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POLYFOAM XPS

POLYFOAM INVERTED ROOF SYSTEM

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to the Polyfoam Inverted Roof System, extruded polystyrene (XPS) boards for use as inverted roof insulation on new and existing domestic and non-domestic untrafficked flat and zero fall roofs, and terraces subject to pedestrian access only. The insulation boards are used with the Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer between the insulation and the ballast layer.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

The assessment includes

Product factors:

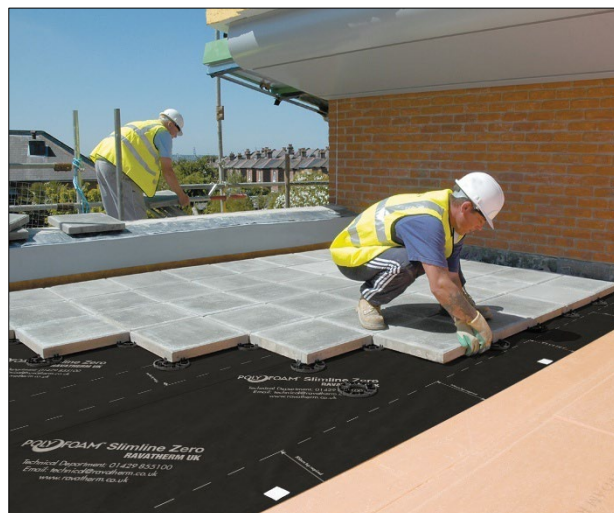
- compliance with Building Regulations
- compliance with additional regulatory or non-regulatory information where applicable
- evaluation against technical specifications
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- uses and design considerations

Process factors:

- compliance with Scheme requirements
- installation, delivery, handling and storage
- production and quality controls
- maintenance and repair

Ongoing contractual Scheme elements†:

- regular assessment of production
- formal 3-yearly review



KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

- Section 1. Mechanical resistance and stability
- Section 2. Safety in case of fire
- Section 3. Hygiene, health and the environment
- Section 4. Safety and accessibility in use
- Section 5. Protection against noise
- Section 6. Energy economy and heat retention
- Section 7. Sustainable use of natural resources
- Section 8. Durability

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the system described herein. This system 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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Hardy Giesler
Chief Executive Officer

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SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT AND COMPLIANCE

This section provides a summary of the assessment conclusions; readers should refer to the later sections of this Certificate for information about the assessments carried out.

Compliance with Regulations

Having assessed the key factors, the opinion of the BBA is that the Polyfoam Inverted Roof System, 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 Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

Requirement:	A1	Loading
Comment:		The system can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 1 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	B3(2)	Internal fire spread (structure)
Comment:		The system may be restricted by this Requirement in some circumstances. See section 2 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	C2(c)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:		The system can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 3 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	L1(a)(i)	Conservation of fuel and power
Comment:		The system can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	7(1)	Materials and workmanship
Comment:		The system is acceptable. See sections 8 and 9 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	25B	Nearly zero-energy requirements for new buildings
Regulation:	26	CO₂ emission rates for new buildings
Regulation:	26A	Fabric energy efficiency rates for new dwellings (applicable to England only)
Regulation:	26A	Primary energy rates for new buildings (applicable to Wales only)
Regulation:	26B	Fabric performance values for new dwellings (applicable to Wales only)
Regulation:	26C	Target primary energy rates for new buildings (applicable to England only)
Regulation:	26C	Energy efficiency rating (applicable to Wales only)
Comment:		The system can contribute to satisfying these Regulations. See section 6 of this Certificate.



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)	Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship
Comment:		The system is acceptable. See sections 8 and 9 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	9	Building standards – construction
Standard:	1.1(b)	Structure
Comment:		The system can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clause 1.1.2 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 1 of this Certificate.
Standard:	2.1	Compartmentation
Standard:	2.2	Separation
Comment:		The system may be restricted by these Standards in some circumstances, with reference to clauses 2.1.15 ⁽²⁾ , 2.2.7 ⁽²⁾ and 2.2.10 ⁽¹⁾ . See section 2 of this Certificate.

Standard: Comment:	3.15	Condensation The system can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.15.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 3.15.3 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 3.15.4 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 3.15.5 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 3.15.6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 3 of this Certificate.
Standard: Comment:	6.1(b)(c)	Energy demand The system can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 6.1.1 ⁽¹⁾ and 6.1.2 ⁽²⁾ . See section 6 of this Certificate.
Standard: Comment:	6.2	Building insulation envelope The system can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 6.2.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 6.2.3 ⁽¹⁾ , 6.2.4 ⁽²⁾ , 6.2.6 ⁽¹⁾ , 6.2.7 ⁽²⁾ , 6.2.8 ⁽¹⁾ , 6.2.9 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 6.2.10 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 6.2.11 ⁽²⁾ and 6.2.12 ⁽¹⁾ . See section 6 of this Certificate.
Standard: Comment:	7.1(a)b)	Statement of sustainability The system can contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting at least a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard. In addition, the system can contribute to a construction meeting a higher level of sustainability as defined in this Standard, with reference to clauses 7.1.4 ⁽¹⁾ , 7.1.6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 7.1.7 ⁽¹⁾ , 7.1.9 ⁽²⁾ and 7.1.10 ⁽²⁾ . See section 6 of this Certificate.
Regulation: Comment:	12	Building standards – conversion All comments given for the system 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: Comment:	23(1)(a)(i) (iii)(b)(i)(ii)	Fitness of materials and workmanship The system is acceptable. See sections 8 and 9 of this Certificate.
Regulation: Comment:	29	Condensation The system can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See section 3 of this Certificate.
Regulation: Comment:	30	Stability The system can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See section 1 of this Certificate.
Regulation: Comment:	35(2)	Internal fire spread – structure The system may be restricted by this Regulation in some circumstances. See section 2 of this Certificate.
Regulation: Regulation: Regulation: Regulation: Comment:	39(a)(i) 40(2) 43(1)(2) 43B	Conservation measures Target carbon dioxide emission rate Renovation of thermal elements Nearly zero-energy requirements for new buildings The system can contribute to satisfying these Regulations. See section 6 of this Certificate.

