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Agrément Certificate
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Product Sheet 3

SCHOMBURG WATERPROOF CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION SYSTEM

AQUAFIN-CJ6

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to AQUAFIN-CJ6, a flexible, hydrophilic waterstop for use at construction joints and penetrations in underground reinforced waterproof concrete structures.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- · independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production[†]
- formal three-yearly review.[†]

KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Resistance to water pressure — the product provides an effective barrier to the passage of moisture from the ground (see section 6).

Durability — when fully enclosed in a concrete structure the product will remain effective as a waterstop for the life of the structure in which it is incorporated (see section 8).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the product described herein. This product has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Chief Executive Officer

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, AQUAFIN-CJ6, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

Requirement: C2(a) Resistance to moisture

Comment: The product can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 6 of this

Certificate.

Regulation: 7(1) Materials and workmanship

Comment: The product is acceptable. See section 8.1 and the *Installation* part of this Certificate.



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation: 8(1) Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials

Comment: The product is acceptable. See section 8.1 and the *Installation* part of this Certificate.

Regulation: 9 Building standards applicable to construction

Standard: 3.4 Moisture from the ground

Comment: The product can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses

 $3.4.1^{(1)(2)}$, $3.4.5^{(1)(2)}$ and $3.4.7^{(1)(2)}$ of this Standard. See section 6 of this Certificate.

Standard: 7.1(a) Statement of sustainability

Comment: The product can contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of Regulation 9,

Standards 1 to 6 and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level

of sustainability as defined in this Standard.

Regulation: 12 Building standards applicable to conversions

Comment: All comments given for the product under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 also apply to

this Regulation, with reference to clause $0.12.1^{(1)(2)}$ and Schedule $6^{(1)(2)}$.

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

Regulation: 23(a)(i) Fitness of materials and workmanship

Comment: (iv)(b)(i) The product is acceptable. See section 8.1 and the *Installation* part of this Certificate.

Regulation: 28(a) Resistance to moisture and weather

Comment: The product is an effective barrier to water under hydrostatic pressure. See section 6 of

this Certificate.

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: 3 Delivery and site handling (3.1 and 3.3) of this Certificate.

Additional Information

NHBC Standards 2020

In the opinion of the BBA, AQUAFIN-CJ6, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 5.4 *Waterproofing of basements and other below ground structures* (requiring proprietary waterproofing materials to comply with Technical Requirement R3).

Unless it can be demonstrated that the water table is permanently below the underside of the slab, the product must be used within a Type $B^{(1)}$ waterproofing protection product, in combination with either a Type $A^{(1)}$ or $C^{(1)}$ waterproofing protection where Grade $3^{(1)}$ protection is required and the below ground wall retains more than 600 mm (measured from the top of the retained ground to the lowest finished floor level).

(1) As defined in BS 8102: 2009.

Technical Specification

1 Description

- 1.1 AQUAFIN-CJ6 is a flexible hydrophilic waterstop. It is red in colour and measures 20 mm wide by 5 mm in thickness.
- 1.2 An ancillary item that is available for use with the product, and which is included in this Certificate is:
- AQUAFIN-CA used to secure AQUAFIN-CJ6 to the concrete substrate.

2 Manufacture

- 2.1 The compound is manufactured by a batch blending process and then extruded into strips and cut to length.
- 2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:
- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- · monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.
- 2.3 The management systems of Schomburg GmbH & Co. KG have been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001: 2015 by TÜV Rheinland Cert GmbH International (Certificate 01 100 6383/05).

3 Delivery and site handling

- 3.1 AQUAFIN-CJ6 is supplied in 40 m rolls, which are packaged in a carton containing 5 rolls and having a gross weight of approximately 25 kg. Cartons can be supplied on pallets containing a maximum of 20 cartons.
- 3.2 The product must be stored under cover, clear of the ground and protected from UV, moisture, frost and other sources of contamination at a temperature of between 5 and 35°C. When stored correctly in unopened packs, AQUAFIN-CJ6 will have a shelf life of at least two years from the date of manufacture.
- 3.3 The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of classifying and labelling the product under the *CLP Regulation* (EC) No 1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures. Users must refer to the relevant Safety Data Sheet(s).

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on AQUAFIN-CJ6.

