

## Description

Gripset 38FC is a next generation, water based, fast curing, fibre reinforced SBR latex membrane designed for waterproofing wet areas, showers, laundries, roofs, terraces, balconies, decks, concrete slabs and general structures that will be covered over with toppings, tile beds or overlay finishes. Gripset 38FC is compliant to AS/NZS 4858:2004 and AS4654.1:2012, satisfying the requirements of AS3740:2010 and AS4654.2:2012 for waterproofing to internal and external areas.

Gripset 38FC utilises the latest in fast cure technology, enabling a recoat time of just 1 hour, a tile over time of just 4 hours, and a rain resistant finish in only 4 hours. Flexible, elastomeric and with low water vapour transmission properties, Gripset 38 FC is an ideal choice for domestic and commercial projects with time constraints that require fast turnaround times.



## Features & Benefits

- Water based, free of solvents, non-toxic and non-flammable
- Fast curing, able to be tiled over after only 4 hours
- Fibre reinforced for enhanced tensile strength and workability
- Forms a rain resistant film for external decks in only 4 hours
- Can be flood tested after only 24 hours
- Waterproof with ability to withstand continuously wet environments and ponding without re-emulsifying
- Flexible & elastomeric, accommodating normal substrate movement
- Compatible with tile finishes, concrete, render and masonry toppings
- Fast turnaround time, waterproofing and tiling applications can be completed within one day
- Durable and tough seamless finish
- Excellent vapour barrier & low water vapour transmission properties
- Can be applied by brush, roller, or spray unit on horizontal and vertical surfaces
- Compliant to AS4858:2004 and AS4654.1:2012 for use in internal and external applications

## Application

Gripset 38FC is suitable for commercial, industrial and residential applications.

## Waterproofing Uses

- Internal wet areas, bathrooms, laundries and tiled areas
- Balconies, decks, podiums, terrace floors
- Roofs to be covered over with screeds and toppings
- Sandwiching between existing and new concrete substrates
- Liquid vapour barrier between toppings and slabs
- General tiled areas to prevent moisture ingress

## Substrates

Substrates suitable for bonding Gripset 38FC over include:

- Concrete, render and masonry
- Fibre cement sheeting, plasterboard and structural sheeting
- Wet area timber sheeting and external grade plywood
- Aerated concrete panels and blocks

For further information on suitable surfaces and substrates contact technical department of Gripset Industries for correct advice on surface preparation and suitability.

## Surface Preparation

Surfaces must be prepared thoroughly before commencing application. All substrates must be structurally sound, smooth, stable, dry, and clean.

Rough surfaces and voids to be evened or filled first and all brick/block surfaces to be pointed flush. (refer to Gripset 11Y for concrete/masonry repairs). All general surface defects to be repaired.

Building surfaces must be constructed to manufacturer's recommendations and relevant building standards in force at time of membrane application.

All surfaces are to be free of sharp protruding objects, loose material, de-bonded coatings, curing membranes/agents, release agents, wax residues, foreign particles, laitance, algae and moss, grime, oils, animal fats or grease remains.

Structurally unsound layers and surface contaminants are to be mechanically removed by abrasive blasting, blast tracking, grinding or equivalent methods.

## Priming

Gripset 38FC membrane must be applied onto primed surfaces:

Gripset GP primer – for general porous vertical and horizontal building surfaces. Brush or roller apply primer to total surface area at a minimum coverage of 1 litre per 6m<sup>2</sup> and allow drying for 30 minutes or once wet film dries to a clear transparent coating.

Gripset Xpress Primer H2O Plus - For concrete rooftop applications, green/damp concrete, screeds and mineral surfaces containing residual moisture.

Gripset SP Primer - For porous and non porous, surfaces. Brush or roller apply primer to total surface area at a minimum coverage of 1 litre per 12m<sup>2</sup> and allow to dry for 1 hour.

Gripset OP primer – for non porous, smooth and dense surfaces. Brush or roller apply primer to total surface area at a minimum coverage of 1 litre per 12m<sup>2</sup> and allow to dry for 1 hour.

