ROOFING
SARNAFIL ROOFING AND WATERPROOFING SYSTEMS
FOR HIGH QUALITY, LONG LASTING ROOFING AND WATERPROOFING SYSTEMS WITH A HISTORY OF PROVEN PERFORMANCE, THE CHOICE IS CLEAR—SARNAFIL.

SARNAFIL IS BORN 1962
From world-renowned museums to warehouses, Sarnafil-brand roofing and waterproofing systems from Sika have been providing reliable protection to facilities around the world for over fifty years, in every climate imaginable.

The roofing system plays an essential role in the protection of a building. Ultraviolet rays, ponding water and high winds all conspire to compromise the roof prematurely, leading to leaking, damage to the building, costly repairs and possibly an early tear-off and re-roof. Sarnafil roofing and waterproofing systems respond to these challenges with a variety of system configurations designed to meet the specific needs of almost any application, regardless of slope.

Sarnafil has solutions specifically developed for low and steep slope roofs, solar roofing and systems that mimic standing seam metal roofs. Sarnafil waterproofing membranes are the key component in vegetated green roofs and plaza decking found around the world.

Along with protection from the elements, Sarnafil’s versatile single-ply membrane systems also boast sustainability features like unparalleled longevity, outstanding energy efficiency, recyclability and minimal maintenance. All which help building owners save money over the life of the roof and meet their sustainability goals.

Actual performance proven in the field over time is the only true test of a roofing system’s quality. Billions of square feet of Sarnafil membrane have performed with distinction over the past 50 years in climates of every description. Many installations are still performing after 30 years of service.

Selecting a roofing system should be a decision based on choosing the best long-term value. Sarnafil roofing and waterproofing systems are widely recognized for exemplifying the highest standards of quality, reliability and watertight protection — a claim that has been proven through the test of time.

1 Carbotech AG, *Life Cycle Analysis of Low Slope Roof Systems*, November 2004
Long-lasting performance proven over time is a signature attribute for Sarnafil roofing systems. This longevity is occurring around the world, in all types of climates, and led the British Board of Agrément, a respected authority on building products, to issue a certificate in 2008 indicating that the durability of Sarnafil membranes, when used in accordance with the relevant BBA certificates, should have a life in excess of 35 years.

Research conducted by Sika and verified through independent testing performed by the National Research Council of Canada (NRCC) revealed that many of the oldest Sarnafil roofs in North America continue to perform decades after installation. Roof samples from 25 of the company’s oldest Sarnafil roofs from all across North America, from all regions and climates, were examined. The average age of the samples examined was 19 years. Samples were tested for thickness, tensile strength, elongation, linear dimensional change, low temperature flexibility, and seam strength.

Virtually all of the roof samples tested still met minimum thickness standards and the requirement for linear dimensional change (shrinkage). Nearly three-quarters passed the cold temperature flexibility test conducted at –20°C / -4°F (membrane folded onto itself at 180°), and seam strength was unchanged. These test results were truly impressive for roofs of this age. Most importantly, all of the roofs sampled were still providing leak-free protection for the building owners. Significantly, each of the roofs was still capable of being welded.

Real-world longevity demonstrated in the field and supporting analysis from independent scientific organizations have shown that Sarnafil roofing and waterproofing systems truly stand the test of time.
ENDURING SARNAFIL ROOFING SYSTEMS LASTING 30+ YEARS.
Sika documented the performance of four commercial roofing installations located in different climate regions. Each system delivered more than 30 years of reliable, watertight service.

1. COPPS COLISEUM
   Hamilton, Ontario
   30 Years of Service and counting
   This facility is home to the American Hockey League’s Hamilton Bulldogs and the venue for many other sporting events and concerts. Brad Calder, the facility’s director of operations, says that when the time comes to replace the Sarnafil roof installed in 1984, he will “most certainly” replace it with another Sarnafil system.

2. PITMAN COMPANY
   Woburn, Massachusetts
   32 Years of Service
   A Sarnafil roof was installed on this facility in 1978. The company and building changed hands in 2006 but the roof was still going strong. Finally in 2010, after 32 years, the company replaced the roof—with another Sarnafil roof, of course.

3. ROBBINS HALL, UC-DAVIS
   Davis, California
   33 Years of Service and counting
   A Sarnafil roof was installed on Robbins Hall in 1981. Sean Snyder, UC-Davis project manager, says that “This roof has completely exceeded my expectations.” After more than three decades of service, Snyder says the roof “is performing as well as some of the new roofs on campus.”