Additional Information

NHBC Standards 2025

In the opinion of the BBA, the Polyfoam Inverted Roof System, 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 7.1 *Flat roofs, terraces and balconies*.

The opinion of the BBA does not amount to any endorsement or approval by NHBC and does not in any way guarantee that NHBC will approve such product / system as compliant with the NHBC Technical Requirements and Standards.

Fulfilment of Requirements

The BBA has judged the Polyfoam Inverted Roof System to be satisfactory for use as described in this Certificate. The system has been assessed for use as inverted roof insulation on new and existing domestic and non-domestic untrafficked flat and zero fall roofs, and terraces subject to pedestrian access only.

ASSESSMENT

Product description and intended use

The Certificate holder provided the following description for the system under assessment. The Polyfoam Inverted Roof System consists of Polyfoam Roofboard Extra, XPS boards, rebated for lap jointing (see Figure 1), and Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane, a water-flow-reducing layer.

The Polyfoam Roofboard Extra insulation boards have the nominal characteristics given in Table 1.

Table 1 Nominal characteristics of Polyfoam Roofboard Extra insulation boards

Characteristic (unit)	Value
Work size – length x width (mm)	1250 x 600
Overall size – length x width (mm)	1265 x 615
Thickness (mm) ⁽¹⁾	15 to 300 (in 5 mm increments)
Edge detail	Rebated on all 4 sides (15 mm x half board thickness)

(1) Thicknesses > 80 mm are achieved by combining multiple insulation boards.

Ancillary Items

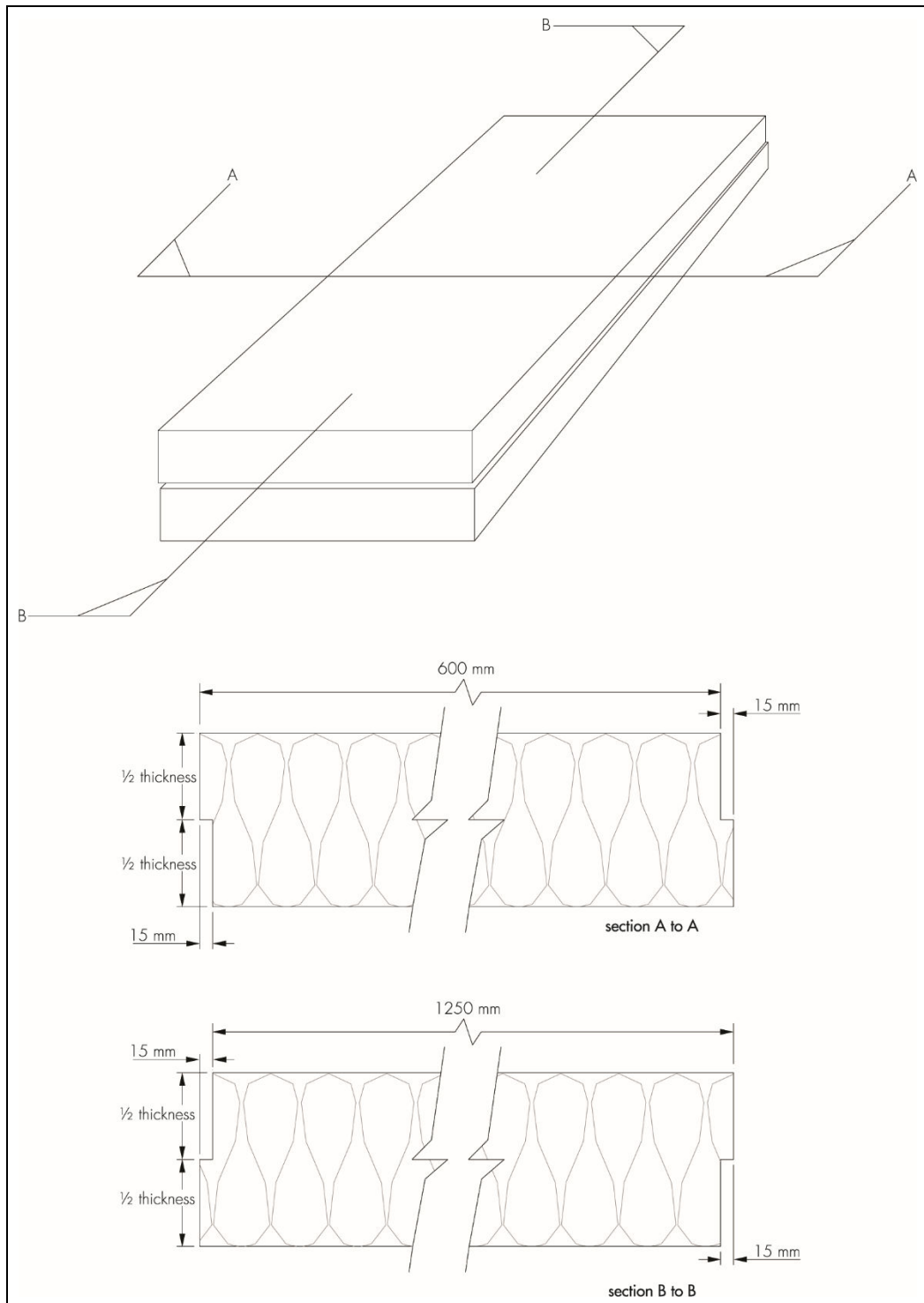
The Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane is a three-layer polypropylene laminate composite which is used as a water-flow-reducing layer between the insulation and the roof ballast layer to form the Polyfoam Inverted Roof System, and is essential to use with the insulation boards and has been assessed with the insulation boards.

The nominal characteristics of the Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer are given in Table 2.

Table 2 Nominal characteristics of the Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer

Characteristic (unit)	Value
Roll length (m)	100
Roll width (m)	1.5
Thickness (mm)	0.4
Mass per unit area (g·m ⁻²)	100
Lap joints (mm) — unsealed	300

Figure 1 Rebate detail



The Certificate holder recommends the following ancillary items for use with the system, but these materials have not been assessed by the BBA and are outside the scope of this Certificate:

- gravel ballast
- paving ballast
- proprietary paving support/spacer pads
- separating or cushion layers
- rainwater outlet grilles
- dual-level rainwater outlets
- insulation upstand boards
- flashings and skirtings.

