WHAT IS ULTRASEAL?

ULTRASEAL is a unique waterproofing system that utilizes an advanced Active Polymer Core (APC) technology that is ten times less permeable and more chemically resistant than traditional hydrophilic membranes. Two ULTRASEAL membrane composites – BT and SP – each with specific product performance features, provide the best waterproofing properties for under slabs, backfilled foundation walls, and positive pressure blind-side walls, such as soldier pile and lagging retaining walls.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

ULTRASEAL SP is a three component composite membrane consisting of the APC layer between a geotextile and a geomembrane. ULTRASEAL SP is primarily for under slab applications.

ULTRASEAL BT is a two component composite membrane consisting of the APC layer integrally bonded to a high-strength geomembrane. ULTRASEAL BT is designed for backfilled foundation walls, earth-covered structures, and property line construction. Property line construction applications include soldier pile and lagging, metal sheet piling, auger cast caisson, shotcrete, and stabilized earth retention walls.
Installation of ULTRASEAL is fast and easy. Simply position the product into place and fasten. ULTRASEAL can be installed on green concrete, in virtually any weather, without the need for primers or adhesives. It can be easily cut on site to form around corners and penetrations. The result is always a consistent self-sealing membrane.

ADVANTAGES

Compared to traditional active waterproofing products, ULTRASEAL is lighter, more impervious, and more resistant to contaminated water conditions. ULTRASEAL rolls are lightweight and easy to handle. Despite the lighter weight, the APC is one order of magnitude less permeable than bentonite, meaning that it will deliver tenfold performance increase under most conditions. Finally, ULTRASEAL has improved performance in salt water conditions over bentonite waterproofing membranes.

SUPERIOR ADHESION

When concrete is poured against ULTRASEAL, a tenacious mechanical bond is created with the membrane composite. The mechanical bond will hold ULTRASEAL in intimate contact with the concrete should any ground settlement occur, thereby preventing water migration between the waterproofing and the concrete.

COST EFFECTIVE AND TIME EFFICIENT

ULTRASEAL SP is designed to be installed on a properly prepared subgrade, without the need to pour a working slab. The product’s inherent flexibility allows for easy installation. ULTRASEAL BT can be installed as soon as the forms are removed; there is no waiting for the concrete to cure before installing the waterproofing.

ASSOCIATED SYSTEM PRODUCTS

**WATERSTOP-RX®** – expanding concrete joint Waterstop used around penetrations and applicable concrete joints. Swells upon hydration.

**AQUADRRAIN®** – foundation drainage composite consisting of a molded profile core and a filter fabric. Includes sheet drainage and base drain collection.

**CEMENTITIOUS BOARD** – 12 mm (1/2”) thick cementitious wall board for protection of waterproofing during the removal of steel soldier pile cap and top lagging boards.

ACCESSORIES

**BENTOSEAL®** – trowel grade mastic used to detail around penetrations, corner transitions and terminations.

**CETSEAL** – single-component polyether general sealant and adhesive.

**SEAMTAPE®** – premium tape used to seal overlapped membrane edges of ULTRASEAL BT.

**AKWASWELL®** – caulk grade hydrophilic Waterstop.

**TERMINATION BAR** – Min. 25 mm (1”) wide aluminum or stainless steel bar with pre-punched holes on 300 mm (12”) centering for fastening.

**ENVIROSEAL** – self-adhering flashing membrane used for grade and thru-wall flashing.


**LIMITATIONS**

ULTRASEAL should only be installed after proper substrate preparation has been properly completed and is suitable to receive the waterproofing system. Concrete work should use conventional cast-in-place forms that produce a smooth surface. Do not use stay-in-place concrete forming; use removable forming products only.

ULTRASEAL is designed for below-grade waterproofing applications where the product is properly confined. ULTRASEAL should not be installed in standing water or over ice. If ground water contains strong acids, alkalies, or is of a conductivity of 2,500 µhmhos/cm or greater, water samples should be submitted to the manufacturer for compatibility testing.

ULTRASEAL SP is designed for use under reinforced concrete slabs 100 mm (4”) thick or greater on a compacted earth/gravel substrate. ULTRASEAL SP requires a minimum 150 mm (6”) thick reinforced concrete slab if installed over a mud slab. ULTRASEAL is not designed for split-slab plaza deck construction.

ULTRASEAL is capable of bridging typical shrinkage cracks in concrete up to 1.5 mm (1/16”).

ULTRASEAL is not designed to waterproof expansion joints. Consult CETCO for special installation guidelines that apply to shotcrete and precast concrete construction.
PRODUCT MANUAL

ULTRASEAL®
ADVANCED APC WATERPROOFING SYSTEM

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

Before installing ULTRASEAL read this installation manual to gain familiarity with specific procedures and applications. For applications not covered in this manual, contact CETCO for specific installation guidelines.

