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PART 1 – GENERAL

1.01 Description

A. Scope:

1. Furnish and install a Ballasted EPDM Roofing Membrane with flashings and accessories necessary to comprise a roofing system. The Mule-Hide EPDM products and accessories shall be installed in strict compliance with current specifications and drawings as published by Mule-Hide Products Co., Inc. ("Mule-Hide").
2. The Mule-Hide Ballasted EPDM (Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer) Membrane Roof System utilizes a .045 inch thick non-reinforced black EPDM sheet. An optional sheet that may be used and is specifically required when a Mule-Hide Premium Warranty is requested is the .060 inch thick non-reinforced black EPDM membrane. The Mule-Hide Reinforced EPDM membrane may also be used for this specification. The EPDM membrane is loose laid over an acceptable substrate and ballasted. Adjoining sheets are overlapped a minimum of 3 inches and spliced with Mule-Hide Butyl Splice Adhesive or with Mule-Hide In-Seam Tapes. A minimum of 10 lbs. per square foot (sf) of smooth river bottom stone is required as ballast.

B. Related Work:

The work includes, but is not necessarily limited to the installation of:

1. Vapor Retarder (where specified)
2. Wood Blocking (Nailers)
3. Insulation
4. Slip Sheet (where required)
5. Fasteners
6. Roof Membrane
7. Roof Membrane Flashings
8. Metal Flashings
9. Adhesives
10. Sealants
11. Walkway

1.02 Quality Assurance

- A. The Mule-Hide Ballasted EPDM Membrane Roofing System shall be installed exclusively by an independent roofing contractor eligible to apply for Mule-Hide warranties when Standard System or Premium System Warranties are requested.
- B. There shall be no deviations from this specification or Mule-Hide's standard details without prior written approval from Mule-Hide's Technical Department.
- C. Upon completion of the installation according to the terms and conditions stated in this specification and in accordance to the information given in the Warranty Application and Pre-Job survey form and any additional approvals which might have been given by Mule-Hide, an authorized representative of Mule-Hide may perform an on-site inspection of the roof to verify that all installation and material requirements have been met.

- D. Mule-Hide reserves the right to reject any roof system and refuse to issue any warranty on roofs which do not comply with Mule-Hide's specifications or current policies.

1.03 Submittals

- A. Prior to the time of bidding, the roofing contractor shall submit to the Owner or Owner's representative the following items:
 - 1. Copies of Mule-Hide specifications and published product data.
 - 2. Samples of each material to be used in the roof system.
 - 3. Specimen copy of Mule-Hide Products Co. warranty
 - 4. Dimensioned shop drawings to include an outline of the roof and appropriate details for flashings and terminations.
 - 5. Certification from insulation, roofing and accessory components manufacturers that all materials supplied comply with identified ASTM and industry standards.
 - 6. Verification that system specifications meet all identified code and insurance requirements including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Factory Mutual Research Laboratories
Norwood, MA
 - b. Underwriters Laboratories
Northbrook, IL
- B. Prior to starting the project, the roofing contractor shall submit to Mule-Hide's Technical Department the following items:
 - 1. All project specifications and details where deviations to the Mule-Hide standard specification are requested.
 - 2. All project specifications where a Premium warranty is required or an extension to the wind coverage is requested.
 - 3. All information necessary to determine compliance with specified UL or FM requirements.

1.04 Product Delivery, Storage and Handling

- A. All products delivered to the job site shall be in their original unopened containers or wrappings and clearly labeled with the manufacturer's name, product identification and date of manufacture.
- B. Protect all materials from damage during transit, storage and delivery to the job site. Place all materials on pallets and protect from moisture. Materials damaged in handling or storage shall not be used.
- C. Store all materials in a dry, clean area protected from the elements. All adhesive and caulking shall be stored at temperatures between 60°F and 80°F. Materials exposed to lower temperatures affect the workability and performance of the product. Products shall be restored to room temperature prior to use.
- D. All flammable materials shall be stored in a cool, dry area away from open flames and sparks. Follow precautions outlined on containers or supplied by the material manufacturer/supplier.
- E. All materials determined to have been damaged (confirmed by Mule-Hide) are to be replaced.

1.05 Job Conditions

- A. This specification shall not be considered applicable without the appropriate additional specifications approved by Mule-Hide if it should be determined that any of the following conditions exist:
 - 1. If the Mule-Hide Roof System should exceed the structural load conditions as determined by an architect or Engineer.
 - 2. When chemical or hazardous materials are discharged onto the Mule-Hide Roof System.
- B. The General Contractor or the building owner shall be responsible for providing adequate surfaces and structures to receive the insulation, Mule-Hide Roof System and related sheet metal necessary for the successful completion of the project.
- C. Only as much new roofing as can be made watertight each day shall be installed each day. This includes all flashing work.
- D. All substrates to receive new insulation, membrane or flashing shall be thoroughly dry. Should surface moisture occur, the contractor shall provide adequate equipment to dry the substrate prior to application of new materials.
- E. Prior to and during application, all dirt, debris and dust shall be removed from surfaces to be roofed for both new and reroofing substrates.
- F. On all projects where the ballasted EPDM system is specified, it is the responsibility of the independent roofing contractor to have the owner or owner's representative verify the condition of the deck or substrate and to confirm the roof deck can withstand the additional load. A ballast waiver, signed by the building owner or owner's representative, or a copy of the project specification shall be submitted to Mule-Hide's Technical Department with the warranty application.
- G. Precautions shall be taken to prevent wind blow-off or wind damage during the course of the roofing application. This may necessitate additional securement of temporary construction, materials and equipment.
- H. The contractor shall verify and ensure that all roof drain lines are unblocked before starting work. Any blockages found shall be reported to the owner's representative and Mule-Hide's Technical Department in writing.
- I. Temporary waterstops shall be installed at the end of each day's work. Temporary waterstops shall be removed at the start of the next day's work and disposed of properly. Waterstops shall be compatible with all materials.
- J. Do not install the Mule-Hide EPDM Roofing Membrane in direct contact with any product containing coal tar pitch, creosote or penta-based materials. Consult the Mule-Hide Technical Department for special installation requirements.
- K. Do not allow contaminants such as petroleum, grease, acid, solvents, vegetable or mineral oil, animal oil, animal fat, etc. or direct steam venting to come into direct contact with the Mule-Hide EPDM Roofing Membrane. Contact the Mule-Hide Technical Department for recommendations if such conditions exist.
- L. All work shall be scheduled and executed without exposing interior building areas to the effects of inclement weather. The existing building and its contents shall be protected against all risks.