Applications

Polyfoam Roofboard Extra is intended for use as thermal insulation in the inverted roof concept (above the roof waterproofing) on new and existing domestic and non-domestic untrafficked flat and zero fall roofs, and terraces subject to pedestrian access only, on a suitably designed timber, concrete or metal structural deck, in conjunction with an appropriate fully supported waterproofing system.

The Polyfoam Roofboard Extra insulation boards must always be overlaid with the Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer; a gravel ballast or paving slab finish is then applied on top.

Definitions for products and applications inspected

The following terms have been defined for the purpose of this Certificate as:

- flat roof — a roof having a minimum finished fall of 1:80
- zero fall roof — a roof having a minimum finished fall between 0 and 1:80
- pitched roof — a roof having a fall in excess of 1:6
- limited access roof — a roof subjected only to pedestrian traffic for maintenance of the roof covering, cleaning of gutters, etc
- pedestrian access roof — a roof subjected to increased access to that defined for a limited access roof, but not open to vehicular traffic.

Product assessment – key factors

The system was assessed for the following key factors, and the outcome of the assessment is shown below. Conclusions relating to the Building Regulations apply to the whole of the UK unless otherwise stated.

1 Mechanical resistance and stability

Data were assessed for the following characteristic.

1.1 Strength and stability

1.1.1 The insulation board was tested for compressive strength and the result is given in Table 3.

Table 3 Compressive strength

Product assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result
Polyfoam Roofboard Extra	BS EN 826 : 2013	Declared value CS(10)300 ≥ 300 kPa	Pass

1.1.2 On the basis of data assessed, the system has adequate resistance to the loads associated with light maintenance traffic on roofs, and to pedestrian foot traffic on roof terraces.

1.1.3 If loads in excess of those defined in section 1.1.2 are anticipated, such as the installation of heavy equipment, the ability of the system to sustain such loads must be assessed by a suitably experienced and competent individual. The use of the system under these circumstances is outside the scope of this Certificate.

2 Safety in case of fire

Data were assessed for the following characteristics.

2.1 External fire spread

2.1.1 The resistance to fire exposure of a built-up roofing system will be dependent on the fire performance of the combined individual components and cannot be predicted from the classification of the insulation alone. The classification and permissible areas of use of a specific roof system must be confirmed by reference to the requirements of the documents supporting the national Building Regulations.

2.1.2 When classified in accordance with BS EN 13501-5 : 2016, the following systems achieved a B_{ROOF} (t4) rating and each is therefore unrestricted with regard to proximity to a relevant boundary by the documents supporting the national Building Regulations:

- a system⁽¹⁾ comprising: 18 mm OSB deck, 6 mm thick IKO Permasec Ecowrap⁽⁶⁾ hot-applied bitumen waterproofing, protected by 1.5 mm IKO Permasec-F⁽⁶⁾ bituminous membrane layer embedded in Permasec Ecowrap⁽⁶⁾ at 75 mm bonded lap, 100 mm thick Polyfoam XPS Extra insulation board loosely laid at 15 mm lap joint, 0.4 mm Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer unbonded lap, plastic adjustable pedestal supports 300 mm height and 220 mm diameter loosely laid, and 32 mm thick concrete tiles square dimension of 418 mm
- a system⁽²⁾ comprising: 18 mm OSB deck, 6 mm thick IKO Permasec Ecowrap⁽⁶⁾ hot applied bitumen waterproofing, protected by 1.5 mm IKO Permasec-F⁽⁶⁾ bituminous membrane layer embedded in Permasec Ecowrap⁽⁶⁾ at 75 mm bonded lap, 490 mm thick (2 layers of 245 mm) Polyfoam XPS Extra insulation board loosely laid at 15 mm lap joint, 0.37 mm Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer unbonded lap, 10 mm IKO⁽⁶⁾ adjustable paving support pads loosely laid, and 32 mm thick concrete tiles square dimension of 450 mm
- a system⁽³⁾ comprising: 18 mm OSB deck, 6 mm thick IKO Permasec Ecowrap⁽⁶⁾ hot-applied bitumen waterproofing, protected by 1.5 mm IKO Permasec-F⁽⁶⁾ bituminous membrane layer embedded in Permasec Ecowrap⁽⁶⁾ at 75 mm bonded lap, 100 mm thick Polyfoam XPS Extra insulation board loosely laid at 15 mm lap joint, 0.36 mm Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer unbonded lap, 9.8 mm and diameter of 145 mm IKO⁽⁶⁾ adjustable paving support pads loosely laid, and 32 mm thick concrete tiles square dimension of 450 mm
- a system⁽⁴⁾ comprising: 18 mm OSB deck, 6 mm thick IKO Permasec Ecowrap⁽⁶⁾ hot-applied bitumen waterproofing, protected by 1.5 mm IKO Permasec-F⁽⁶⁾ bituminous membrane layer embedded in Permasec Ecowrap⁽⁶⁾ at 75 mm bonded lap, 100 mm thick Polyfoam XPS Extra insulation board loosely laid at 15 mm lap joint, 0.35 mm Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer unbonded lap, 20-40 mm gravel ballast
- a system⁽⁵⁾ comprising: 18 mm OSB deck, 6 mm thick IKO Permasec Ecowrap⁽⁶⁾ hot applied bitumen waterproofing, protected by 1.5 mm IKO Permasec-F⁽⁶⁾ bituminous membrane layer embedded in Permasec Ecowrap⁽⁶⁾ at 75 mm bonded lap, 490 mm thick (2 layers of 245mm) Polyfoam XPS Extra insulation board loosely laid at 15 mm lap joint, 0.37 mm Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer unbonded lap, 20-40 mm gravel ballast.

(1) BRE report P121662-1001 Issue 1, dated 4 November 2021, copies available from the Certificate holder on request.

(2) BRE report P121662-1003 Issue 2, dated 26 January 2022, copies available from the Certificate holder on request.

(3) BRE report P121663-1001 Issue 1, dated 4 November 2021, copies available from the Certificate holder on request.

(4) BRE report P121665-1001 Issue 1, dated 5 November 2021, copies available from the Certificate holder on request.

(5) BRE report P121666-1001 Issue 1, dated 5 November 2021, copies available from the Certificate holder on request.

