

G-TEX ACTIVE

GEOMEMBRANE IN FPO, WATERPROOF, DECOUPLING, ELASTIC, FLEXIBLE, DEFORMABLE, CRACK-BRIDGING ABILITY AND DIMENSIONAL STABILITY BETWEEN -40 °C AND +80 °C, FOR WATERPROOFING AND DECOUPLING BEFORE LAYING CERAMIC, PORCELAIN STONEWARE TILES, CERAMIC AND GLASS MOSAICS, GLASS, NATURAL STONE, RECONSTRUCTED STONE, RESILIENT, PROTECTIVE AND DECORATIVE MATERIALS.



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DESCRIPTION

G-TEX ACTIVE is a multilayer polymeric geomembrane with exclusive technology consisting of:

- NWF: Nonwoven Fabric (alkali resistant polyester fibres) which guarantees high bonding with specific GEODRY adhesives and high tensile strength;
- FPO: Flexyble PolyOlefin + EVA (Etilene Vinil Acetato), double layer with permanent elasticity and variable shape compensating and absorbing the dimensional variations of the substrates.

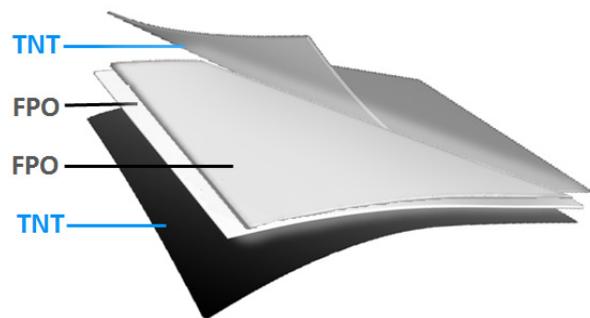
G-TEX ACTIVE is capable of compensating thermal and physical-mechanical stress to which it is subject without altering its properties.

G-TEX ACTIVE is waterproof, deformable, with crack bridging ability, resistant to mechanical stress, to temperature changes, to bacterial aggression, to mould and moss proliferation, anti-root, alkali resistant, resistant to hydrocarbons.

G-TEX ACTIVE allows you to implement waterproofing and separating systems of shower enclosures, baths, wellness areas and balconies (without expansion joints), before laying any type of ceramic, protective or decorative covering. It guarantees continuity in the waterproofing of the sub-base, even with surface cracks on the substrate, without deteriorating. Its elasticity enables separating (decoupling) of different layers, limiting the transmission of movements and vibrations to top layers.

Thanks to its features of elasticity, flexibility and low thickness (0.52 mm), G-TEX ACTIVE is ideal for waterproofing of even especially complex architectonic surfaces, such as pillars, beams, stairs and windowsills.

Compliant with European Standard EN 13596 (“Flexible membranes for waterproofing - Membranes of plastic and rubber material for waterproofing roofing”).



FIELDS OF APPLICATION

G-TEX ACTIVE, used in the GEODRY system, allows you to implement low thickness waterproofing and decoupling (2.5 mm – 3.5 mm), also for waterproofing on overlaying of old flooring and separation and on cracked substrates.

Designed to guarantee long lasting water tightness and decoupling between the various layers, it is used for horizontal and vertical applications, both indoors (shower enclosures, baths, wellness areas, radiator systems, stairs, etc.) and outdoors (balconies, pillars, beams stairs, windowsills and surfaces without expansion joints). Its multilayer structure, which guarantees high bonding with specific GEODRY adhesives, makes it especially suitable as a substrate for laying a wide range of materials such as ceramic, porcelain stoneware, ceramic and glass mosaics, glass, natural stone, reconstructed stone, resilient materials (PVC, rubber, rugs, wood flooring, linoleum), plastic, wood, protective and decorative materials.

G-TEX ACTIVE is also ideal as a support for implementing continuous waterproofing of balconies and small and medium-sized terraces, before laying technical or floating floors.

SUBSTRATES

Cement screeds, radiator systems, concrete, plaster, plasterboard, cellular concrete, fibre cement slabs, heat insulation panels (eps, xps, rock wool, glass wool, cork, wood fibre), OSB (Oriented Strand Board) wood, wooden floors, ceramic floors, natural stone, reconstructed stone, metal, rubber, resilient materials in general, glass, glass mosaics, ceramic mosaics, cement membranes, elastomeric membranes, decorative coverings.

SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

The substrate to be waterproofed must comply with the requirements set forth by Standard UNI 11493 regarding curing, integrity, mechanical and superficial strength, dimensional regularity, moisture and absence of contaminant agents. Regardless of the type of substrate, waterproofing requires giving proper consideration to all the details such as positioning of the drains, regularisation of interconnecting points between floor and wall, of both interior and exterior corners.

Cement screeds

Provide suitable slopes and set up drains for correct water outflow. The cement screeds must have already performed hydrometric shrinkage, which takes at least 28 days, they must be dry with a moisture content below 4%, flat, solid, compact, without inconsistent parts, free of dust and grease and any other material which could jeopardise perfect bonding of G-TEX ACTIVE.

Even off any irregularities using specific GEODRY products.

Very porous, absorbent and superficially crumbling surfaces must be reinforced with water-based adhesion promoter AQUAGRIP RECONTACT by GEODRY.

Ceramic floors

The floors must be intact, resistant, well adherent, dry and clean from residues of previous processing and anything which could jeopardise bonding such as oil, grease or wax.

Remove any tiles which are detaching and even off the surface with specific GEODRY products.

For correct cleaning, wash the old floor with a water and caustic soda solution (30%) and rinse with plenty of water to eliminate any residues.

Concrete

Concrete surfaces must be compact, cured, solid, dry, clean, without inconsistent parts, free of dust and traces of release agents.

In the presence of downgraded concrete structures, remove detaching concrete (hydro-sandblasting or high pressure water wash recommended) and clean the oxidation of the iron reinforcements. For their active and passive protection, treat the reinforcements with mineral mortar single-component thixotropic GEOFER 1 K. Restore the initial concrete volumes and regularise the surface with mineral mortar, fibre-reinforced, of the line GEOGROUT by GEODRY.

In case of high temperatures or dried substrate, may be useful moisten the concrete before applying the specific adhesive to glue the geomembrane.

Plaster

The plaster must have performed hydrometric shrinkage and be sufficiently flat, cured, dried, solid, consistent and superficially mechanically resistant. Any finish levelling or old painting must be removed to avoid jeopardising bonding of the system. Excessively porous and crumbly surfaces must be appropriately treated and reinforced with specific GEODRY products.

Metal surfaces

Metal surfaces must be dry and clean, free from any residues from previous processing and from anything that could compromise anchoring of the adhesive, such as oils, greases, or waxes. As these are particular, difficult to classify sub-bases, it is advisable to always contact the GEODRY TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT and/or request an on-site inspection.

APPLICATION

Waterproofing shower enclosure, baths and wellness areas

a) Waterproofing vertical walls

1. Cut and shape G-TEX ACTIVE according to the size of the vertical walls, overlapping it at least 10 cm with the geomembrane on the ground and overlapping at least 10 cm between adjacent G-TEX ACTIVE sheets to completely cover the vertical walls.

2. Mix the AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX adhesive with water, specific for bonding G-TEX geomembranes on cement supports, complying with the mixture preparation methods described in the relative TECHNICAL SHEET.
3. Spread the AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX adhesive with a 6-8 mm square notched trowel, making sure to spread the adhesive in one direction, coinciding with the direction G-TEX ACTIVE was spread.
4. Glue G-TEX ACTIVE to the entire surface on the fresh layer of adhesive, proceeding from top to bottom, taking care for the moment to no glue the edges turned up on the horizontal plane and no glue the overlapping of 10 cm between adjacent sheets.
5. Press the surface of the geomembrane with a smooth trowel so there are no air bubbles and to guarantee perfect bonding.

