aluminium-alloy coatings on steel wire.
- NZS 3602:2003 Timber and wood-based products for use in building.
- NZS 3604:2011 Timber-framed buildings.
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Record of amendments – Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods and handbooks.
- The Building Regulations 1992.

## Amendments

### Amendment No. 1, dated 27 January 2021

This Appraisal has been amended to update the company details.

### Amendment No. 2, dated 19 September 2024

This Appraisal has been amended to update the Appraisal Holder.

### Amendment No. 3, dated 17 March 2025

This Appraisal has been amended to include Ventia Metal Roof Underlay.

### Amendment No. 4, dated 19 September 2025

This Appraisal has been amended to include the use of Ventia Iron & Ventia Metal Roof Underlays as self-supporting roof underlays.

### Amendment No. 5, dated 02 February 2026

This Appraisal has been amended to reflect the changes made to the NZBC compliance documentation, and to update the Appraisal Holder's details.



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In the opinion of BRANZ, **Ventia Iron & Ventia Metal Roof Underlays** are fit for purpose and will comply with the Building Code to the extent specified in this Appraisal provided they are used, designed, installed and maintained as set out in this Appraisal.

The Appraisal is issued only to **E Built NZ Limited**, and is valid until further notice, subject to the Conditions of Appraisal.

### Conditions of Appraisal

1. This Appraisal:
  - a) relates only to the product as described herein;
  - b) must be read, considered and used in full together with the Technical Literature;
  - c) does not address any Legislation, Regulations, Codes or Standards, not specifically named herein;
  - d) is copyright of BRANZ.
2. **E Built NZ Limited**:
  - a) continues to have the product reviewed by BRANZ;
  - b) shall notify BRANZ of any changes in product specification or quality assurance measures prior to the product being marketed;
  - c) abides by the BRANZ Appraisals Services Terms and Conditions;
  - d) warrants that the product and the manufacturing process for the product are maintained at or above the standards, levels and quality assessed and found satisfactory by BRANZ pursuant to BRANZ's Appraisal of the product.
3. BRANZ makes no representation or warranty as to:
  - a) the nature of individual examples of, batches of, or individual installations of the product, including methods and workmanship;
  - b) the presence or absence of any patent or similar rights subsisting in the product or any other product;
  - c) any guarantee or warranty offered by **E Built NZ Limited**.
4. Any reference in this Appraisal to any other publication shall be read as a reference to the version of the publication specified in this Appraisal.
5. BRANZ provides no certification, guarantee, indemnity or warranty, to **E Built NZ Limited** or any third party.

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For BRANZ

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Chief Executive

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