(6) These components are outside the scope of this Certificate.

2.2 Reaction to fire

2.2.1 The insulation board was tested for reaction to fire and the classification achieved is given in Table 4.

Table 4 Reaction to fire classification

Product assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result ⁽¹⁾
Polyfoam Roofboard Extra	BS EN 13501-1 : 2018	Value achieved	F

(1) Warringtonfire, classification report no. WF 502435, 30 April 2021, Issue no. 1, copies available from the Certificate holder on request.

2.2.2 When ballasted with a minimum 50 mm depth of aggregate ($\geq 80 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ and 4-32 mm aggregate size), a sand/cement screed to a thickness of at least 30 mm or fully supported cast stone or mineral slabs of at least 40 mm thickness, a roof will also be unrestricted with regard to proximity to a relevant boundary by the documents supporting the national Building Regulations.

2.3 Resistance to fire

Where the roof forms a junction with a compartment wall, the junction must maintain the required period of fire resistance.

3 Hygiene, health and the environment

Data were assessed for the following characteristics.

3.1 Water vapour permeability

3.1.1 The system was assessed for water vapour resistivity/resistance and the results are given in Table 5.

Table 5 Water vapour resistivity/resistance

Product assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result
Polyfoam Roofboard Extra	BS EN 12086 : 2013	Value achieved	705 MN·s·g ⁻¹ ·m ⁻¹
Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane	BS EN ISO 12572 : 2001 Condition C		0.1 MN·s·g ⁻¹

3.2 Resistance to moisture

3.2.1 The insulation board was tested for long term water absorption by diffusion and the results are given in Table 6.

Table 6 Long term water absorption by diffusion

Product assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result
Polyfoam Roofboard Extra	Long term water absorption by diffusion (% by volume) to BS EN 12088 : 2013	Value achieved	0.9%
	Additional water absorption after freeze/thaw (% by volume) to BS EN 12091 : 2013		0.0%

3.2.2 The water absorption results in Table 6 are used to determine the design thermal conductivity value (λ_U) as given in Table 8.

3.3 Weathertightness

The water-flow-reducing layer was tested for watertightness and the result is given in Table 7.

Table 7 Watertightness

Product assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result
Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane	BS EN 1928 : 2000 and BS EN 13859-1 : 2010	Declared value Class W1	Pass

4 Safety and accessibility in use

Not applicable.

5 Protection against noise

Not applicable.

6 Energy economy and heat retention

6.1 Thermal conductivity

The insulation board was tested for thermal conductivity and the results are given in Table 8.

Table 8 Thermal conductivity

Product assessed	Insulation thickness	Assessment method	Requirement	Result
Polyfoam	15 to 49 mm	BS EN 13164 : 2012	Design value ⁽¹⁾	0.033 W·m ⁻¹ ·K ⁻¹
Roofboard Extra	50 to 300 mm	and BS EN ISO 10456 : 2007	(moisture corrected) (λ_U)	0.032 W·m ⁻¹ ·K ⁻¹

(1) The design thermal conductivity value (λ_U) for the insulation is calculated using the water absorption results in Table 6, the declared dry thermal conductivity (λ_D) of 0.031 W·m⁻¹·K⁻¹ and a moisture conversion coefficient f_ψ of 2.5.

6.2 Conservation of fuel and power

6.2.1 Using the design thermal conductivity values (λ_U) given in Table 8 and the requirement for precipitation and drainage from section 6.2.2, an example U value calculation has been carried out and shown in Table 9.

6.2.2 Rainfall reaching the roof waterproofing membrane will temporarily affect the rate of heat loss from the roof and should be accounted for by adding a correction (ΔU_r) to the calculated roof U value in accordance with Annex F.4 of BS EN ISO 6946 : 2017, as follows (see also BBA Information Sheet No 4):

$$\Delta U_r = pf\chi (R_1/R_T)^2 \text{ where:}$$

ΔU_r = correction to the calculated thermal transmittance of the roof element (W·m⁻²·K⁻¹)

p = average rate of precipitation during the heating season (mm·day⁻¹)

f = drainage factor giving the fraction of p reaching the waterproofing membrane

χ = factor for increased heat loss caused by rainwater flowing on the membrane (0.04 W·day·m⁻²·K⁻¹·mm⁻¹)

R_1 = thermal resistance of the layer of insulation above the waterproofing membrane (m²·K·W⁻¹)

R_T = total thermal resistance of the construction before application of the correction (m²·K·W⁻¹)

$f\chi$ = 0.001 (system incorporating the Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer).

6.2.3 The U value of a completed roof will depend on the insulation thickness, the type of substrate and its internal finish. Example U values are given in Table 9.

Table 9 Example U values⁽¹⁾

Target U value (W·m ⁻² ·K ⁻¹)	Polyfoam Roofboard Extra insulation thickness required ⁽²⁾ (mm)	
	$p^{(3)} = 3$ (mm·day ⁻¹)	$p^{(3)} = 8$ (mm·day ⁻¹)
0.09	170 + 170	180 + 180
0.11	270	290
0.12	250	265
0.13	230	245
0.15	200	210
0.16	190	195
0.18	165	175
0.20	150	155

(1) Inverted roof construction: paving or gravel ballast layer; water-flow-reducing layer; Polyfoam Roofboard Extra insulation; 10 mm bitumen waterproofing layer ($\lambda = 0.23$ W·m⁻¹·K⁻¹); 200 mm reinforced concrete deck ($\lambda = 2.5$ W·m⁻¹·K⁻¹); 3 mm plaster skim ($\lambda = 0.4$ W·m⁻¹·K⁻¹).

(2) Thinnest available insulation thickness or thickness combination to achieve the required U value. Thickest boards are always used as bottom layers when multi-layers are used.

(3) Values for p taken as examples of best to worst case for all UK locations, with a $f\chi$ value of 0.001 W·day·m⁻²·K⁻¹·mm⁻¹.

6.2.4 The system can contribute towards a construction satisfying the national Building Regulations in respect of energy economy and heat retention.

7 Sustainable use of natural resources

Not applicable.

8 Durability

8.1 The potential mechanisms for degradation and the known performance characteristics of the materials in the system were assessed.