SECTION 1
UNderslab installation

ULTRASEAL SP is engineered for use under reinforced concrete slabs 100 mm (4”) thick or greater on a compacted earth/gravel substrate. ULTRASEAL SP requires a minimum 150 mm (6”) thick reinforced concrete slab if installed over a mud slab.

For hydrostatic conditions, ULTRASEAL SP should be installed under footings and grade beams as shown in Figures 1.6, 1.7 and 1.8. For non-hydrostatic conditions, ULTRASEAL SP should be installed around footings and grade beams as shown in Figures 1.9, 1.10 and 1.11.

Prior to installing ULTRASEAL SP the substrate must be properly prepared. Complete all required elevator pit, sump pit, grade beam and piling work prior to installing ULTRASEAL SP under main slab area. These areas must be correctly tied into the underslab waterproofing to form a monolithic seal.

1.1 Substrate Preparation

Substrate may be concrete, earth, sand, or crushed stone. Earth and sand substrates should be compacted to a minimum 85% Modified Proctor density. Crushed stone should be no larger than 19 mm (3/4”) in size. Substrate should be smooth and without sharp deflections or pockets.

1.2 Installation

Install ULTRASEAL SP over the properly prepared substrate with the geotextile side up. Overlap all adjoining edges a minimum of 100 mm (4”) and stagger sheet ends a minimum of 300 mm (12”) (Figure 1.1). Nail or staple edges together as required to prevent any displacement before and during concrete placement (Figure 1.2).

When the slab is poured in sections, ULTRASEAL SP should extend a minimum 300 mm (12”) beyond the slab edge (Figure 1.3). This enables ULTRASEAL SP to be properly overlapped for subsequent slab section pours. WATERSTOP-RX should be installed in all applicable slab construction joints (Figure 1.3).

Figure 1.1 – Overlap edges 100 mm (4”) with seams staggered 300 mm (12”)

Figure 1.2 – Secure overlaps together with fasteners

Figure 1.3 – Extend ULTRASEAL SP a minimum 300 mm (12”) beyond slab edge. Install WATERSTOP-RX in joint
Figure 1.4 – ULTRA SEAL SP installed directly over compacted earth/gravel substrate requires a minimum 100 mm (4”) slab

Figure 1.5 – ULTRA SEAL SP installed over a mud slab requires a minimum 150 mm (6”) thick reinforced slab
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ADVANCED APC WATERPROOFING SYSTEM

HYDROSTATIC CONDITIONS

ULTRASEAL BT

Hydrobar Tube

WATERSTOP-RX
75 mm min. (3") coverage

ULTRASEAL SP

Figure 1.6 – Slab on footing detail (hydrostatic)

ULTRASEAL BT

BENTOSEAL

Hydrobar Tube

Mud slab

ULTRASEAL SP

Figure 1.7 – Raised slab detail with mud slab (hydrostatic)

ULTRASEAL BT

WATERSTOP-RX
75 mm min. (3") coverage

Figure 1.8 – Flush slab detail property line wall (hydrostatic)

ULTRASEAL BT

WATERSTOP-RX
75 mm min. (3") coverage

ULTRASEAL SP

Term Bar & BENTOSEAL

300 mm (12")

Figure 1.11 – Flush slab detail backfilled wall (non-hydrostatic)

NON-HYDROSTATIC CONDITIONS

ULTRASEAL BT

Hydrobar Tube

WATERSTOP-RX
75 mm min. (3") coverage

Figure 1.9 – Slab on footing detail (non-hydrostatic)

ULTRASEAL BT

Term bar and BENTOSEAL

WATERSTOP-RX
75 mm min. (3") coverage

Figure 1.10 – Raised slab detail with mud slab (non-hydrostatic)

ULTRASEAL BT

WATERSTOP-RX
75 mm min. (3") coverage

Figure 1.11 – Flush slab detail backfilled wall (non-hydrostatic)
1.3 PILE CAPS AND GRADE BEAMS

ULTRASEAL SP is typically not installed over pile caps but cut to fit tightly around pile caps. Then apply a minimum 19 mm (3/4") thick fillet of BENTOSEAL at intersection of membrane and the piling (Figure 1.12) with Waterstoppage under the membrane at the piling edge. BENTOSEAL should extend onto the membrane and piling a minimum of 50 mm (2") at 19 mm (3/4") thickness. WATERSTOP-RX should be installed on top surface of pile cap around reinforcing steel (Figure 1.12).