- M. Arrange work sequence to avoid use of newly constructed roofing for storage, walking surfaces and equipment movement. Contractor shall provide all necessary protection and barriers to segregate the work areas and prevent damage to adjacent areas. If excessive traffic over newly installed membrane is necessary, contractor shall provide plywood or polyester felt protection to prevent damage.
- N. All existing roofing materials to be removed for construction shall be immediately removed from the construction site to a dumping area authorized to receive such debris. Follow all laws, regulations and procedures to identify and properly dispose of asbestos materials which are to be torn off.
- O. Any unusual or concealed condition discovered during the course of the work is to be reported to the owner and Mule-Hide immediately in writing. Work is to be halted until the owner has responded with a solution.
- P. All local building codes and requirements should be followed where applicable. It is the roofing contractor's sole responsibility to determine and ensure that the roofing system selected complies with all local codes and requirements.
- Q. Both interior and exterior building areas affected by construction shall be cleaned up and any damaged areas shall be repaired to the owner's satisfaction.
- R. Certain project conditions may require modifications to this specification. Contact the Mule-Hide Technical Department if any of the following conditions exist:
 - 1. Roof heights greater than 60 feet.
 - 2. Geographical location in wind zone 3, per Factory Mutual's current edition of Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-28.
 - 3. Geographical location in a 100 mph or greater wind zone, per the ANSI 100 year mean recurrence interval wind isotach.
 - 4. Location with a D exposure as determined in ANSI A58.1
- S. Consideration should be given in the project design to problems that can precipitate from the smooth surface characteristic of the Mule-Hide EPDM membrane. The Ballasted EPDM Roofing System shall not be installed where the slope of the roof exceeds an incline of 2 inches per foot. Walk pads should be installed in areas that are subject to routine foot traffic.

1.06 Warranties

All Mule-Hide warranties are available for commercial projects. A Roofing Membrane Limited Warranty for a maximum of 10 years is available for residential projects.

- A. Mule-Hide's Roofing Membrane Limited Warranty

Mule-Hide offers a 10, 15 or 20-year Roofing Membrane Limited Warranty ("Warranty") for a charge. The Warranty covers only the Mule-Hide EPDM membrane (or portion thereof) determined by Mule-Hide to be defective and resulting in roof leaks. This Warranty does not cover workmanship or other components not supplied by Mule-Hide. Mule-Hide does not perform inspections of the installation before issuing the Roofing Membrane Limited Warranty. A Mule-Hide Warranty Application and the appropriate fee must be submitted to Mule-Hide to obtain this warranty. Proof of purchase may be required.

Note: Projects requesting a 20-year Roofing Membrane Limited Warranty require the use of the 60-mil thick black EPDM membrane and shall incorporate additional design enhancements as outlined in the 20-year Design Enhancements for EPDM Ballasted Roofing System Specification. Mule-Hide recommends that Warranty Applications be submitted for review prior to bidding the project

B. Mule-Hide's Standard System Warranty

Mule-Hide offers a 10, 15 or 20-year Standard System Warranty ("Standard") for commercial projects for a charge. The Standard warranty is a "No Dollar Limit", labor and material warranty that covers the Mule-Hide labeled membrane and other components supplied by Mule-Hide installed by a Mule-Hide Warranty Eligible Applicator. The Standard warranty does not cover insulation or its attachment system. Metal flashing components are not covered under this warranty. A Mule-Hide Warranty Eligible Applicator must submit a Warranty Application and the appropriate fee to Mule-Hide. Standard warranties require inspections by a Mule-Hide representative.

Note: Projects requesting a 20-year Standard System Warranty require the use of the 60-mil thick black EPDM membrane and shall incorporate additional design enhancements as outlined in the 20-year Design Enhancements for EPDM Ballasted Roofing System Specification. Mule-Hide recommends that Warranty Applications be submitted for review prior to bidding the project.

C. Mule-Hide Premium System Warranty

Mule-Hide offers a 10, 15 or 20-year Premium System Warranty ("Premium") for commercial projects for a charge. The Premium warranty is a "No Dollar Limit", labor and material warranty that covers the Mule-Hide labeled membrane, insulation, other components supplied by Mule-Hide and approved products (such as metal flashing, insulation adhesive or other pre-approved accessories) installed by a Mule-Hide Warranty Eligible Applicator. A Mule-Hide Warranty Eligible Applicator must submit a Warranty Application and the appropriate fee to Mule-Hide. Premium warranties require inspections by a Mule-Hide representative.

Note: Projects requesting a 20-year Premium Warranty require the use of the 60-mil thick black EPDM membrane and shall incorporate additional design enhancements as outlined in the 20-year Design Enhancements for EPDM Ballasted Roofing System Specification. Mule-Hide recommends that Warranty Applications be submitted for review prior to bidding the project.

D. Mule-Hide is under no obligation to issue warranties on projects completed prior to submittal to the Mule-Hide Technical Service Department of a properly completed Warranty Application.

E. Metal flashing products supplied by Mule-Hide (Mule-Hide Metal Accessories) and installed by a Mule-Hide Warranty Eligible Applicator will be covered under a Standard or Premium System warranty. The finish on the Mule-Hide labeled metal components are covered for a maximum warranty period for up to 25 years independent of the terms of the issued warranty (see the Mule-Hide 25 years Limited Metal Warranty for specific warranty coverage).

F. Standard and Premium System warranties are not available for residential projects.

G. EPDM tie-ins to built-up (BUR) or any other type of roof system are not covered by Mule-Hide warranties.

H. Contact Mule-Hide for other extended warranties that may be available.

I. Terms and Conditions of Warranties

Mule-Hide's obligations under the Roofing Membrane Limited Warranty, the Standard System Warranty, and the Premium System Warranty are limited to the specific terms and conditions of the respective Warranties. Sample copies of the Mule-Hide Warranties are available from Mule-Hide upon request.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.01 General

- A. The components of the Ballasted Mule-Hide EPDM Membrane Roofing System are to be products manufactured or supplied by Mule-Hide Products Co. as specified in the contract documents.
- B. Mule-Hide EPDM membrane is manufactured in accordance with the guidelines of the RMA (Rubber Manufacturers Association) and meets all government specifications for EPDM.