8.2 Specific test data were assessed as given in Table 10.

Table 10 Durability

Product assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result
Polyfoam Roofboard Extra	Dimensional stability to BS EN 1604 : 2013 (23°C and 90% RH for 48 hours)	Length, width and reduction in thickness ≤ 5% change	Pass
	Compressive strength to BS EN 826 : 2013 after long term water absorption by diffusion and freeze thaw resistance to BS EN 12088 : 2013 and BS EN 12091 : 2013	Reduction in compressive stress at 10% deformation of redried specimens after freeze thaw test ≤ 10%	Pass
	Compressive creep to BS EN 1606 : 2013	Declared level CC(2/1.5/50)106	Pass

8.3 Service life

Under normal service conditions, the system will have a life in excess of 25 years, provided it is designed, installed and maintained in accordance with this Certificate and the Certificate holder's instructions.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Information provided by the Certificate holder was assessed for the following factors:

9 Design, installation, workmanship and maintenance

9.1 Design

9.1.1 The design process was assessed, and the following requirements apply in order to satisfy the performance assessed in this Certificate.

9.1.2 Concrete, metal or timber roofs must be designed in accordance with the relevant provisions of BS 6229 : 2018, BS 8217 : 2005 and BS 8218 : 1998, in particular to accommodate the weight of the ballast layer.

9.1.3 Imposed loads, dead loading and wind loads must be calculated by a suitably experienced and competent individual in accordance with the principles of BS EN 1991-1-1 : 2002, BS EN 1991-1-3 : 2003 and BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005, and their UK National Annexes.

9.1.4 Separation or cushion layers between the insulation boards and the roof waterproofing may be needed in some circumstances (see section 9.1.11).

9.1.5 Care must be taken to ensure that upgraded roofs are capable of carrying the increased load and depth of the installed systems. The structural strength and deformation of both the roof structure and the inverted roof insulation panels must be assessed by a suitably experienced and competent individual, to resist actions due to the combination of the dead load imposed by the paving and gravel ballast finish, and the imposed load from foot traffic and snow and the possible weight of rainwater should the roof outlet(s) become blocked.

9.1.6 Decks must be covered with one or more of the following roof waterproofing specifications:

- built-up specifications using reinforced bitumen membranes to BS 8747 : 2007 in accordance with the recommendations of Table 5, and installed to the relevant clauses of BS 8217 : 2005
- mastic asphalt laid in accordance with BS 8218 : 1998
- other waterproofing systems which are the subject of a current BBA Certificate, and laid in accordance with, and within the limitations imposed by, that Certificate.

9.1.7 It is essential that roof falls and drainage paths are correctly designed to avoid ponding (and the subsequent risk of silt build-up) and stresses in freezing conditions, and to reduce water entry in the event of a failure in the waterproofing layer.

9.1.8 The roof must be designed with adequate falls unless the roof waterproofing system has been specifically designed and covered by a valid BBA Certificate for use in a zero fall application. For zero fall roofs it is particularly important to identify the correct drainage points, to ensure that drainage is sufficient and effective. Reference must be made to the appropriate clauses of the LRWA Guidance Note No. 7 : 2012 *Specifier Guidance for Flat Roof Falls*, which generally requires surface drainage falls in most situations.

9.1.9 Dual-level roof drainage must be provided in accordance with BS 6229 : 2018 and BS EN 12056-3 : 2000 to drain water off at the level of the Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer and also at the level of the roof waterproofing.

9.1.10 Drainage points must be located at the lowest point of the roof, to facilitate the effective removal of rainwater. Care is needed to identify these locations. For example, precast concrete decks will deflect between spans, and mid-span may be the lowest point of the roof rather than roof edges or column supports.

9.1.11 Where there is a risk from plasticiser migration or other contaminants from the roof waterproofing (such as PVC single-ply membranes), a suitable plastic fibre or similar isolating sheet must be interposed between the roof waterproofing and the insulation boards. For loose laid single-layer roof waterproofing membranes, a cushion layer must be interposed.

9.1.12 The Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer must be installed above the insulation boards, with minimum 300 mm laps and covered with a gravel ballast or paving finish.

9.1.13 The ballasted roof finish may be either gravel ballast or paving, which must be assessed by a suitably experienced and competent individual according to region exposure and building height. In addition, the dead load imposed by the finish must be allowed for in calculating the total acceptable load on the deck. Care must be taken to ensure that upgraded roofs are capable of carrying the increased load and depth of the installed systems. Ballast must not be stacked in one place on the roof unless the roof is capable of supporting it.

9.1.14 Gravel ballast must be washed, rounded and 16 to 32 mm in size (nominal), and laid to a minimum thickness of 50 mm. The minimum size of ballast depends on the wind loads and parapet height to prevent wind scour of the ballast. The ballast must be installed in accordance with BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005 and its UK National Annex.

9.1.15 Paving finish ballast must comprise a minimum 40 mm thickness of cast stone, mineral or pressed concrete paving slabs. Paving slabs can be either laid fully supported or may be supported using proprietary support/spacer pads, in accordance with the Certificate holder's recommendations.

9.1.16 Calculations of the thermal transmittance (U value) of a specific roof construction must be carried out in accordance with BS EN ISO 6946 : 2017 and BRE Report BR 443 : 2019, using the design thermal conductivity value (λ_u) given in Table 8 of this Certificate.

9.1.17 Care must be taken in the overall design and construction of junctions with other elements and openings to minimise thermal bridges and air infiltration. Detailed guidance can be found in the documents supporting the national Building Regulations.

9.1.18 Roofs will adequately limit the risk of interstitial condensation when they are designed and constructed in accordance with BS 5250 : 2021. Further guidance may be obtained from BRE Report BR 262 : 2002.

9.1.19 In England and Wales, roofs will adequately limit the risk of surface condensation when the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed $0.35 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ at any point and the junctions with walls are designed in accordance with section 9.1.17 of this Certificate.

9.1.20 In Scotland, roofs will adequately limit the risk of surface condensation when the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed $1.2 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ at any point. Guidance may be obtained from BS 5250 : 2021. Further guidance may be obtained from BRE Report BR 262 : 2002 and section 9.1.17 of this Certificate.

9.2 Installation

9.2.1 Installation instructions provided by the Certificate holder were assessed and judged to be appropriate and adequate.