Detail grade beams the same as pile caps (Figure 1.14) with a non-hydrostatic condition. For hydrostatic conditions, ULTRASEAL SP should be installed under the entire grade beam (Figure 1.15). Line the grade beam formwork with ULTRASEAL SP prior to placement of reinforcing steel. Leave a minimum 300 mm (12") of ULTRASEAL SP at the top of the form to tie into below slab waterproofing.

Figure 1.12 – Pile Cap Detail (Hydrostatic condition)

Figure 1.13 – Pile Cap Detail (Non-hydrostatic condition)

Figure 1.14 – Grade Beam (Non-hydrostatic condition)

Figure 1.15 – Grade Beam (Hydrostatic condition)
1.4 SLAB PENETRATIONS

Cut ULTRASEAL SP to closely fit around penetrations (Figure 1.16). Trowel a minimum 19 mm (3/4") thick fillet of BENTOSEAL around the penetration to completely fill any void area between ULTRASEAL SP and the penetration (Figure 1.17). The BENTOSEAL should extend up the penetration about 38 mm (1-1/2") and extend onto the membrane. In areas where multiple penetrations are close together, it may be impractical to cut ULTRASEAL SP to fit around each penetration. Pour Waterstoppage a minimum 6 mm (1/4") thick around the penetrations covering the entire substrate area. With gravel substrate, install minimum 8" (200 mm) collar of ULTRASEAL SP around penetration prior to placing Waterstoppage. Then apply a thick layer of BENTOSEAL around each penetration as detailed (Figure 1.19).

Figure 1.17 – BENTOSEAL troweeled around penetrations

Figure 1.18 – Slab penetration cross section detail

Figure 1.19 – Multiple pipe penetrations. Trowel BENTOSEAL around pipes and covering area between the pipes
1.5 ELEVATOR PITS

ULTRASEAL SP should be placed on vertical surfaces and on the sub-
strate below the slab to form a continuous envelope around the eleva-
tor pit (Figure 1.20). If the vertical soil cut is smooth and stable, ULTRA-
SEAL SP may be installed directly against the soil. Contain unstable
soils with a retaining wall. Install ULTRASEAL SP directly against the
retaining wall. Due to various elevator piston plunger designs, consult
CETCO for specific installation and detailing recommendations for pis-
ton plungers that penetrate the pit slab.

1.6 EDGE OF SLAB, BACKFILLED WALLS

When the installation reaches the outer edge of the slab, continue UL-
TRASEAL SP up to the top edge of the forms inside surface (Figure
1.21) or extend the ULTRASEAL SP sheet out the top of the form a mini-
imum of 300 mm (12") (Figure 1.22). At the slab corner, ULTRASEAL SP
should remain in contact with the substrate and the inside surface of
the concrete form. When the slab edge form is removed, any undam-
aged portion of ULTRASEAL SP extended outside the form should be
positioned and secured to the top of the concrete footing. Damaged material outside the form should be cut off and disposed of. Overlap the secured ULTRASEAL SP edge on top of the footing a
minimum 150 mm (6") with the succeeding wall waterproofing. Install
Hydrobar Tubes at wall-to-footing corner prior to installing overlapping
wall waterproofing.

WATERSTOP-RX should be installed in the perimeter wall/slab intersec-
tion joint as illustrated in Figure 1.23.
1.7 EDGE OF SLAB, PROPERTY LINE CONSTRUCTION

Where property line retaining walls, such as soldier pile and lagging, are used as the outside form, it is very important to extend the waterproofing a minimum 300 mm (12”) above the top of the slab since there is no access to the outer edge of the slab after it is poured.

**Slab to Wall Corner Transition:** Install ULTRASEAL BT sheet horizontally oriented (APC side facing installer) with a minimum 300 mm (12”) of the sheet extending out onto the horizontal substrate. The top edge of the sheet must extend a minimum 300 mm (12”) above the finished slab surface. Secure ULTRASEAL BT sheet to lagging wall with washer-head fastener maximum 600 mm (24”) on center. Overlap edges of adjacent ULTRASEAL BT sheets a minimum 100 mm (4”).

If the slab thickness is greater than 600 mm (24”), install a second full sheet or cut strip of ULTRASEAL BT, horizontally oriented, to meet the 300 mm (12”) requirement above the slab. Overlap top edge of previous sheet and edges of adjacent sheets a minimum 100 mm (4”).

**Base Wall Course:** Install first ULTRASEAL BT sheet course on the shoring wall horizontally oriented (APC side facing installer) over the corner transition sheet, with the bottom edge extending down to the wall/slab transition corner as shown in Figure 1.23. Secure ULTRASEAL BT sheet to lagging wall with washer-head fasteners maximum 600 mm (24”) on center. Overlap edges of adjacent ULTRASEAL BT sheets a minimum 100 mm (4”).