4. BROOKSHIRE GROCERY
   Tyler, Texas
   32 Years of Service
   Regarding the Sarnafil roof that was installed on his facility in 1980, Ken Reeves of Brookshire Grocery said, “There is no equal to this roofing system. If it were up to me, this is the only roofing system I would ever use.” Brookshire Grocery replaced the warehouse roof in 2013 after 32 years of service with yet another Sarnafil system.
SARNAFIL MEANS EFFICIENCY.

Sarnafil roofing and waterproofing systems generate a positive Return On Investment for building owners while minimizing impact on the environment and protecting natural resources.

Certifiable

- Sarnafil S327 and GA10 roofing membranes were the first products to achieve platinum certification to the NSF/ANSI 347 Sustainability Assessment for Single Ply Roofing Membranes.
- Sarnafil roofing and waterproofing systems help building owners achieve LEED and Green Globes certification.
- Sika roofing has been certified as compliant with strict management standards established by Responsible Care® and ISO 14001: 2004, two leading independent organizations developing standards relating to environment, health and safety, and security.
- Sika roofing has completed the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange Members Ethical Trade Audit that focuses on labor standards, health and safety, environment and business practice.

Sika reduces waste at every step in the Sarnafil product life cycle. It gathers both excess vinyl raw materials produced during manufacturing operations and trimmings contractors generate when installing new roofs. And when a roof must be replaced, Sika can recycle the used vinyl membrane.

To date, Sika’s industry-leading Roof Recycling Program has diverted more than 45 million pounds of vinyl membrane from the landfill, recycling it back into roofing and waterproofing membrane products.

The feedstock of vinyl resin used to produce Sarnafil membranes is 53 percent salt and represents the least amount of petroleum-based raw materials found in any common low-slope roofing product.
Reduce Consumption

Preventing solar radiation from elevating a building’s internal temperature is an important strategy in reducing building cooling energy consumption. In research conducted by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) for the U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency, the Sarnafil EnergySmart Roof® reflected more than 80% of the sun’s rays and scored an impressive Solar Reflective Index (SRI) of 104.

For the study a large retail store replaced a 100,000 sq. ft. black EPDM roof with a white Sarnafil roof. The study confirmed that the white roof membrane reduced average summertime air-conditioning peak demand by 14 percent and the total daily air-conditioning energy usage by 11 percent. Researchers estimated the total annual air-conditioning savings to be $7,200 or 7.2 cents per square foot.

A comparative Life-Cycle Analysis (LCA) of commonly used low-slope roofing products conducted by the consulting firm Carbotech® ranked Sarnafil vinyl roofing membranes highest in eco-efficiency. On top of all that, the EnergySmart Roof® requires minimal annual maintenance.

Buildings account for 48 percent of all U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. Replacing dark-colored roofs with reflective, light-colored roofs like the EnergySmart Roof® on eighty percent of air-conditioned commercial building roof areas could reduce emissions enough to offset the CO2 emissions of 1.2 million automobiles.

On average, a Sarnafil vinyl membrane in North America is carbon neutral after 1.7 years.

Less than fifty percent of raw materials used to make vinyl resin is derived from petroleum.

The GREEN ROOF is one of today’s most recognizable symbols of sustainable building practices. Sika’s green roof systems rely on the Sarnafil C476 waterproofing membrane to protect structures from the effects of water infiltration while hosting healthy, sustainable and regenerative roof landscapes.

The rooftop is also an ideal setting for solar power generation. Because of its longevity, a Sarnafil roof system is an outstanding platform for all types of solar configurations.

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1 Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Measured Energy Savings and Demand Reduction from a Reflective Roof Membrane on a Large Retail Store in Austin, June 2001
2 Carbotech AG, Life Cycle Analysis of Low Slope Roof Systems, November 2004
3 Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Potential Benefits of Cool Roofs on Commercial Buildings, March 2009
UNPARALLELED LEADERSHIP IN SINGLE-PLY ROOFING.

Sika pioneered the use of PVC for roofing applications in 1962, developing the world’s first thermoplastic membrane reinforced with fabric. This development revolutionized the single-ply roofing industry, and since that time the company has manufactured more than 15 billion square feet of membrane from production facilities located in six different countries.
POLYMER THICKNESS
While the reinforcement’s role is to provide dimensional stability and mechanical properties, the polymer provides the waterproofing. Increased polymer thickness improves the life expectancy of the membrane, improves consistency of heat-welded seams and enhances durability and puncture resistance. Sarnafil membranes are available in a variety of thicknesses to match your need with your budget.