2.02 Roofing Membrane

- A. Mule-Hide non-reinforced EPDM membrane in standard widths up to 50 feet and lengths of 50 and 100 feet are available for use with Ballasted Systems.
- B. Mule-Hide non-reinforced EPDM membrane is available in thicknesses of .045 and .060 inches. The nominal material weight of .045 inch thick membrane is .29 pounds per square foot and .060 inch thick membrane is .39 pounds per square foot.
- C. Mule-Hide's EPDM Membrane meets or exceeds the ASTM D 4637 Standard Specification.
- D. While non-reinforced EPDM membranes are typically specified for ballasted systems, reinforced EPDM membranes may also be specified.
- E. Refer to the Product Data Sheets for the Non-Reinforced and Reinforced EPDM membranes for physical properties and additional information.

2.03 Accessory Materials

The following Mule-Hide materials must be used to install Mule-Hide Roof Systems. Mule-Hide will not warrant any application where another manufacturer's product is substituted for a Mule-Hide product. **All products listed below are physically and chemically compatible with each other.**

- A. Mule-Hide Splice Adhesive - a black or white solvent based, synthetic rubber based (butyl) adhesive designed for splicing EPDM roof membranes and uncured EPDM Flashings. (Maximum warranty term 10-Years)
- B. Mule-Hide Bonding Adhesive (solvent based) - an amber colored synthetic rubber based (neoprene) adhesive designed to bond EPDM membranes to approved insulation boards, metal, concrete, wood and other approved substrates (horizontal and vertical).
- C. Mule-Hide Water Base Adhesive - a non-flammable and non-toxic acrylic latex-based adhesive designed to bond EPDM membranes to approved insulation boards, wood, concrete and other approved decking materials. For horizontal surfaces only (not to exceed inclines greater than 2" per foot).
- D. Mule-Hide In-Seam Tape - a cured butyl rubber tape designed to adhere EPDM membrane seams in conjunction with Mule-Hide's Tape Primer.

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- E. Mule-Hide Tape Primer - a cleaner specifically formulated to clean and prime EPDM membrane surfaces to be bonded with splice adhesives, In-Seam Tapes or Cured and Uncured EPDM Laminates.
- F. Mule-Hide Weathered Membrane Cleaner - a clear solvent based cleaner used to clean and prep the EPDM membrane prior to the application of the Mule-Hide Splice Adhesive or Tape Primer.
- G. Mule-Hide Uncured EPDM Flashing - an uncured EPDM membrane (.060 inches thick) to be used in conjunction with the Mule-Hide EPDM Roof Systems. Uncured EPDM flashing is easily formed and used to flash pipes, inside and outside corners and various other penetrations that require a moldable product.
- H. Mule-Hide Uncured EPDM Flashing Tape - an uncured EPDM membrane laminated to cured butyl tape. Used to flash pipes, inside and outside corners, "T-joints" and various other penetrations that require a moldable product. Flashing tape is used in conjunction with the Mule-Hide Tape Primer. Mule-Hide Uncured EPDM Flashing Tapes shall **not** be used for stripping seams, gravel stops, drip aprons or batten bars.
- I. Mule-Hide RMS Strips - 6 inch wide, cured, reinforced EPDM strips with factory applied seam tape used as a base attachment around curbs and walls to mechanically attach the EPDM field sheet.
- J. Mule-Hide Cured EPDM Cover Tape - a cured EPDM membrane laminated to cured butyl tape used as a cover tape to flash gravel stop and drip apron, in conjunction with the Mule-Hide Tape Primer.
- K. Mule-Hide Lap Sealant - a one part, black or white elastomeric caulk designed for sealing the exposed edge of field fabricated membrane laps.
- L. Mule-Hide Water Cut-Off - a butyl based, one-component mastic designed specifically for sealing roofing membranes to wood, metal, concrete, plastic and other substrates.
- M. Mule-Hide Pourable Sealer - a two-component, liquid (100% solids) polyurethane elastomer used as a filler for pitch pockets.
- N. Mule-Hide Pipe Boots - an economical pre-molded EPDM flashing designed for flashing single pipe penetrations.
- O. Mule-Hide All Purpose Bar - a specially extruded aluminum bar, .050" thick x 1" wide x 10' long, that may be used as an anchor bar, batten bar or as a termination bar.
- P. Mule-Hide Fasteners - Factory Mutual approved # 14 heavy duty and # 12 drill point fasteners used for fastening insulation and Mule-Hide All Purpose Bars to roof decks, curbs and walls.
- Q. Mule-Hide 2.4" Barbed Seam Plates - Factory Mutual approved 2.4" round Galvalume plates with reinforcing ribs used in conjunction with the Mule-Hide HD Fasteners to attach the reinforced membrane and RMS strips.
- R. Mule-Hide Plates - Factory Mutual approved 3" round (26 gauge) Galvalume plates with reinforcing ribs used in conjunction with Mule-Hide Fasteners to attach insulation to roof decks.
- S. Mule-Hide Insulation - The Mule-Hide Poly ISO polyisocyanurate insulation (flat or tapered) is a closed-cell polyisocyanurate foam core laminated to heavy, black (non-asphaltic) glass fiber reinforced felt facers.

2.04 Related Materials By Others

A. Wood Nailers

1. Nailers shall be #2 or better lumber. Creosote and asphaltic preservatives are not acceptable. Pressure treated lumber is not required on new construction unless specified by the architect.
2. Wood nailers shall conform to Factory Mutual's Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-49.
3. Wood nailers shall be installed as specified on the project drawings and shall be of a height sufficient to match the thickness of the insulation being used.