b) Waterproofing horizontal support

6. Beforehand, position the AQUA-GO LINEAR or AQUA-GO SQUARE ducts selected, setting up the right slopes according to the thickness of the ceramic covering.
7. Spread the AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX adhesive over the surface with a square notched trowel, making sure to spread the adhesive in one direction, coinciding with the direction G-TEX ACTIVE was spread.
8. Open up the heat-sealed geomembrane with duct, gluing on the fresh layer of adhesive and overlap the geomembrane on the vertical sides, gluing the overlap with the same AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX adhesive leaving the geomembrane free of adhesive for at least 1 cm before and after the screed-wall connection.
9. Press the surface of the geomembrane with a smooth trowel so there are no air bubbles and to guarantee perfect bonding.
10. When you have finished laying G-TEX ACTIVE, proceed with sealing of the overlapping geomembrane G-TEX edges (vertical waterproofing edges turned up on the horizontal plane, which were previously left free without adhesive; overlapping between adjacent geomembranes). Make sure that the overlapping geomembrane edges has no dust, cement residues or any other material which can compromise sealing. Spread the AQUAFIX POLYS sealant adhesive, specific for bonding and sealing overlaps between G-TEX geomembranes, using a 3 mm triangular notched trowel. Exert sufficient pressure on the entire length of the seals using a smooth trowel, by removing the excess of product, so there are no air bubbles and to guarantee perfect sealing. During this operation must be done a work as neatly and cleanly as possible, because an excessive smudge of AQUAFIX POLYS out of the overlapping geomembrane to seal could reduce the AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX's adherence for the next laying of the ceramic covering or the protective gel.
11. If necessary, treat the internal and/or external corners by gluing shaped elastic waterproof G-TEX STRIP 90 and G-TEX STRIP 270, specific for sealing joints between floor and wall respectively in 90° or 270° corners, using the AQUAFIX POLYS sealant adhesive.
12. When you have finished waterproofing, make sure that the water-impermeable layer is fully hardened and then use the same AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX adhesive to lay the ceramic covering, complying with that set forth by standard UNI 11493 (Ceramic covering a floors and walls - Instructions for the planning, for the installation and for the maintenance). Design the expansion joints of the covering on those existing in the substrate. If needed, provide additional expansion joints in proportion to the size of the surface to be covered, to the format and the type of material used (as an indication, make expansion joints each 9-15 m²). Always envisage joints between tiles measuring at least 2 mm wide.

Waterproofing small and medium-sized balconies (without construction joints on the sub-base)

1. Beforehand, position and seal the G-DRAIN or AQUA-GO drains and ducts selected, setting up the right slopes according to the thickness of the ceramic covering.
2. Mix the AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX adhesive with water, specific for bonding G-TEX geomembranes on cement supports, complying with the mixture preparation methods described in the relative TECHNICAL SHEET.
3. Cut and shape G-TEX ACTIVE according to the size of the surface to be waterproof, overlapping it at least 10 cm on the vertical walls and at least 10 cm between one sheet and another.
4. Spread the AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX adhesive with a 6-8 mm square notched trowel, making sure to spread the adhesive in one direction, coinciding with the direction G-TEX ACTIVE was spread.
5. Glue G-TEX ACTIVE to the entire surface on the fresh layer of adhesive and press the surface of the geomembrane with a smooth trowel so there are no air bubbles and to guarantee perfect bonding. For the moment to do not glue and seal overlapping between one sheet and another.
6. Continue to glue G-TEX ACTIVE sheets until the entire surface to be waterproofed is covered.
7. At the screed-wall connection, overlap the geomembrane by at least 10 cm on the vertical sides and glue the overlap with AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX adhesive leaving the geomembrane free of G-TEX ACTIVE adhesive for at least 1 cm before and after the screed-wall connection.
8. At the screed-wall connection where G-TEX ACTIVE has not been turned up, use G-TEX STRIP H 20 waterproof tape at the screed-wall connection, gluing to the wall with AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX adhesive, for the moment leaving the edge overlapping the horizontal plane free without adhesive.
9. When you have finished laying G-TEX ACTIVE, proceed with sealing of the overlapping geomembrane G-TEX edges. Make sure that the overlapping geomembrane edges has no dust, cement residues or any other material which can compromise sealing. Spread the AQUAFIX POLYS sealant adhesive, specific for bonding and sealing overlaps between G-TEX geomembranes, using a 3 mm triangular notched trowel. Exert sufficient pressure on the entire length of the seals using a smooth trowel, by removing the excess of product, so there are no air bubbles and

to guarantee perfect sealing. During this operation must be done a work as neatly and cleanly as possible, because an excessive smudge of AQUAFIX POLYS out of the overlapping geomembrane to seal could reduce the AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX's adherence for the next laying of the ceramic covering or the protective gel.