Gripset 11Y slurry – asphalt/bitumen surfaces and existing coatings. (suitability over existing coatings to be checked with Gripset Technical services before commencing) Mix Gripset 11Y in equal volumes to the following ratios: 1 part Gripset 11Y + 1 part Portland cement + 1 part fine wash sand, mix to form homogenous slurry. Brush apply to substrate at coverage of 1 litre per 3m<sup>2</sup>. Membrane is to be applied over primer slurry while primer is in a damp/wet state, i.e. “wet on wet” application.

Gripset P10 or E60 primer– for surfaces with residual moisture or subject to rising damp. Refer to individual data sheets for specific coverage details. Allow respective primer to dry for a minimum 24 hours before applying membrane.

Note: Refer to data sheets for above primers before using

## Detailing

All critical areas such as joints, junctions, movement zones, penetrations drainage points and cracks are to be correctly sealed and detailed prior to membrane application.

Voids, gaps and undulating surfaces in concrete/masonry	Filled and evened with Gripset 11Y repair mortar compound
Static cracks up to 2mm:	Filled with Gripset SB, followed by Gripset RF reinforcement
Live cracks and cracks >1mm:	Filled with Gripset SB followed by Elastoproof Joint Band
Bond Breaker:	Elastoproof Joint Band or BRW PF tape to wall/floor junctions and wall/wall
Movement or Expansion Joints:	Elastoproof Joint Band
Penetrations, Pipes, Drain outlets:	Elastoproof Collars or Gripset SB with Gripset RF Reinforcement for pipes/penetrations, Butyl Squares over leak control flanges
For alternative bondbreaker options contact Gripset Technical Services	

## Application and Coverage

Where applicable the application of Gripset 38FC must comply with the following standards:

AS3740- 2010 - Waterproofing of wet areas within residential areas  
AS4654.2 2012- Waterproofing membrane systems for exterior use – above ground level

Product is to be applied in a minimum of 2 coats at a total minimum coverage of 1.5 litres/m<sup>2</sup>; forming a minimum dried film thickness of approximately 1mm. Apply subsequent coats at different directions to the previous coat. Coverage is dependent upon surface condition and will vary accordingly as uneven and porous surfaces will require greater coverage to achieve the specified film thickness. Product can be applied by roller or brush.

1 x 15litre pail will cover 10 m<sup>2</sup> @ approx 1mm DFT (min. 2 coats)

Stir prior to use

## Installing Elastoproof Bond Breaker Joint Band

Measure and cut Elastoproof Joint Band for all wall/floor junction areas. Apply first coat of Gripset 38FC membrane to extending 150mm up walls and on to floors, and embed Elastoproof Joint Band into wet bed of liquid membrane, ensuring fabric edges are fully wet out and no air bubbles exist behind the fabric. Rear rubber section of Elastoproof Joint Band is not bonded to substrates. At sections where Joint Band is to be joined, a minimum 50mm overlap is required. Elastoproof Prefabricated Corners are available for both internal (90°C) and external (270°C) junctions, enabling Joint Band to overlap and avoid joints at critical areas. If Prefabricated corners are not used, Elastoproof Joint Band is to have bottom leg cut and folded; ensuring fabric is completely bonded with Gripset 38FC membrane.

## Sealing floor wastes and penetrations

For floor pipes protruding floors, Elastoproof Collars are to be fitted over the neck of the pipe, embedding fabric edges into wet bed of Gripset 38FC membrane. For sealing penetrations where Elastoproof product cannot be used, seal around base of penetration at abutment to substrate using Gripset SB sealant followed RF Fabric turned up the penetration and embedded into 38FC membrane.

For floor wastes that are finished level with the floor, the Gripset 38FC membrane with Gripset RF Fabric embedded is to be dressed down into the waste outlet at a minimum 50mm ensuring the perimeter of the pipe/substrate abutment is sealed.

For leak control flanges apply Gripset SB or compatible sealant around edges of flange at interface with floor substrate. Gripset 38FC membrane with Gripset RF Fabric embedded is to be applied over edges of flange at floor substrate abutment until total perimeter is sealed. Return 38FC membrane down into flange. For alternative sealing option see Elastoproof Butyl Squares.