9.2.2 Installation must be carried out in accordance with this Certificate and the Certificate holder's instructions. A summary of instructions and guidance is provided in Annex A of this Certificate.

9.2.3 It is essential to establish that the roof waterproofing has been installed correctly and that it is weathertight, clean and free from any extraneous matter. Every joint between sheets, flashing and other details must be checked to ensure that the roof covering is suitable for an inverted roof specification.

9.2.4 The insulation boards are laid in a brick bond pattern; it is essential that all joints between the boards are tight and that no gaps exist where they meet rooflights, edge details and other services which perforate the roof deck.

9.2.5 The insulation boards can be installed as a single layer, or multi-layer (double or triple layers) to suit the requirements for a particular installation. When using multiple layers, the insulation board joints must be staggered/offset. The Certificate holder must be contacted for further advice on multi-layering, but such advice is outside the scope of this Certificate.

9.2.6 When the systems are to be placed over a loose-laid roof covering, they must be installed and ballasted as soon as possible to protect the covering from the effects of wind uplift (see sections 9.1.12 to 9.1.15) and installers must take care not to damage the existing roof waterproofing.

9.2.7 The ballast loading layer must be installed in accordance with BS 6399-2 : 1997, BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005, BRE Digest 295 : 1985 and BRE Digest 311 : 1986.

9.2.8 The ballast loading layer must be applied as work progresses to protect the insulation and the Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer from the effects of wind uplift, solar degradation and foot traffic.

9.2.9 In existing roofs, the existing roofing and substructure must be examined for degradation and, where necessary, repairs effected. Particular consideration must be given to the condensation risk that the existing roof structure may present.

9.3 Workmanship

Practicability of installation was assessed by the BBA, on the basis of the Certificate holder's information. To achieve the performance described in this Certificate, installation of the system must be carried out by a competent general builder, or a contractor, experienced with this type of system.

9.4 Maintenance and repair

9.4.1 Ongoing satisfactory performance of the system in use requires that it is suitably maintained. The guidance provided by the Certificate holder was assessed and found to be appropriate and adequate.

9.4.2 The following requirements apply in order to satisfy the performance assessed in this Certificate.

9.4.3 The system is confined and has suitable durability and so does not require maintenance.

9.4.4 The other components of the roofing system must be maintained in accordance with conventional good practice, including annual removal of any plants (in the case of gravel/paving finish), cleaning/checking of water outlets and gutters if necessary and checking that the gravel ballast is still in place and not interfering with or blocking gullies or outlets. Any displaced ballast, for example by wind scouring, must be promptly returned to its original state.

9.4.5 The use of chemicals (eg weed killers) must be checked for compatibility with the insulation, Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer and the deck waterproofing layer. The Certificate holder can advise on the suitability of a particular material; however, such advice and products are outside the scope of this Certificate.

10 Manufacture

10.1 The production processes for the system have been assessed, and provide assurance that the quality controls are satisfactory according to the following factors:

10.1.1 The manufacturer has provided documented information on the materials, processes, testing and control factors.

10.1.2 The quality control operated over batches of incoming materials has been assessed and deemed appropriate and adequate.

10.1.3 The quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken have been assessed and deemed appropriate and adequate.

10.1.4 The process for management of non-conformities has been assessed and deemed appropriate and adequate.

10.1.5 An audit of each production location was undertaken, and it was confirmed that the production process was in accordance with the documented process, and that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated.

† 10.2 The BBA has undertaken to review 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.

11 Delivery and site handling

11.1 The Certificate holder stated that the Polyfoam Roofboard Extra insulation boards are delivered to site in packaging bearing the product name and characteristics, product code, batch number, UKCA/CE marking information, the Certificate holder's name and the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate.

11.2 Rolls of the Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer are delivered to site in packages that carry a label bearing the marketing company's name, the grade identification and the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate.

11.2 Delivery and site handling must be performed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and this Certificate, including:

11.3.1 The boards must be stored flat, off the ground on a clean, level surface, and under cover or protected with opaque polythene, to protect them from high winds and prolonged exposure to sunlight. Where possible, packs should be stored inside. If outside, the boards must be raised above ground level.

11.3.2 Care must be exercised to avoid crushing the edges or corners. If damaged, the boards must be discarded.

11.3.3 The boards must not be exposed to open flame or other ignition sources, or to solvents or other chemicals.

11.3.4 Rolls of Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane must be stored flat on their sides, on a smooth, clean, dry surface, under cover and protected from sunlight.

Supporting information in this Annex is relevant to the system but has not formed part of the material assessed for the 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.

UKCA marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of UKCA marking the Polyfoam Roofboard Extra insulation boards in accordance with Designated Standard EN 13164 : 2012.

CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the Polyfoam Roofboard Extra insulation boards in accordance with harmonised European Standard EN 13164 : 2012.

Management Systems Certification for production

The management system of the manufacturer has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of ISO 9001 : 2015, ISO 14001 : 2015 and ISO 45001 : 2018 by Lucideon CICS Limited (Certificates 24926, 24927 and 24928 respectively).

Additional information on installation

General

A.1 The Polyfoam Roofboard Extra insulation boards should be installed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and this Certificate, providing adequate load-bearing capacity, falls, drainage, sound roof waterproofing and limited risk of condensation.

A.2 The insulation boards can be cut using a fine-toothed saw, sharp knife or a hot wire cutter.

A.3 The insulation boards may be installed in any weather but, due to their size, care is required in high winds. Installers must not carry them near to parapets or apertures in the deck and once placed, they must be covered with the Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer and ballasted as soon as possible.

Upgrading roofs

A.4 Where parapets, details and services have insufficient height to accommodate the increased depth of insulation/protection, a minimum of 150 mm from the top of the gravel to the top of the skirtings must be provided.

A.5 If upgrading involves laying the systems on existing inverted roof insulation, the advice of the Certificate holder must be sought, but such advice is outside the scope of this Certificate.

A.6 Rainwater outlets may need to be modified or replaced to suit, eg by the installation of gravel guards.

Procedure

A.7 Single-layer roofing must be the subject of very close scrutiny, and the inspection must include an examination for perforation and for the likelihood of subsequent perforation from beneath (by, for example, uneven decks and protruding nail heads).