10. If necessary, treat the internal and/or external corners by gluing shaped elastic waterproof G-TEX STRIP 90 and G-TEX STRIP 270, specific for sealing joints between floor and wall respectively in 90° or 270° corners, using the AQUAFIX POLYS sealant adhesive.
11. When you have finished waterproofing, make sure that the water-impermeable layer is fully hardened and then use the same AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX adhesive to lay the ceramic covering, complying with that set forth by standard UNI 11493 (Ceramic covering a floors and walls - Instructions for the planning, for the installation and for the maintenance). Design the expansion joints of the covering on those existing in the substrate. If needed, provide additional expansion joints in proportion to the size of the surface to be covered, to the format and the type of material used (as an indication, make expansion joints each 9-15 m²). Always envisage joints between tiles measuring at least 2 mm wide.
12. If ceramic covering is not foreseen, always provide a protection of the water-impermeable layer be carried out with mineral organic protective gel with permanent elasticity AQUAGEL ECO or AQUAGEL REFLEX.

■ **Waterproofing surfaces requiring rapid commissioning**

When rapid commissioning is required, lay G-TEX ACTIVE with AQUABOND RAPID adhesive by GEODRY, rapid setting adhesive with variable rheological gel-sol-gel effect with high hydrophilicity and high performance, zero vertical slip and total wettability, classified C2FT S1 in accordance with standard EN 12004. The adhesive can also be used for subsequent laying of ceramic tiles, even large-sized, trafficable after 3 hours from laying.

■ **Waterproofing of non-absorbent, metal, treated wood surfaces or surfaces particularly sensitive to water**

For waterproofing of non-absorbent, metal, treated wood surfaces or surfaces particularly sensitive to water, lay G-TEX ACTIVE with polyurethane-based bi-component adhesive AQUAFIX ULTRA (A+B) by GEODRY. In this case, the adhesive can be used both for direct laying of G-TEX ACTIVE on the substrate and for sealing overlapping between geomembranes (overlapping, perimeter tape, corners, etc.).

As these are particular, difficult to classify sub-bases, it is however advisable to always contact the GEODRY TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT and/or request an on-site inspection.

YIELD

1.05 m² per m² of surface to be waterproofing. Always taken into consideration the technical losses depending on the surface to waterproof.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Not use on substrates and sub-bases that are not perfectly cured and with residual moisture ≥4%. In this case contact the GEODRY TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT for correct ESALATORE breather vents arrangement on the surface to be waterproofed.
- Lay the geomembrane orientate in favour of the slope of the surface and drainage of rainwater.
- In sealing the overlapping geomembranes or in treatment of G-TEX accessories, not smudge the AQUAFIX POLYS adhesive out of the overlapping geomembranes but conduct a work as neatly and cleanly as possible.
- Geomembrane bonding in proximity to technical installations (such as external rain or banisters), metal and steel's elements, plastic materials or another, must be carried out using AQUAFIX HYBRID sealant adhesive. Seal any drillings caused by tube installations, banisters or other using the AQUAFIX HYBRID sealant adhesive.
- Store in the original closed packages in a sheltered position at a maximum temperature of +30 °C.
- Protect from direct exposure to light.

PACKAGING

G-TEX ACTIVE is available in roll on cardboard tube wrapped with heat-sealed polyethylene, in following dimensions:

- m² 6 (5 m long x 1.20 m wide);
- m² 30 (25 m long x 1.20 m wide).