B. Vapor Retarders

1. Vapor retarders shall meet specified codes and insurance requirements.
2. Vapor retarders shall be compatible with insulation and other accessories.
3. The use and placement of a vapor retarder should be determined by an architect or engineer. Mule-Hide does not require the use of vapor retarders. However, Mule-Hide recommends that a vapor retarder be considered when both of two conditions are anticipated:
 - a. The outside average January temperature is below 40°F, and
 - b. The expected interior winter relative humidity is 45% or greater.
4. Mule-Hide must be contacted for buildings that are refrigerated (freezers or cold storage) or have a high interior humidity such as, but not limited to, swimming pools, produce storage or locker rooms.

C. Insulation

1. Insulation shall be installed as a protection layer over the existing substrate or to obtain a desired thermal value.
2. Insulation shall be compatible with the Mule-Hide EPDM Membranes, Mule-Hide Adhesives, Mule-Hide EPDM Flashings and other Mule-Hide Accessories.
3. The following generic insulations are acceptable for use in a Mule-Hide Ballasted EPDM Roofing System when a standard warranty is requested:
 - a. Polyisocyanurate insulations having nonasphaltic facers meeting or exceeding the physical property requirements of Fed. Spec. HH-I-1972 and having a minimum compressive resistance of 18 psi. Thickness minimum is 1 inch or greater as required by the insulation manufacturer to span the flutes of a metal deck.
 - b. High density wood fiberboard may be used as an overlay over an existing roof system (recover application). The minimum thickness is ½ inch. Refer to the Insulation Guidelines section of this manual for specific applications.
 - c. Expanded Polystyrene insulation must be a minimum of 1" thick and certified by the manufacturer to have a minimum density of 1.00 lb. Refer to the insulation manufacturer's minimum requirements for installation over a fluted steel deck. Review the Insulation Guidelines section of this manual for specific applications and restrictions.

- d. Extruded Polystyrene must be a minimum of 3/4" thick (1/2" min. over smooth surfaced BUR). Refer to the Insulation Guidelines section of this manual for specific applications and restrictions.
 - e. State and local building codes should be reviewed regarding the installation of expanded or extruded polystyrene insulation directly over a steel deck.
4. Mule-Hide Premium Warranties require the use of the Mule-Hide Poly ISO insulation. Use of other insulations shall disqualify the project for consideration of the issuance of a Premium warranty. Contact the Mule-Hide Technical Department for specific requirements. Premium warranties are not available for recover applications.
- D. Sheet Metal
- 1. Sheet metal components such as gravel stops, drip aprons, counterflashings, copings, etc., should be fabricated and installed in accordance with the SMACNA recommendations and requirements.
 - 2. Sheet metal components supplied by others are not covered by the Mule-Hide warranties. Contact Mule-Hide's Technical Department for specific requirements.

2.05 Precautions

- A. Consult Material Safety Data Sheets and container labels for specific safety instructions prior to use.
- B. Avoid breathing vapors of solvents, cleaners, primers, sealants and adhesives. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid prolonged contact of solvents, sealants, cleaners, primers and adhesives with skin. Solvent resistant rubber gloves should always be worn during use.
- C. Do not use Mule-Hide EPDM roofing products near fire or flame. Do not use open flames for drying of surfaces, sealants or adhesives. **Do not smoke near flammable products.**
- D. Do not use oil-based paint on EPDM membranes. Contact Mule-Hide's Technical Department for recommendations for compatible color coatings.
- E. Do not allow muriatic acid (masonry cleaner) to come in direct contact with the Mule-Hide EPDM membranes, flashings or accessories.
- F. Do not allow Mule-Hide EPDM membranes or accessories to come into direct contact with steam or vents that produce temperatures in excess of 180°F (82°C).
- G. The Mule-Hide EPDM Roof System may be installed in cold weather provided the adhesives are stored at room temperature until just prior to use and used within 2 hours. Adhesives left in the cold must be returned to room temperature prior to use.
- H. Cover Tapes, Flashing Tapes and In-Seam Tapes may loose tack when exposed to extended temperatures below 40° F. A heat gun may be used to warm the product. Only apply heat to the EPDM side or the release film side of In-Seam Tapes. Be careful not to over heat. Hot boxes are the preferred method to warm all tape products.
- I. In colder temperatures when the ambient temperature is near the dew point, condensation may form on the weathered membrane cleaner, tape primer and adhesive as the solvents flash off. If condensation occurs, discontinue the application and allow the surface to dry. **Do not attempt to dry the surface with heat guns or torches.** When weather permits apply a new coat of product.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.01 General

When installing a Mule-Hide Ballasted EPDM Roofing System in cooler weather, it is recommended that liquids such as solvents, sealants, etc., be stored at temperatures of 60° F. or more until just prior to use in order to facilitate the installation.

3.02 Substrate Conditions

The following general conditions apply to the substrate that will receive a Mule-Hide Ballasted EPDM Membrane Roofing System for recover, reroof and new construction:

- A. The roof deck must be structurally sound and free of defects to provide proper securement for mechanical fasteners. Areas showing a loss of integrity due to corrosion, rotting, warping, concrete spalling, etc., must be repaired or replaced prior to installing the roofing system. The roofing contractor shall make an inspection of the deck prior to starting the roof installation, and if there is no general contractor, the roofing contractor shall be responsible for correcting any defects.
- B. It is imperative that the roofing contractor make test cuts at each roof area prior to recover applications. The condition of the substrate must be suitable to receive a Mule-Hide Ballasted EPDM Membrane Roofing System. Wet insulation must be removed and replaced.
- C. A determination must be made regarding the presence or absence of coal tar pitch within the existing roof assembly. The presence of coal tar pitch may restrict the use of certain insulations. Extruded and expanded polystyrene insulations must not be installed directly over a coal tar pitch roof. An underlayment must be installed prior to the installation of the polystyrene insulation. Contact Mule-Hide's Technical Department for recommendations.
- D. Contact the material manufacturer when the substrate is exposed to excessively high humidity, low temperature or a corrosive environment. Special fasteners (i.e. stainless steel), vapor retarders or details may be required.
- E. It is acceptable to install a Ballasted Mule-Hide EPDM Membrane Roofing System over the following deck substrates provided that an acceptable insulation is installed over the substrate as required and the building owner/owner's representative has confirmed the additional weight of the ballasted roof system shall not exceed the design load limits of the roof deck:
 - 1. Structural Metal Deck (22 gauge minimum) shall conform to recommendations outlined in Factory Mutual's Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-28. Steel decks require the installation of the Mule-Hide Poly-ISO insulation or other approved insulation.
 - 2. Structural Concrete, pre-cast and pre-stressed concrete (3,000 p.s.i. minimum) shall be cured and dry to industry standards and surface shall be smooth, clean and free of moisture or frost.
 - 3. Wood plank (1" minimum) shall conform to Factory Mutual's requirements for Class I impregnated decks.
 - 4. Plywood (15/32" minimum).
 - 5. Oriented Strand Board (7/16" min.)
 - 6. Cementitious Fiber Substrates (Tectum, etc), Lightweight Concrete and Gypsum Decks may be acceptable upon confirmation that the new roof system shall not

exceed the design load limits of the roof deck and support structure.