Install underslab ULTRASEAL SP membrane extending to corner transition, overlapping the 300 mm (12”) sheet tail of the corner transition sheet installed at the wall base. Secure corner edge with fasteners 300 mm (12”) on center.

For metal sheet piling shoring walls, first install the ULTRASEAL BT corner transition sheet horizontally oriented with the bottom edge extending minimum 300 mm (12”) out onto the substrate. Cut the bottom edge of the corner transition sheet at piling transition angles to allow the bottom edge to lay flat onto the substrate. Pour 38 mm (1 1/2”) continuous cant of Waterstoppage along base of shoring wall. Then install underslab ULTRASEAL SP sheet cut to fit contours of metal sheet piling. Finally, install the base shoring wall ULTRASEAL BT sheet (horizontally oriented) overlapping the corner transition sheet.

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**Figure 1.23 – SLAB-TO-WALL TRANSITION – ULTRASEAL BT corner transition sheet should extend past the height of the top of the finished slab level a minimum 300 mm (12”) and extend under the slab 300 mm (12”)**

**Figure 1.24 – AQUADRAIN 100BD DISCHARGE PIPE – Connect AQUADRAIN 100 BD to water discharge pipes using 100 BD accessory connections**
The use of construction techniques described in this section allow the exterior building dimensions to coincide with the property line, thereby maximizing use of available land for building. ULTRASEAL BT has been proven to be one of the most effective means for waterproofing property line construction. Cast-in-place property line construction methods include soldier pile & lagging, metal sheet piling, earth formed shotcrete retention walls, and auger cast caisson walls.

For all property line construction methods, ULTRASEAL BT is installed to the shoring wall prior to concrete placement. Install ULTRASEAL BT with the APC side inward, facing the Installer, away from the shoring wall. Refer to each applicable construction method in Section 2 for specific substrate preparation and detailing installation guidelines.

AQUADRRAIN sheet and 100BD base drain composite system should be connected to an operative water discharge system (sump pump or gravity to daylight discharge).

Protect waterproofing products from hydrating before material is contained with concrete or backfill. After any precipitation, standing water should be pumped off waterproofing as soon as possible.

Shoring Wall: Excavation work should provide shoring wall in good condition to receive waterproofing system. Wood lagging shoring should extend to the lowest level of the waterproofing installation with any voids or cavities exterior of the lagging filled with compacted soil or cementitious grout. Voids or cavities at tie-backs should be filled with grout or compacted soil prior to ULTRASEAL BT installation. Interior surface of lagging timbers should be monolithic and tight together with gaps less than 25 mm (1”). Gaps in excess of 25 mm (1”) should be completely filled with cementitious grout or other solid material.

Cut rock excavations and concrete auger cast caisson retaining walls must be sufficiently planar. Typically a shotcrete or grout layer is required to provide acceptable surface to install ULTRASEAL BT.

Employ construction methods to stop water flowing through shoring wall prior to waterproofing installation. If only water seepage, install polyethylene sheeting over the seepage area prior to installing ULTRASEAL BT. Polyethylene sheeting should extend from seepage elevation to base of wall to protect entire waterproofing installation at that area.
2.1 PROPERTY LINE WALL INSTALLATION

GUIDELINES

After the slab-to-wall corner transition sheet and bottom wall sheet course have been installed per Section 1.7 Page 10, ULTRASEAL BT sheets can be installed either vertically or horizontally oriented. Fasten the ULTRASEAL BT into position with washer-head fasteners maximum 600 mm (24”) on center around the sheet edge. Install succeeding sheet overlapping the previous sheet edge 100 mm (4”). (Note: Single lap seams so that the bottom edge of the upper sheet is over the lower sheets top edge).

Continue installation up wall until grade elevation detail, or as specified, staggering all sheet ends of adjacent rolls a minimum 300 mm (12”). Do not allow sheet overlap joints to occur at same elevation as concrete cold joints. Plan by chalk lining the location of construction joints.

Penetrations: Install a cut collar of ULTRASEAL BT tightly around the penetration; extending a minimum 300 mm (12”) radius. Apply BENTOSEAL over ULTRASEAL BT collar around penetration; extending BENTOSEAL a minimum 75 mm (3”) radius at 6 mm (1/4”) thickness. Then install main course of ULTRASEAL BT membrane tightly around the penetration. Finally, detail around penetration with 19 mm (3/4”) thick cant of BENTOSEAL. With sleeved pipes, the concrete work should include filling the gap between the pipe and the sleeve with non-shrink cementitious grout, mechanical seal by others and install WATERSTOP-RX to outside of sleeve.

