



TECHNICAL BULLETIN

ADHESION AND CHEMICAL COMPATIBILITY OF BEM WITH GENERIC CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Generic Building Material	Compatibility	Installation Notes		
Exterior Gypsum Sheathing (i.e., DensGlass®)	Recommended	Moisture content of fiberglass-faced sheathing shall be less than 5%.		
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Plywood	Recommended	Moisture content of wood shall be less than 20%.		
OSB		OSB or treated lumber: OSB or treated lumber may have a surface residue that will interfere with adhesion; onsite confirmation of adhesion is recommended before full scale application.		
Pressure Treated Lumber or Fire-Treated Lumber	Recommended	Remove loose rust and scale. Degrease.		
Structural Steel	Recommended	Allow concrete to cure 3 days minimum. Concrete surfaces shall be smooth and free of all surface irregularities. Form ties shall be ground flush and patched.		
Concrete	Recommended	CMU, Brick and Non-Porous Stone	Recommended	Joints shall be free of voids, struck flush and mortar droppings removed from ties and surfaces.
Aluminum	Recommended			
Copper Flashing	Recommended			
Stainless Steel Flashing	Recommended			
Rigid PVC	Recommended			
Flexible PVC	Not Recommended			
Acrylic-Based Painted Surfaces	Recommended	Ensure that paint is soundly adhered and not flaking or have visual cracks.		
Poly-Faced EPS and XPS Insulation	Recommended			
Closed Cell Spray Foam	See Installation Requirement	Spray foam over BEM: Recommended; must follow maximum allowable thickness per pass as established by foam manufacturer. Over-application of foam in a single pass will cause excessive heat buildup which may result in shrinkage and delamination of membrane.		

Note: All surfaces must be dry, clean and sound.

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