3.03 Preparation Of Existing Substrate

- A. Substrates for roofing materials shall be dry and free of oil, dirt, grease, sharp edges and debris. Inspect substrates and correct defects before application of roofing membrane. Specifier or roofing contractor shall determine the condition of the existing roof deck and roofing system. Areas with deteriorated decking or wet insulation or other failed materials shall have those affected materials removed and replaced. Make sure all decking is securely fastened. The roofing contractor has the final responsibility to ensure an acceptable deck is provided to receive the new roof system.
- B. Significant ponding that remains after a period of 48 hours should be eliminated by either installing tapered insulation to create positive drainage of the roof surface or by installing new drains in the low areas where the ponding remains. Positive drainage shall also eliminate the possibility of excessive live loads caused by ponding water that could cause structural damage or failure.
- C. Ponded water, snow or ice shall be removed before installing the Mule-Hide Ballasted EPDM Roofing System. Do not roof over moisture in any form.
- D. Recover Projects
 - 1. When installing a new roof system over an existing gravel surfaced built-up roof, all loose gravel must be removed to prevent moisture entrapment. Insulation must always be used as a protection course for the EPDM membrane.
 - 2. When installing a new roof system over an existing single-ply roof system, the existing roof membrane must be cut up into maximum 10' x 10' sections to prevent entrapment of water between the two roof systems.
 - 3. Sprayed in place urethane foam roof systems are not acceptable substrates for Mule-Hide Single-Ply roofing systems and **must be removed**.
 - 4. Existing smooth surfaced built-up roof systems and mineral surfaced modified or built-up roof systems must have an acceptable insulation prior to installing the Mule-Hide Ballasted EPDM Roofing System.
 - 5. If a Mule-Hide Premium warranty is requested, the existing roof system **must be removed to the deck** prior to the installation of the new roofing system or a moisture survey must be taken, all wet areas removed and a copy of the survey submitted to Mule-Hide with the warranty application.

3.04 Vapor Retarder

- A. Specific climate and job conditions may require the use of a vapor retarder. It is the sole responsibility of the design professional to determine the need for a vapor retarder, its type and location in the roofing system.
- B. The roofing contractor must follow the recommended installation procedures of the respective vapor retarder manufacturer and the project specifier's instructions for the type of vapor retarder specified for the project.

3.05 Wood Nailers

- A. Wood nailers are required at all roof perimeter edges where metal edging and gutter systems are specified or where indicated in Mule-Hide's published Standard Details.

- B. Nailers shall be firmly anchored to the decks at a maximum 2'-0" o.c. and shall resist a pullout force of 200 lbs./linear foot in any direction. A 1/2" vent space shall be provided between adjacent lengths of nailers. Fasteners shall be installed within 6 inches of each end. Spacing and fastener embedment shall conform to Factory Mutual Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-49.
- C. Height of nailers shall match the surface level of the insulation and roof membrane. The width of the wood nailer shall extend beyond the metal flange to prevent damage to the membrane.
- D. All woodwork to be reused shall resist a minimum force of 200 lbs/linear foot in any direction and shall be free of rot.
- E. Wood nailers with creosote and asphaltic preservatives are not acceptable. Pressure treated lumber is not required on new construction unless specified by the architect.

3.06 Insulation Installation

- A. When installing insulation, the end joints of each row of insulation shall be offset against the previous row. When more than one layer of insulation is to be used, succeeding layers are to be laid staggered in relation to the previous layer of insulation and all joints shall be offset
- B. Insulation installed over steel decks shall be checked so that no edges are left unsupported along the flutes. All insulations shall be of sufficient thickness and density to prevent breakage under normal roof construction traffic.
- C. Insulation other than Mule-Hide's Poly ISO must be an FM approved insulation and acceptable to Mule-Hide for use under the Mule-Hide Ballasted Roofing System.
- D. Mule-Hide does not require the insulation to be attached to the roof deck. Should mechanical attachment of the insulation be required by the specifier, an additional layer of insulation must be installed over the plates and fasteners. Contact Mule-Hide Technical Department for recommendations.
- E. Refer to the insulation manufacturers guidelines for the appropriate type, size and thickness of the insulation needed for use over the respective substrate and under the Mule-Hide Ballasted Roofing System.
- F. Insulation shall be cut to fit snugly around or against all protrusions, nailers, drains, pipes and walls. All gaps greater than 1/4" wide shall be filled with the same material.
- G. Do not install any more insulation than can be covered by the membrane by the end of the working day and made watertight.
- H. Crickets and saddles may be installed beneath the specified insulation where possible. Crickets and saddles made from non-compatible insulations or materials must be overlaid with an acceptable insulation or underlayment to which the membrane may be adhered.
- I. Factory Mutual does not test ballasted single-ply roofing systems. FM 1-60 and FM 1-90 ratings are not available. Mule-Hide recommends following the "Wind Design Guide For Ballasted Single-Ply Roofing Systems" as jointly published by the RMA and SPRI.
- J. Only FM approved fasteners and plates may be used to attach the insulation when attachment is required by the specifier. When a Mule-Hide Premium Warranty is requested, only Mule-Hide labeled fasteners and plates may be used to attach the insulation and the only acceptable insulation shall be the Mule-Hide Poly ISO.