Tie-Back Covers: Select appropriate size TB-Boot to fit over tie-back plate and allow proper cast-in-place concrete coverage per project requirements. TB-Boot should fit over entire tie-back plate without the tie-back plate or cables in direct contact with the TB-Boot. Prior to TB-Boot installation, fill voids in retention wall substrate and tie-back head assembly with spray foam (min 20 psi) or non-shrink grout. For non-hydrostatic conditions, install and secure AQUADRAIN drainage composite course per manufacturer’s guidelines to soil retention wall prior to installing TB-Boot. For hydrostatic conditions, install TB-Boot prior to ULTRASEAL BT membrane. With soldier piles, strip piles with waterproofing membrane prior to TB-Boot placement.

Fill pre-formed shape of TB-Boot with 2-part urethane spray foam (min 20 PSI) and place over tie-back head before foam sets up. Secure TB-Boot to soil retention system using washer head fasteners along the outside edge of the flat base. Apply 6 mm (1/4”) thick by minimum 3” (75 mm) wide continuous ring of BENTOSEAL onto the flat base just outside of the 12 mm (1/2”) raised collar. Install 4-ft by 4-ft piece of ULTRASEAL BT (with precut hole in center to fit tight around the 12 mm (1/2”) raised collar) over the entire flat base with outside edges fastened to the retaining wall. Secure inside ULTRASEAL BT edge around raised collar with washer-head fasteners that pass through the BENTOSEAL ring; typical fastener spacing 150 mm (6”). Do not install fasteners or puncture TB-Boot inside of the 12 mm (1/2”) raised collar. Apply counter flashing of BENTOSEAL along ULTRASEAL BT sheet edge around raised collar. Then install ULTRASEAL BT field sheet overlapping outer membrane edge minimum 100 mm (4”).
**Soldier Pile Stripping:** Install a strip of ULTRASEAL BT over all soldier piles with raised lagging hanger bolts, form tie rods, or other irregular surface. ULTRASEAL BT strip should extend a minimum 150 mm (6") to both sides of the piling. Apply BENTOSEAL 6 mm x 75 mm (1/4" x 3") min to ULTRASEAL BT strip surface along both edges of each soldier pile (Figure 2.9).

**Cementitious Board:** Prior to installing ULTRASEAL BT to finished grade, install 12 mm (1/2") thick cementitious wall board centered over steel soldier pile from finished grade elevation to specified depth that the top of steel soldier pile and wood lagging will be removed (Figure 2.13).

**Grade Termination:** Terminate ULTRASEAL BT membrane 300 mm (12") below finished grade elevation with washer-head fasteners maximum 300 mm (12") on center. Install ENVIROSHEET flashing to primed concrete substrate with bottom edge overlapping top edge of ULTRASEAL BT membrane minimum 100 mm (4”). Overlap all roll ends a minimum 100 mm (4”) to form a continuous flashing. Height of flashing shall be per project details and specifications. Install a rigid termination bar along top edge of ENVIROSHEET; fastened maximum 300 mm (12”) on center. Complete grade termination detail with tooled bead of CETSEAL along the top edge, at all penetrations through the flashing, and all exposed overlap seams.

Where lagging timbers and the top end of steel soldier piles are removed, repair any waterproofing damaged by the excavation and removal of the retention wall system. Secure all excavated ULTRASEAL BT overlap seams with washer-head fasteners maximum 600 mm (24") on center and then apply Seamtape centered along overlap seams. Backfill shall be placed and compacted to minimum 85% Modified Proctor density promptly after waterproofing installation. Backfill should consist of compactable soil or angular aggregate (19 mm (3/4") or less) free of debris, sharp objects, and stones larger than 19 mm (3/4”). See termination details, Figure 3.11 and 3.12, page 22.
2.2 SOLDIER PILE & LAGGING RETAINING WALL

Verify the following substrate preparation work has been completed. Then install ULTRASEAL BT following the property line installation guidelines in Section 2.1 on page 12 and 13.

**Preparation:** Gaps between the wood lagging must be no wider than 25 mm (1”). If the gaps between lagging are in excess of 25 mm (1”), the gaps should be completely filled with cementitious grout, wood, extruded polystyrene (40 psi min.) or compacted soil (Figure 2.7). If water is flowing through the lagging, polyethylene sheeting can be installed over the area before ULTRASEAL BT is installed.

In areas with large gaps (up to 63 mm (2–1/2”)) between lagging, AQUADRIN sheet drainage composite can be installed over the lagging to provide a uniform surface to mount ULTRASEAL BT (Figure 2.8). Securely fasten AQUADRIN to the lagging surface with washerhead nails before installing ULTRASEAL BT. Gaps larger than 63 mm (2–1/2”) between lagging should be completely filled with grout, wood, extruded polystyrene (40 psi min.) or compacted soil even if AQUADRIN is installed prior to ULTRASEAL BT. Do not use plywood or other surface treatment over large lagging gaps that leaves the cavity void. Details 2.10 through 2.12 on page 15 illustrate the installation of ULTRASEAL BT over the different wood lagging positions relative to the soldier piling.