Design Considerations

4 Use

- 4.1 The product is satisfactory for use as part of a Type B (structurally integral) protection (as defined in BS 8102 : 2009) to waterproof construction joints and penetrations in underground waterproof reinforced concrete structures.
- 4.2 The product is not suitable for use in movement joints, eg expansion joints.
- 4.3 The product swells on contact with water and must be fully confined within the concrete structure to form an effective seal.
- 4.4 The unconfined AQUAFIN-CJ6 will expand by up to 550 % by volume in neutral pH water. The expansion under alkaline or acidic water conditions will be less, but will be adequate to enable the product to form an effective seal when fully confined.
- 4.5 The product will shrink on drying, but will re-hydrate on wetting and re-swell to provide an effective seal.
- 4.6 The ability of the product to expand and form an effective seal can be adversely affected by the groundwater chemistry, especially saline conditions. A detailed study of this aspect must be carried out to establish the presence of any contamination. The Certificate holder must be consulted for advice on specific applications, service conditions and groundwater chemistry.
- 4.7 The product will develop significant pressure when confined within a concrete structure and must be covered by at least 80 mm of concrete from each edge to avoid damage to the concrete.

5 Practicability of installation

- 5.1 The product must only be installed by contractors who have been trained by the Certificate holder.
- 5.2 To avoid premature swelling, the product must be protected from contact with water until enclosed in the structure and must not be placed during rain or when rain is forecast.

6 Resistance to water pressure



- 6.1 When confined, the product forms an effective barrier to water under hydrostatic pressure from the ground in water-resistant reinforced concrete construction joints.
- 6.2 The product was tested at a maximum hydrostatic water pressure of 4.0 bar and remained watertight.
- 6.3 An appropriate safety factor must be applied to the maximum water pressure given in section 6.2 and the use of additional waterproof protection should be considered, depending on the specific use and risks associated with any particular structure.

7 Maintenance

As the product is confined within the structure and has suitable in-situ durability, maintenance is neither possible nor required.

8 Durability



8.1 AQUAFIN-CJ6 will function effectively as a waterstop and provide an effective barrier to water under hydrostatic pressure for the life of the structure in which it is incorporated.

8.2 The durability of the product may be affected if dislodged or damaged during or following installation, therefore care must be taken to ensure that the product remains in position and is not dislodged when concrete is poured over it, nor damaged during subsequent actions, eg vibration.

Installation

9 General

- 9.1 AQUAFIN-CJ6 must be placed onto smooth and dust-free concrete surfaces. Uneven and irregular surfaces must be levelled using a suitable mastic. The Certificate holder must be consulted for suitable products, the performance of which are outside of the scope of this Certificate.
- 9.2 Dust, dirt and other debris must be removed using a stiff brush and/or suitable mechanical means.

10 Procedure

Placing

- 10.1 AQUAFIN-CJ6 is unrolled and placed onto the concrete surface to sit centrally between the inner and outer rows of the reinforcing bars.
- 10.2 A minimum of 80 mm concrete coverage must be ensured around all edges.
- 10.3 Roll ends must be placed to have an overlap of ≥50 mm and pressed firmly together, or by butt jointing. Butt joints must be covered by a separate section of waterstop with a 30 mm overlap to both sections.

Fixing

10.4 AQUAFIN-CA can be used on clean substrates, wire brushed to remove all contamination. A 10 mm bead of AQUAFIN-CA is gunned onto the substrate, and the product firmly pressed into the adhesive.

Enclosing

- 10.5 Prior to enclosing AQUAFIN-CJ6, the placed product must be inspected for damage and premature swelling. If damaged and/or swollen, the product must be replaced at this stage.
- 10.6 Concrete is then poured to enclose the product, compacting well around the waterstop but taking particular care not to dislodge or damage the strip during the process.

Technical Investigations

11 Tests

Tests were carried out on samples of AQUAFIN-CJ6 and the results assessed to determine:

- product characteristics
- resistance to hydrostatic water pressure
- unrestricted swelling characteristics under alkali, neutral and acidic water conditions
- effect of wet/dry cycles on swelling characteristics
- load developed when restrained.

12 Investigations

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

 ${\tt BS\,8102:2009}\ \textit{Code of practice for protection of below ground structures against water from the ground}$

EN ISO 9001 : 2015 Quality management systems — Requirements

Conditions of Certificate

Conditions

- 1. This Certificate:
- relates only to the product 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 or 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
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- 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.
- 3 This Certificate will be displayed on the BBA website, and the Certificate Holder is entitled to use the Certificate and Certificate logo, provided that the product and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:
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- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
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- any claims by the manufacturer relating to UKCA, UKNI or CE marking.
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