3.07 Membrane Installation

- A. Mule-Hide strongly recommends using the widest sheets practical for the project.
- B. Unroll the Mule-Hide EPDM Membrane and position without stretching. Large sheets may be moved into final position by encapsulating air under the membrane and floating it into place. Allow the membrane to relax at least 30 minutes prior to installation. Inspect and remove any damaged membrane. Lap sheets a minimum of 3" to allow for a proper field splice. Membrane overlaps shall be shingled with the flow of water.
- C. After carefully positioning several sheets of the EPDM membrane and allowing sufficient time (30 minutes min.) for the sheets to relax, membrane securement and seaming may be started.
- D. The roof membrane shall extend up the vertical surface a minimum of 1" and shall turn down over the edge of the roof a minimum of 2" or as required by the Mule-Hide details.
- E. Refer to the Wind Uplift Guidelines section of this manual for special design layout of the roof's perimeter and corners for installation in high wind areas.

3.08 Splicing Of Lap Areas

- A. Splicing seams with Mule-Hide In-Seam Tapes
 1. Make sure that the top sheet is lapped over the bottom sheet in shingle fashion so that the water will flow over the seam edge and not against it.
 2. All surfaces to be spliced shall be clean and dry. Overlap the adjacent membrane a minimum of 3" and fold back the top sheet approximately 12" to allow for cleaning. Remove excess mica by wiping the seam area with clean damp rags. Dispose of all rags as they become dirty.
 3. Prepare each surface of the seam by scrubbing the cleaned areas with Mule-Hide Tape Primer using clean cotton rags or Scotch-Brite® pads. Additional cleaning may be required along the factory seams that intersect the seam area to remove excess accumulations of mica. Rags and Scotch-Brite® pads must be replaced with clean ones as they become dirty. The primed membrane should have a uniform black color when dry. There should be no streaks present. The Mule-Hide Tape Primer shall be thoroughly stirred prior to use.
 4. Roll the top sheet back over the bottom sheet and mark the bottom sheet to allow for proper placement of the In-Seam Tape. Mark the bottom sheet along the edge of the top sheet, but ½" away from the sheet, as a guide for the installation of the In-Seam Tape. Do not use a chalk line or any type of marker that will prevent the seam tape from sticking.
 5. Fold the top sheet back. Approximately 1/8" to 3/8" of In-Seam Tape should be exposed along the completed seam. Unroll 2 or 3 feet of the In-Seam Tape leaving the release liner in place. Align the In-Seam Tape so that the edge of the release liner is touching the guideline.
 6. Do not install the tape over the line. Leaving the release film in place, install the In-Seam Tape along the marks on the bottom sheet. Roll the tape with a 2" steel roller along the entire length of the seam. The roller must run perpendicular to the tape with overlapping strokes. If more than one piece (roll) of tape is required to complete a seam, the second piece of tape must overlap the first a minimum of 1 inch.

7. Fold the top sheet back onto the tape so that the sheet is laying over the release film. Peel the release paper off the tape at a 45° angle and parallel with the roof allowing the top sheet to fall freely onto the exposed tape. Press the seam together using hand pressure and wiping toward the splice edge. Immediately roll the seam with a 2 inch wide steel roller, using positive pressure, toward the edge of the seam.
 8. Wait a minimum of 2 hours prior to application of the Lap Sealant. The Lap Sealant is only required at intersections with factory seams, where two pieces of tape overlap within the seam and on patches installed over "T-joints". A bead of Lap Sealant should be applied along the overlap for 6" in each direction from the center point of the overlap.
- B. Splicing seams with Mule-Hide Splice Adhesive (Maximum 10-Year warranty)
1. Make sure that the top sheet is lapped over the bottom sheet in shingle fashion so that the water will flow over the seam edge and not against it.
 2. All surfaces to be spliced shall be clean and dry. Overlap the adjacent membrane a minimum of 3" and fold back the top sheet approximately 12" to allow for cleaning. Remove excess mica by wiping the seam area with clean damp rags. Dispose of all rags as they become dirty.
 3. Prepare each surface of the seam by scrubbing the cleaned areas with Mule-Hide Weathered Membrane Cleaner using clean cotton rags. Additional cleaning may be required along the factory seams that intersect the seam area to remove excess accumulations of mica. Rags must be replaced with clean ones as they become dirty. The cleaned membrane should have a uniform black color when dry. There should be no streaks present.
 - a. Mule-Hide Weathered Membrane Cleaner can be used on black or white EPDM membranes.
 - b. Mule-Hide Tape Primer may be used as a substitute for Weathered Membrane Cleaner. Review the section (3.08.A) on Tape installation for cleaning procedures to be followed when using the Mule-Hide Tape Primer.
 4. Tape Primer and Splice Adhesives must be thoroughly stirred prior to application. Be sure to scrape the sides and bottom of the cans while stirring.
 5. Apply the Splice Adhesive to the cleaned surfaces of both sheets. Mule-Hide recommends the use of a solvent resistant, 3" - 4" wide, short bristle paint brush or a solvent resistant 3" wide, ½" medium nap, paint roller.
 6. Apply the adhesive in a uniformly thick even coat. When using a paintbrush do not use a circular motion. Use long, straight strokes applying sufficient adhesive that will achieve a smooth surface without leaving brush marks. When using a roller do not over roll the adhesive. This will cause an uneven application.
 7. Do not allow the adhesive to puddle or leave globs as these areas will not dry properly and may cause excessive swelling of the membrane which will result in fishmouths in the finished seam.
 8. Adhesive must be applied to both surfaces of the seam at the same time to allow for uniform drying of the adhesive. The adhesive must fully cover the surface of the splice areas a minimum of 3" wide.
 9. Allow the adhesive to dry until tacky to the touch of a dry finger without stringing

or sticking to the finger and does not move when pushed forward or the finger is twisted.

Note: Drying time (also referred to as Flash Off time) will vary from day to day depending on the ambient weather conditions. In colder weather, condensation may form on the surface of the adhesive which is caused by the solvent flashing off. If this occurs, the application of the Splice Adhesive should be discontinued. The surface must be allowed to dry and a thin coat of adhesive must be applied over the existing adhesive.