TECHNICAL DATA

Identification data	
Length (m):	5 and 25 item pack
Width (m):	1.20
Weight (g/m ²):	350
Thickness (mm):	0.52
Operating temperature:	from -40 °C to +80 °C

FINAL PERFORMANCE according EN 13956

	Requirements	Results	Test method
Water tightness:		Approved	EN 1928 Meth. B
Tensile strength (N/50 mm):	MLV L ≥ 395 MLV T ≥ 130	L = 395 T = 130	EN 12311-2 Meth. A
Elongation (%):	MLV L ≥ 23 MLV T ≥ 190	L = 23 T = 190	EN 12311-2 Meth. A
Resistance to overlaps – shear (N/50 mm):	MLV ≥ 110	110	EN 12317-2
Resistance to static load (kg):	MLV ≥ 20	20	EN 12730 Meth. B
Flexibility at low temperatures (°C):	MLV ≥ -40	-40	EN 495-5
Fire resistance:	Euroclass	F	EN 13501-1
Visible defects:		Approved	EN 1850-2
Straightness (mm):	g ≤ 50	g = 50	EN 1848-2
Planarity (mm):	p ≤ 10	p = 10	EN 1848-2
Dimensional stability (%):		L = -0.2 T = 0	EN 1107-02
Effects of chemical products in solution saturated with Calcium Hydroxide at +23 °C:	values unchanged after 28 days		EN 1847
Resistance to spread of water vapour (m ² ·h·Pa/mg):		9.75	UNI EN 1931:2001

| MLV = Limit value declared |

Other features	Requirements	Results	Test method
Water resistance of overlaps:		Water tightness	Water column
Bonding of AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX over G-TEX ACTIVE: TRACTION (N/mm ²)		0.9	Meth. CSTB
Bonding of AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX over G-TEX ACTIVE: SHEAR (N/mm ²)		1.28	Meth. CSTB
Shock resistance with ball on ceramic floor (no. of blows):		4	Meth. CSTB

| The statements are valid for room temperature +23 °C with a typical test period of 28 days |

CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

Extract of table C.1 reported in APPENDIX C of EN 13956 on the chemical resistance of synthetic membranes referring to the most common chemical substances (concentration % represents the concentration limit at which the polymeric materials are resistant, by exposure to higher or chemical substances concentrations which are not shown in the prospectus, tests must be carried out according to EN 1847, please contact the GEODRY TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT).

Substance	Concentration %
INORGANIC ACIDS	
Sulphuric acid	≤ 25
Sulphurous acid	≤ 6
Nitric acid	≤ 5
Hydrochloric acid	≤ 10
ORGANIC ACIDS	
Benzoic acid	No limits
Acetic acid	≤ 10
Oxalic acid	No limits
Phthalic acid	No limits
Tartaric acid, aqueous	No limits
Citric acid, aqueous	No limits
INORGANIC BASES	
Sodium hydroxide	≤ 10
SALT SOLUTIONS	
Chlorides	No limits
Nitrates	No limits
Sulphates	No limits
Soap Solution	No limits

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SPECIFICATIONS

Supply and installation of GEODRY waterproofing system, implemented with **G-TEX ACTIVE** by GEODRY geomembrane, multilayer composite polymeric waterproofing in FPO with high elasticity, in accordance with Standard EN 13956. The geomembrane must be fully intact and free of any visible defects in accordance with Standard EN 1850-2 (*features and performance according to the attached Technical Data Sheet*). **G-TEX ACTIVE** will be bonded to the substrate with a variable rheological gel-sol-gel effect with high hydrophilicity such as **AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX** or **AQUABOND RAPID** by GEODRY after suitable preparation, to be calculated separately.

Treatment of screed-wall connection, internal and external corners, horizontal or vertical drains, overlaps between geomembranes and any other details will be implemented using GEODRY accessories, sealed to the substrate using specific adhesives for final sealing from the **AQUABOND** and **AQUAFIX** by GEODRY line.

Waterproofing must then be covered using a gel-sol-gel effect adhesive classified as C2TE S1 in accordance with Standard EN 12004, such as **AQUABOND EXTRAFLEX** by GEODRY, or using a gel-sol-gel effect adhesive classified as C2FT S1 in accordance with Standard EN 12004, such as **AQUABOND RAPID** by GEODRY. Comply with that set forth by standard UNI 11493 with relation to the joints present, the size of the surface to be covered, to the format and the type of covering used, to be calculated separately. In the absence of ceramic covering, waterproofing must be protected by applying a specific waterproofing gel for G-TEX geomembrane protection in GEODRY waterproofing systems such as **AQUAGEL REFLEX** or **AQUAGEL ECO** by GEODRY.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR SPECIAL USES CONTACT THE **GEODRY TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT**.

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