**Figure 2.7 – ULTRASEAL BT installed directly to wood lagging with gaps filled. (Cast-in-place concrete wall)**

**Figure 2.8 – AQUADRIN used to cover gaps in lagging less than 63 mm (2–1/2”). (Cast-in-place concrete wall)**

**Figure 2.9 – Install ULTRASEAL BT onto soldier pile and wood lagging retaining wall prior to cast-in-place concrete wall**

**INSTALL ULTRASEAL BT WITH APC SIDE FACING INSTALLER**
Wood lagging

ULTRASEAL BT main course

ULTRASEAL BT strip over pile prior to main course

WATERSTOP-RX (75 mm min (3”) coverage)

BENTOSEAL

Cast-in-place concrete wall

Figure 2.10 – Lagging secured to outside surface of front pile flange providing smooth surface (Plan View)

Steel piling

ULTRASEAL BT main course

BENTOSEAL, apply two cants – one before ULTRASEAL BT strip and one after main course

WATERSTOP-RX (75 mm min (3”) coverage)

Cast-in-place concrete wall

Any void area must be filled with wood or solid material

ULTRASEAL BT strip over pile prior to main ULTRASEAL BT course

Figure 2.12 – Lagging secured to inside surface of back pile flange. Install BENTOSEAL and ULTRASEAL BT strip prior to main ULTRASEAL BT course and inward BENTOSEAL cant. (Plan View)

Wood lagging

ULTRASEAL BT main course

BENTOSEAL between sheets of ULTRASEAL

ULTRASEAL BT strip over pile prior to main course

Fill gap with solid material

WATERSTOP-RX (75 mm min (3”) coverage)

Plate & bolts secure lagging

Cast-in-place concrete wall

Figure 2.11 – Lagging secured to inside surface of front pile flange. Install ULTRASEAL BT strip to cover mounting plates and bolts prior to main course (Plan View)

ULTRASEAL BT Cementitious board

Wood lagging

Steel H-pile, top removed with excavation work

AQUADRRAIN sheet drain

Cast-in-place concrete wall

Figure 2.13 – WALL EXCAVATION AT GRADE – Cementitious board protects waterproofing during excavation and removal of steel pile top and wood lagging

Figure 2.10 – Lagging secured to outside surface of front pile flange providing smooth surface (Plan View)

Figure 2.12 – Lagging secured to inside surface of back pile flange. Install BENTOSEAL and ULTRASEAL BT strip prior to main ULTRASEAL BT course and inward BENTOSEAL cant. (Plan View)

Figure 2.11 – Lagging secured to inside surface of front pile flange. Install ULTRASEAL BT strip to cover mounting plates and bolts prior to main course (Plan View)

Figure 2.13 – WALL EXCAVATION AT GRADE – Cementitious board protects waterproofing during excavation and removal of steel pile top and wood lagging
2.3 METAL SHEET PILING RETAINING WALL

Verify the following substrate preparation work has been completed. Then install ULTRASEAL BT following the property line installation guidelines in Section 2.1 on page 12 and 13. Special knurled powder-actuated fasteners are recommended to secure ULTRASEAL to the metal sheet piling.

**Preparation:** Trowel a 12 mm (1/2”) thick layer of BENTOSEAL along all sheet piling knuckles. Fill voids or cavities at tie-back plates with cementitious grout or compacted soils. If excessive water is penetrating the sheet piling knuckles, Bentogrout can be injected to the outside of the knuckle to stop water flow (Figure 2.14). Consult CETCO for Bentogrout applications and installation guidelines.

**Alternate Plywood Method**
Alternatively, 12 mm (1/2”) plywood may be fastened to the sheet piling to create a flat surface upon which ULTRASEAL BT is fastened. All void spaces between the plywood and sheet piling must be filled with compacted earth or concrete. Apply ULTRASEAL BT to plywood following “Property Line Construction” Guidelines in Section 2, Page 11.

![Figure 2.14 - Sheet pile interlock detail](image)

**Install APC side facing installer**

![Figure 2.15 - Install ULTRASEAL BT onto metal sheet piling retaining wall with powder-actuated fasteners](image)
2.4 EARTH FORMED SHOTCRETE RETAINING WALL

Verify the following substrate preparation work has been completed. Then install ULTRASEAL BT following the property line installation guidelines in Section 2.1 on page 12 and 13.