A.8 The Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer must be loose-laid over the insulation, at right angles to the slope, with 300 mm unsealed lap joints overlapping in the downward direction of the flat roof slope. At upstands and penetrations, the Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer must be turned up to finish above the surface of the ballast layer (protected by a cover flashing) and turned down at drainage outlets.

A.9 The ballast layer (comprising either a gravel ballast or paving slabs) must then be laid over the Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer as soon as possible, to prevent flotation, wind uplift, UV degradation and damage from foot traffic.

Gravel ballast finish

A.10 The gravel ballast layer must be carefully placed directly over the Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer to ensure complete depth and cover is achieved over the entire surface of the insulation boards.

A.11 Gravel must not contain excessive fines in order to prevent clogging of gullies and outlets and to discourage organic growth.

Paving slab finish

A.12 Standard pressed concrete, cast stone or mineral paving slabs of at least 40 mm thickness (see section 9.1.15) must be carefully placed directly over the Polyfoam Slimline Zero Membrane water-flow-reducing layer to ensure complete cover is achieved over the entire surface of the insulation boards. Paving slabs can either be laid fully supported, or may be supported using proprietary support/spacer pads.

A.13 Typical construction details are given in Figures 2 to 5:

Figure 2 Typical installation detail — gravel/paving ballast finish

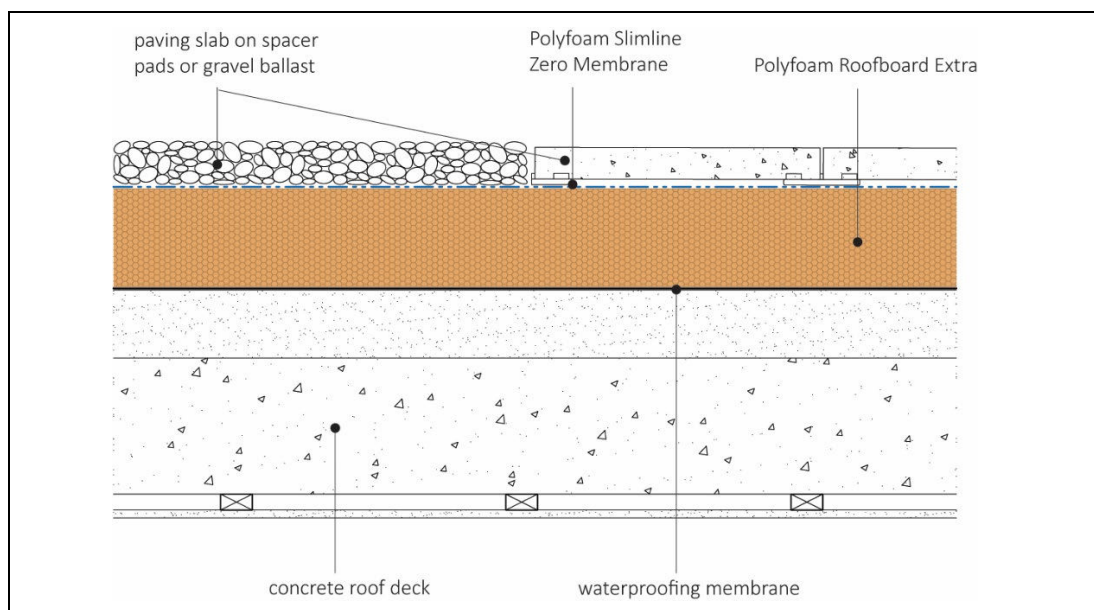


Figure 3 Parapet upstand detail — gravel/paving finish

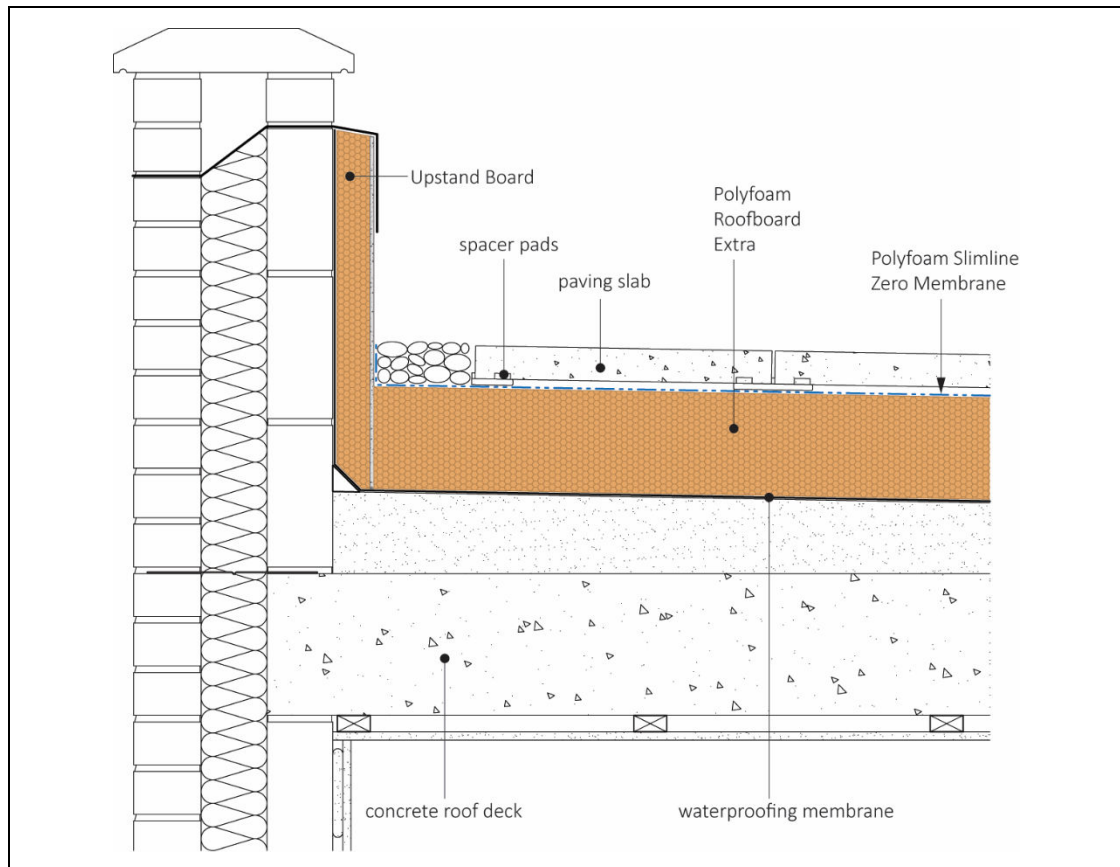


Figure 4 Water outlet detail — gravel finish

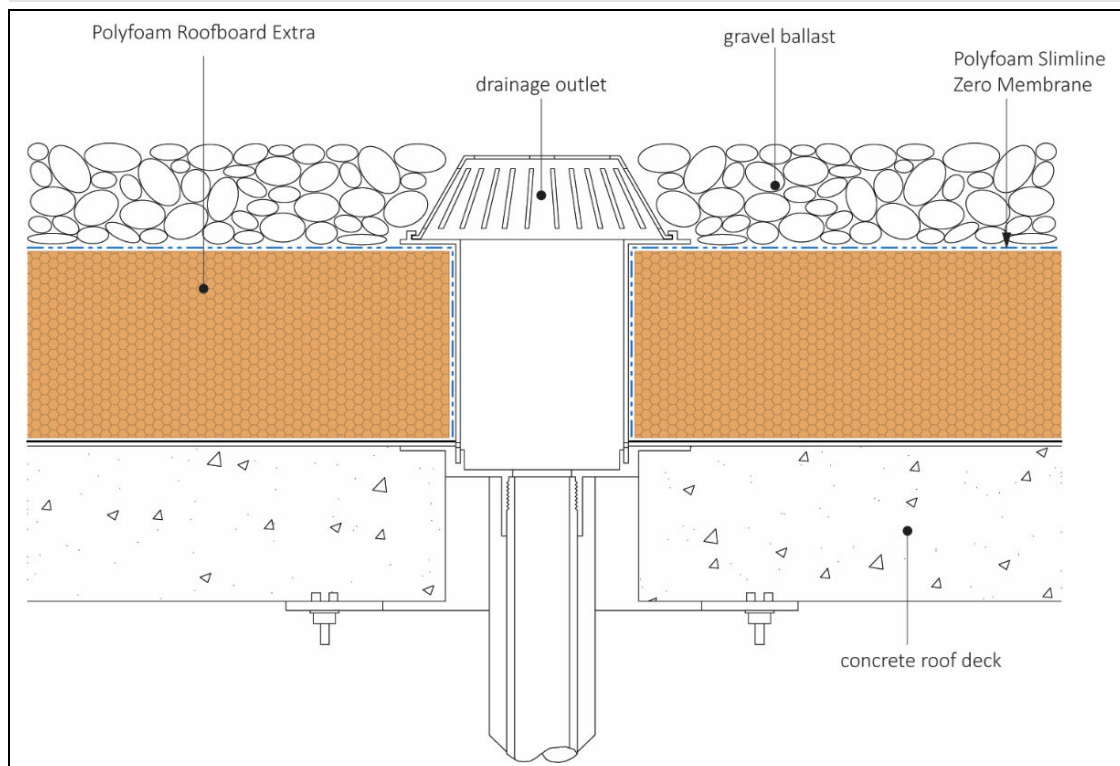
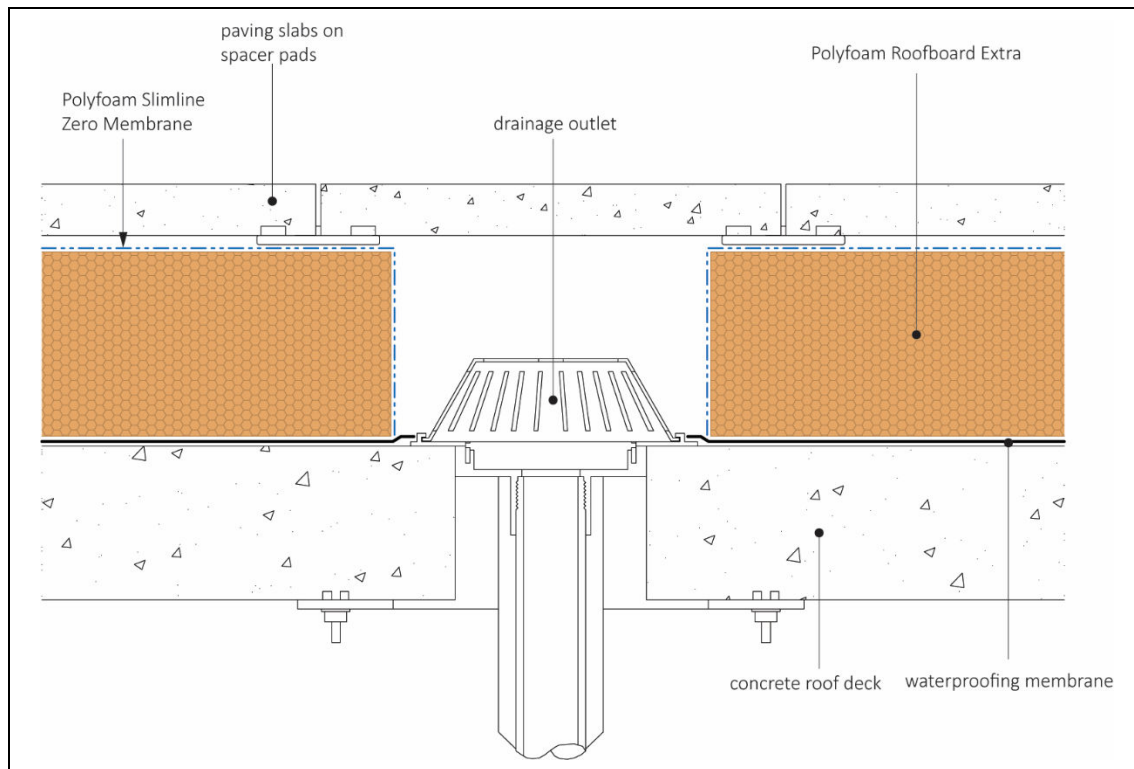


Figure 5 Water outlet detail — paving finish



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