10. Roll the top sheet onto the bottom sheet being careful not to stretch or wrinkle the membrane. Apply hand pressure brushing from the inside of the sheet outward to the edge removing air and fishmouths.
 11. Using a 2" wide steel roller, apply positive pressure rolling from the inside of the seam working out over the edge of the sheet perpendicular to the direction of the seam. The entire seam must be rolled in this manner. A J.R. Seamer Power Roller may be used in place of the 2" steel roller.
 12. All "T-joint" laps in the field membrane shall be reinforced with a 6" piece of uncured EPDM flashing tape or T-Joint patches centered over the intersection of the edges of the seams. All "T-joint" patches shall be caulked with Lap Sealant.
 13. Field seams and flashings should be allowed to set for several hours prior to the application of Lap Sealant. Lap Sealant should be applied to all seam edges by the end of the workday and before any moisture has a chance to form on the membrane.
 14. Just prior to applying the Lap Sealant, the seam and flashing edges shall be cleaned with a clean rag or cloth using the Mule-Hide Weathered Membrane Cleaner to remove any dirt or mica that may remain along the seam edge. Be sure that all edges of the splice have been covered with a continuous bead of Lap Sealant. It is not necessary to trowel (screed) the caulk. The Lap Sealant shall be applied at a maximum rate of 20 linear feet per tube.
- C. Regardless of the method used to splice the seams, all seams must be thoroughly inspected for fishmouths, bubbles, blisters and wrinkles and repaired as necessary.
1. If fishmouths or wrinkles occur through the seam, they must be cut out and patched with cured membrane (cured cover tape may be used).
 2. Patch with cured EPDM membrane or Cured Cover Tape (do not use uncured flashing or flashing tape) that is at least 3 inches larger in all directions than the area that has been cut out. Round the corners of the patch.
 3. Center the patch over the area to be repaired. Follow the splicing procedures for the appropriate material used.

3.09 Membrane Securement (Mechanical)

- A. Additional securement of the EPDM membrane by mechanical attachment must be provided at the perimeter of each roof level, base of walls, curbs, skylights, expansion joints, tie-ins, interior walls, bottom of valleys and angle changes that exceed inclines of 2" or greater per foot and various penetrations as shown in the Mule-Hide Standard Details. All securement must be either horizontally to the roof deck or vertically to the base of the various penetrations as shown in the Mule-Hide Standard Details.
- B. The mechanical attachment of the membrane may be achieved by the following methods:

1. Mule-Hide All Purpose Bar
 - a. The Mule-Hide All Purpose Bar is a specially extruded aluminum bar that has prepunched holes 6 inches on center. The bar may be placed either horizontally or vertically depending on the detail followed. Refer to the Mule-Hide Standard Details for the proper placement of the bar.
 - b. The maximum spacing of the fasteners shall not exceed 12 inches on center. Adjoining bars should be spaced approximately ½ inch to 1 inch apart. All bars must be attached at the ends a maximum of 1 inch from the end of each bar. This may require predrilling additional holes. All cut bars shall be deburred.
 - c. Under no circumstances shall the All Purpose Bar be stripped with 6 inch uncured flashing or uncured flashing tape. Mule-Hide allows only the use of Cured Cover Tape or cured field sheet to strip over the All Purpose Bar.
 - d. The All Purpose Bar must be installed a minimum of 3 inches to a maximum of 6 inches from inside and outside corners.
2. Mule-Hide RMS (Reinforced Membrane Strip) attachment strip
 - a. The RMS is a 6" wide reinforced strip of EPDM membrane that may be installed at the base of walls and curbs. Mule-Hide 2.4 inch barbed seam plates are used to attach the RMS either horizontally or vertically with appropriate fasteners. Refer to Mule-Hide Details MHE124A MHE-125A for appropriate placement of the RMS, plates and fasteners. The RMS is installed prior to the placement of the field sheet.
 - b. Follow the standard procedures for cleaning and splicing the RMS and field sheet. RMS is a pre-taped product, use Mule-Hide Tape Primer to prepare the membrane surface when using the pre-taped RMS. Bonding Adhesive is **only** permitted for use on the areas without seam tape. Lap sealant is not required.
 - c. Spacing of the fasteners shall not exceed 12 inches on center. Adjoining RMS strips shall be spaced a maximum of 1 inch apart. It is not required to overlap the RMS.
 - d. For vertical attachment, the RMS membrane must extend a minimum of 3 inches onto the horizontal surface (roof substrate). Refer to Mule-Hide Detail # MHE-124A. Installation of the plates must be a minimum of 6 inches to a maximum of 9 inches from the inside and outside corners.
 - e. For horizontal attachment, the membrane must be placed a maximum of ½ inch from the base of the angle change extending out onto the horizontal surface (roof substrate). The 2.4 inch barbed plate must be placed a minimum of ½ inch to a maximum of 1 inch from the exterior edge of the strip. Refer to Mule-Hide Detail # MHE-125A. Installation of the plates must be a minimum of 6 inches to a maximum of 9 inches from the inside and outside corners.
3. Drip Apron and Gravel Stop
 - a. For drip aprons and gravel stops, the metal flange shall extend a minimum of 3 inches onto the wood nailer. The wood nailer must be wider than the metal flange. Approved screw fasteners shall be installed a maximum of 6 inches on center and ½" to ¾" from the inside edge of

the metal flange. Ring shank nails spaced a maximum of 4" on center may also be used.

- b. All drip aprons and gravel stops shall be primed with Mule-Hide's Tape Primer and stripped with Mule-Hide's Cured Cover Tape. Cleaning the metal with Weathered Membrane Cleaner to remove oil film may be required prior to installing and priming with the Mule-Hide Tape Primer.
- c. The edge of the Cured Cover Tape overlapping the metal flange shall be caulked with Lap Sealant. For those areas where water flows over a drip apron, both sides of the Cured Cover Tape must be caulked.
- d. When drip aprons are used, proper ballast retainers must be installed.

3.10 Flashing Installation

All walls, parapets, curbs and penetrations shall be flashed with cured EPDM membrane where possible. The use of uncured EPDM flashing or Uncured EPDM Flashing Tape shall be limited to those areas such as corners, pipes, scuppers, patches over "T-joints", patches at the base of all vertical field seams (at the angle change) and other shaped penetrations that require the flashing to be molded and cured product are not practical. All flashing shall be performed in accordance with Mule-Hide's Standard Details. Additional information may be found in the Flashing Guideline section of this manual.