**Preparation:** The surface of the earth formed diaphragm wall must be sufficiently planar to provide an adequately smooth surface to apply ULTRASEAL BT. ULTRASEAL BT can be applied over large, relatively shallow indentations. The surface should not contain voids or sharp protrusions in excess of 25 mm (1”). Fill all voids with cementitious grout and remove protrusions prior to installing ULTRASEAL BT (Figure 2.18).

Figure 2.16 – Grout void area and remove protrusions to provide smooth surface for ULTRASEAL BT

Figure 2.17 – Earth formed concrete retention wall with concrete caisson supports. (Plan View)

Figure 2.18 – ULTRASEAL BT installation over an earth formed shotcrete retention wall prior to cast-in-place concrete wall
Figure 2.19 – Cut Rock excavation with shotcrete applied to provide a smooth surface for waterproofing installation

2.5 AUGER CAST CAISSON WALLS

Verify the following substrate preparation work has been completed. Then install ULTRASEAL BT following the property line installation guidelines in Section 2.1 on page 12 and 13.

Preparation: The surface of auger cast caisson and cut rock excavation walls must be sufficiently planar to provide an adequately smooth surface to apply ULTRASEAL BT. ULTRASEAL BT can be applied over large, relatively shallow indentations where it can conform tight against the surface. The surface should not contain voids or sharp protrusions in excess of 25 mm (1”). Fill all large recesses between caissons with cementitious grout prior to installing ULTRASEAL BT (Figure 2.20). Cut rock excavations typically require shotcrete or grout work to provide acceptable surface to install ULTRASEAL BT (Figure 2.19).

Figure 2.20 – Fill in recesses between cast caissons with grout to provide smooth surface (Plan View)

Figure 2.21 – ULTRASEAL BT installation over an auger cast concrete retention wall prior to cast-in-place concrete wall
SECTION 3
BACKFILLED WALLS

Install ULTRASEAL BT with the APC side against the concrete wall (white geomembrane side facing installer) on cast-in-place concrete foundation walls prior to backfilling. ULTRASEAL BT may be applied as soon as the forms are removed. It is not necessary to wait for the concrete to completely cure. Use ULTRASEAL BT with concrete cast with conventional forms that produce a smooth surface.

3.1 SURFACE PREPARATION

Footing should be swept clean of silt, rocks and debris to provide ULTRASEAL BT with direct contact to the concrete in the application area. The wall surface must be properly prepared before ULTRASEAL BT is installed. Areas of surface honeycombing or voids should be filled with cementitious grout or BENTOSEAL. Protrusions of over 6 mm (1/4") should be knocked off smooth with the concrete surface. Concrete work should include completely filling taper-tie holes with non-shrink cementitious grout and a piece of WATERSTOP-RX centered in the wall. Apply BENTOSEAL over exterior grouted surface of all form tie holes (Figure 3.1).

3.2 INSTALLATION

Before installing the first course of ULTRASEAL BT, place Hydrobar Tubes at the wall/footing inside corner (Figure 3.2). “Butt” the ends of Hydrobar Tubes together to form a continuous line.

Beginning at the bottom of the wall, install ULTRASEAL BT horizontally oriented with the bottom edge over the Hydrobar Tubes and extending out a minimum 150 mm (6”). At corners cut the bottom edge of ULTRASEAL BT so that it can be extended onto the footing. Secure ULTRASEAL BT into position with washer-head fasteners a maximum 600 mm (24”) on center. Then cut and install a section over the uncovered footing corner area. Apply BENTOSEAL at the corner section to the overlaps. (Figure 3.2).

Install adjacent ULTRASEAL BT rolls of the bottom course horizontally oriented. Each roll should overlap the preceding roll a minimum 50 mm (2") and should extend onto the footing a minimum 150 mm (6”). At vertical inside corners apply a continuous 19 mm (3/4”) fillet of BENTOSEAL directly in the corner prior to installing membrane (Figure 3.3). Stagger all vertical overlap joints minimum 300 mm (12”) (Figure 3.4). When hydrostatic conditions exist, the vertical wall ULTRASEAL BT should cover the entire footing and overlap the underslab waterproofing a minimum 6” (150 mm) (Figure 3.6). Succeeding membrane courses can be installed either vertically or horizontally oriented. Tape all membrane overlap seams with CETCO Seamtape.
**Backfill:** The excavated area should be backfilled and compacted promptly after ULTRASEAL BT is installed. Use placed backfill as a platform in applying succeeding ULTRASEAL BT courses. The backfill must be compacted to a minimum of 85% Modified Proctor density. Backfill should consist of compactible soils or angular aggregate (19 mm (3/4") or less) free of debris, sharp objects and stone larger than 19mm (3/4"). When backfill cannot be placed immediately, protect membrane from precipitation and debris by sealing edges to concrete substrate with CETCO Seamtape or tooled bead of CETSEAL. This temporary termination can be left in place covered by subsequent membrane overlap.