When the detailing application has been completed apply Gripset 38FC membrane to the total floor area and to wall areas as required. A continuous seamless membrane should be the final finish to the total area upon completion of the waterproofing membrane application.

## Tiling & Surface Toppings

When tiling directly over Gripset 38FC in internal or external floor areas, polymer modified cement based adhesives must be used.

If applying a screed, render or concrete topping over Gripset 38 FC it is recommended to incorporate Gripset 11Y as a proprietary bonding agent and water resistant additive. Alternatively see Gripset C-Bed polymer enhanced screed.

For use of other adhesives over Gripset 38FC contact the technical department of Gripset Industries for detail of compatibility.

Pre mixed tile adhesives are not recommended for use over Gripset 38FC.

Drying time before tiling is minimum 4 hours

Note: All tiling is to be carried out to AS3958.1 – 2007 “A Guide To The Installation of Ceramic Tiles”

## Storage conditions

- Best stored at room temperature.
- Avoid cold freezing conditions and off concrete floors.
- Do not store in direct sunlight.
- Shelf life: 24 months in unopened container

## Packaging

- 5 and 15 Litre pails

## Precautions

- Not to be used as a trafficable surface
- Not to be used as a finished membrane for UV exposed applications
- Do not apply to areas when rain is imminent
- Do not apply when surface temperature is below 5°C or above 30°C
- Not to be applied over glass or glazed surfaces
- Not designed as a sealant for expansion or control joints
- Not to be used in areas where solvent or petroleum based products may be spilled
- Not to be used in areas subject to negative hydrostatic pressure
- All finish coatings over this membrane must be water based and solvent free
- Allow minimum 24 hours drying after final application if treated area is to be flood tested
- Safety Data sheet (SDS) available
- For further information contact technical department of Gripset Industries

## Clean up

- In water while wet.
- Once dried product needs to be removed mechanically or by solvent

## TECHNICAL DATA

Appearance	Wet and dry film - Blue
Form	Viscous Paste
Drying	Tack Free: 1-2 hours Re-coat: 1 hour
Based on normal ambient temperatures of 23°C and 50% RH	Dry film – 3 hours Tiling or toppings over: 4 hours
*Temperature, humidity and porosity will vary dry times	Flood test: 24 hours
Specific gravity	1.3kg/litre
Shore A hardness (ASTM D2240-97)	65
Adhesion to concrete (after 7 days)	1.3MPa at 1mm dried film thickness
Durability test results for AS/NZ 4858 – 2004:	
Elongation classification	480% - Class 3
Tensile Strength	1.09MPa
Water Immersion test – 56 days	PASS
Bleach Immersion Test – 56 days	PASS
Detergent Immersion Test – 56 days	PASS
Heat Ageing	PASS
Cyclic Movement Test	PASS
Water Absorption Test	PASS
Vapour Transmission Test	0.14g/24h/m <sup>2</sup>
VOC Content (ISO 13741-1)	0.08g/litre
The VOC Content of Gripset 38 is below the maximum VOC Content for Architectural and Interior Sealants as required by Green Star Ratings tools Education v1, Healthcare v1, Industrial v1, Multi Unit Residential v1, Office Interiors v1.1, Office Design v2, Office v3, Office As Built v2 and Retail Centre v1	

## Notes

It is recommended before commencing the application; that adhesion of products to be used (e.g. primers, membranes, coatings adhesives etc) is tested over a typical area of the prepared surface to ensure satisfactory adhesion. It is the responsibility of the applicator to carry this out and accept the substrate suitability before any application starts. Gripset Industries offers a service for pre testing adhesion to surfaces for large commercial areas or unusual substrates. For further details contact Gripset Industries.

Details contained in product data sheets are general. For any situation or items not covered in this data sheet, it is the responsibility of the applicator to check with Gripset Technical Services before commencing the application. A written confirmation will then be issued by Gripset Technical Services.

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