Note: Mule-Hide's Water Base Adhesive is not permitted for use on vertical surfaces.

- A. Vertical Wall, Curb and Skylight Flashings
 1. Cured EPDM membrane should be used to flash all vertical surfaces except when flashing inside and outside corners or other details that require the flashing to be molded.
 2. There are two basic methods of flashing vertical surfaces. Each method is dependent on the mechanical base attachment used.
 - a. When using the RMS strip as the mechanical attachment, the field sheet may be continued up the vertical surface to the point of termination.
 - b. When using the All Purpose Bar as the mechanical attachment, the field sheet is turned up the vertical surface as depicted in details # MHE-120 or MHE-121. Cured EPDM membrane is used to flash over the bars and is continued up the vertical surface to the point of termination.
 3. The minimum height of the flashing on a vertical surface is 8 inches where possible. For recover projects where the existing BUR flashings are left in place, the EPDM membrane flashing must extend above the height of the existing flashings with the termination of the membrane being made directly to the wall or curb surface.
 4. All loose or unsecured existing flashings must be removed. Excessive asphalt should also be removed to provide a smooth surface. Aluminum coated flashings must be removed or covered with an appropriate rigid substrate. New substrate must be sufficiently attached to provide a rigid surface.
 5. Surfaces such as corrugated metal siding, stucco and various other irregular surfaces are not acceptable substrates for adhering vertical flashings. Refer to the Flashing Guidelines section of this manual for recommendations.
 6. Existing through-wall counterflashings, weep holes and overflow scuppers must not be covered by the new EPDM membrane flashings. Termination of the membrane must be below the through-wall counterflashings.

- B. Pipe Flashings
 - 1. Single pipe penetrations shall be flashed with Mule-Hide pre-molded pipe boots where possible. Where a boot cannot be used, Mule-Hide's Uncured Flashing or Uncured Flashing Tape may be used. Pre-molded pipe boots cannot be cut and patched to wrap around a pipe.
 - 2. For recover applications, existing flashings (including lead) must be removed.
 - 3. Hot pipes exceeding 180 degrees shall require the installation of an insulated cold collar (sleeve) to which the flashings may be adhered. Cold collars require the use of rain hoods to prevent leakage.
 - 4. Pitch pans shall be required to seal pipe clusters where boots or field fabrication is not possible. Pitch pans may also be required for irregular objects of such a configuration that prevents standard flashing procedures.

- C. Drains and Scuppers
 - 1. For recover applications, all existing flashings (including lead) shall be removed. A smooth tapered transition from the new insulation to the drain housing must be provided. The drain must be clean and free of any asphalt where the clamping ring seats. **Lead flashings must be removed.**
 - 2. Field seams must not run through the drains. Target patches (4'x 4') are required when field seams intersect drains.
 - 3. For recover applications, existing scuppers should be removed and replaced with new metal scuppers.
 - 4. Cured membrane must be flashed to the vertical surface prior to the installation of new scuppers. New scuppers must have welded watertight corners, be set in Mule-Hide's Water Cut-Off and secured to the wall and deck (or wood nailer) with the appropriate fasteners.

- D. Expansion Joints And Existing Roof Tie-Ins
 - 1. Tie-ins to existing roof systems are not covered by the Mule-Hide Warranties. Tie-ins will vary with the type of existing roof system. Mule-Hide strongly recommends that the new roof system be isolated to the deck surface. Refer to the Mule-Hide Details # MHE-160, MHE-161 & MHE-162.
 - 2. Tie-ins to existing roof systems may require the installation of ballast retainers. Contact Mule-Hide's Technical Department for recommendations.
 - 3. Whenever there is an expansion joint in the roof deck or walls, an expansion joint may be required in the roof system when installing a ballasted system. Refer to the Mule-Hide Standard Details for various flashing procedures.

3.11 Temporary Night Seals

- A. Install temporary cutoffs around incomplete edges of roofing assembly at the end of each day's work and when work must be postponed due to inclement weather.
- B. All loose membrane edges should be sealed with Mule-Hide's Water Cut-Off or Pourable Sealer to prevent water migration under the finished roof sections.
- C. For temporary tie-ins to existing BUR roof systems, remove all gravel, dirt and debris from

the tie-in area and make sure all surfaces are clean and dry. Using either the Water Cut-Off or the Pourable Sealer, apply a heavy continuous bead along the length of the tie-in.

- D. Press the membrane into the sealant making sure there is a complete and continuous seal. Apply weight to the edge of the membrane to prevent possible movement by the wind.
- E. Foam Paks may be used as an alternative to the Water Cut-Off or the Pourable Sealer. Follow the instructions given with the Foam Paks.

Note: Mule-Hide does not warrant or guarantee the water tightness of any nightly tie-in. Temporary night seals are the sole responsibility of the roofing contractor.

3.12 Metal Flashings

- A. Metal work by others, such as copings, gravel stops, drip aprons, counterflashings and expansion joint covers must be properly fastened and sealed to prevent moisture from entering the roof system. Refer to the Mule-Hide Standard Details.
- B. Metal work and securement by others is not covered by the Mule-Hide Warranties.
- C. All metal copings, gravel stops and drip aprons must be premanufactured systems approved in writing by Mule-Hide prior to job bid date to be included under the Mule-Hide Premium warranty. Mule-Hide must be contacted prior to bid date for recommended manufacturers.
- D. Mule-Hide recommends that all sheet metal be installed in compliance with the SMACNA guidelines.

3.13 Walkway Installation

- A. Walkways should be provided in areas where routine rooftop maintenance occurs and in areas where regular rooftop traffic is expected. This should include but is not limited to all roof access points such as doors, hatches and ladders and around rooftop mechanical equipment.
- B. Mule-Hide recommends the use of rubber walk pads as they may be adhered directly to the roof surface. Do not install walk pads over field seams or flashings.
- C. When using masonry paver blocks as walkways, a protection membrane must be installed prior to the pavers. EPDM membrane or polyester slipsheets are acceptable for use as a protection membrane.
- D. Mule-Hide does not include the walk pads under the warranty as they are considered maintenance items and are not part of the roof waterproofing.

End of Section

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