**Step 1.**
ULTRASEAL BT turned up from underslab

**Step 2.**
Cut and fold first ULTRASEAL BT section

**Step 3.**
Trowel BENTOSEAL at corner

**Step 4.**
Place third ULTRASEAL BT piece over the previous two sections

**Figure 3.4 – ULTRASEAL BT installed on cast-in-place backfilled wall, overlap edges 50 mm (2") and install Seamtape**

**Figure 3.5 – Minimum ULTRASEAL BT overlap detail**

**Figure 3.6 – Step by step detail of outside wall base corner installation (hydrostatic condition)**
3.3 BACKFILLED WALL PENETRATIONS

Cut ULTRASEAL BT to closely fit around penetrations. After installing membrane, trowel a minimum 19 mm (3/4") thick fillet of BENTOSEAL around the penetration and the membrane. Extend BENTOSEAL onto the penetration 38 mm (1–1/2") and cover membrane edge (Figure 3.7). In areas where multiple penetrations are close together, it may be impractical to cut ULTRASEAL BT to fit around base of each penetration. Therefore, apply a 19 mm (3/4") thick fillet of BENTOSEAL around each penetration and cover the entire surface between the penetrations (Figure 3.8). Extend BENTOSEAL 38 mm (1–1/2") onto the penetrations.

Figure 3.7 – Single penetration cast-in-place wall detail

Figure 3.8 – Cut ULTRASEAL BT to fit around penetrations

Figure 3.9 – Close multiple penetrations. Trowel BENTOSEAL around and between penetrations

Figure 3.10 – Install ULTRASEAL BT between penetrations with accessibility. Trowel BENTOSEAL around penetrations
3.4 GRADE TERMINATIONS

Terminate ULTRASEAL BT membrane 300 mm (12") below finished grade elevation with washer-head fasteners maximum 300 mm (12") on center. Install ENVIROSHEET flashing to primed concrete substrate with bottom edge overlapping top edge of ULTRASEAL BT membrane minimum 100 mm (4") . Overlap all roll ends a minimum 100 mm (4") to form a continuous flashing. Height of flashing shall be per project details and specifications. Install a rigid termination bar along top edge of ENVIROSHEET; fastened maximum 300 mm (12") on center. Complete grade termination detail with tooled bead of CETSEAL along the top edge, at all penetrations through the flashing, and all exposed overlap seams. Grade terminations are illustrated in Figures 3.11 and 3.12.

3.5 MASONRY BLOCK WALLS

ULTRASEAL BT can be used to waterproof masonry block foundation walls. Install ULTRASEAL BT following “Backfilled Wall Installation Guidelines” Section 3, with Seamtape applied to all overlap seams.

4.1 PRECAST CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION

Consult CETCO regarding products and special installation guidelines for precast concrete plank decks, precast earth covered roofs, and precast wall construction.

4.2 CONTAMINATED CONDITIONS

Use ULTRASEAL in conditions where the groundwater contains high concentrations of chemicals or saline. These conditions are typically encountered at industrial sites and coastal regions. If groundwater contains strong acids, alkalis, or has a conductivity of 2,500 μmhos/cm or greater (high salt concentration), water samples should be submitted to CETCO for compatibility testing.

For compatibility testing, provide two (2) liters of site groundwater in a clean, unbreakable container. Ship water sample to: CETCO 2870 Forbs Avenue, Hoffman Estates, IL 60192, ATTN: BMG Field Services. Upon analysis, CETCO will provide a written report evaluating the water’s compatibility with ULTRASEAL.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

FOR SHOTCRETE, PRECAST CONCRETE, EXPANSION JOINTS AND OTHER APPLICATIONS NOT COVERED IN THIS MANUAL, CONTACT CETCO FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND INSTALLATION GUIDELINES.
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Contact CETCO for verification of specification and installation requirements to comply for eligibility of HydroShield Warranty.

LIMITED WARRANTY

The information and data contained herein is believed to be accurate and reliable. Specifications and other information contained herein supersede all previously printed material and are subject to change without notice. Manufacturer’s warranty of installed system is available. Contact seller for terms and sample documents including all limitations.

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Any claim by buyer with reference to the goods sold hereunder for any cause shall be deemed waived by buyer unless submitted to seller in writing within thirty (30) days from the date buyer discovered or should of discovered, any claimed breach.

Materials should be inspected and tested by purchaser prior to their use if product quality is subject to verification after shipment. Performance guarantees are normally supplied by the applicator.

Note: ULTRASEAL waterproofing system is not an expansion joint material.