SARNAFIL THICKNESS GUARANTEE
The roofing industry standard allows membranes to be manufactured up to 10% below the advertised thickness. Recent testing showed that only the Sarnafil-branded adhered and mechanically-attached membranes and one additional membrane met the labeled thickness, with all the other membranes failing to measure up.

To ensure that architects and roofing consultants can specify with confidence and that building owners will get what they pay for, Sika has instituted a Sarnafil Thickness Guarantee program. The program guarantees that the measured thickness will meet the labeled thickness per ASTM D-751 at the time of installation.

POLYMER ABOVE THE SCRIM
Waterproofing polymer protects a building from the intrusion of inclement weather; the reinforcement does not. Polymer above the scrim is exposed to the environment and is what keeps the elements from entering the building. In Sarnafil membranes, this polymer exceeds the thickness mandated by the ASTM. It is a premium blend formulated to withstand the elements for decades.

FACTORY-APPLIED LACQUER SURFACE COATING
Sarnafil membranes are manufactured with a unique coating. This coating helps repel dirt and airborne contaminants from the membrane’s surface.
PERFECTION IS IN THE DETAILS

When choosing the optimum roofing solution, quality products and proven performance are essential but it doesn’t stop there. Attention to every detail from the right automatic welding equipment to expert installation support to a superior warranty makes a big difference – and helps make Sarnafil the biggest name in the industry.
TECHNICAL SUPPORT
Sika allows only authorized applicators to install Sarnafil roofing and waterproofing systems. These applicators are trained by Sika to ensure a high level of quality. Technical support services are also available, and the company’s support team provides the most coverage in the industry with field technicians located in every region of the country. They work closely with roofing applicators to ensure that the installation process goes smoothly, and they’re available before, during and after each roof installation.

SEAM WELDING AND DETAILING
Faulty seams and details are a common source of leaks with many roofing systems. Some roofing membranes use sealants, adhesives or tapes that can deteriorate over time. The Sarnafil membrane is thermoplastic - its seams and flashings are welded together using Sika’s automatic hot air welder, the Sarnamatic. When welded together, the sheets of membrane become one monolithic layer of material impervious to water and moisture infiltration.

WATER ABSORPTION
Water absorption can cause membrane delamination, affect the quality of seam welds and reduce the long-term performance of the membrane. Sarnafil membranes absorb less water than many competitive thermoplastic roofing systems. The occurrence of standing water also does not affect the coverage of a Sarnafil system warranty, which is not the case for all roofing systems.

FIRE PERFORMANCE
While fire safety codes have greatly improved over the years, losses from fire are still an ongoing issue. One of the most vulnerable components of a building when exposed to fire is the roof. PVC roof membranes are naturally fire resistant.

ASTM E108 evaluates the fire characteristics of roof coverings when exposed to external fire sources. The coverings with a Class A rating can withstand severe test exposure and afford a high degree of protection to the roof deck.

The results on the graph below show the Sarnafil membrane has a much greater resistance to spread of flame than the EPDM and TPO membranes. Also while the other membranes will burn until fully consumed, the PVC membrane will self-extinguish if the source of the flame is removed.

DESIGN AND COLOR OPTIONS
A roof can be an important design element for a building - sometimes transforming a facility into an architectural statement. Sarnafil roofing systems lead the way in innovative designs with colored membranes that can effectively accent these distinctive features. And because of the manufacturing process that builds color into the membrane, no recoating is ever needed.
VERSATILE SARNAFIL ROOFING SOLUTIONS FOR EVERY APPLICATION.

Sarnafil creates innovative roofing systems specially designed to suit the application. Each configuration uses the same Sarnafil membrane formulation that has established the company’s world-class reputation for reliability and performance.

Sarnafil “G” series membranes have a unique fiberglass-reinforced, single-ply membrane. Specifically designed for adhered and loose laid systems, they deliver exceptional dimensional stability and a low coefficient of thermal expansion and contraction to extend the service life of the roof. The Sarnafil “S” series membranes are polyester-reinforced and used in mechanically-attached roof systems to resist the high point loads imposed on the membrane.

ILLUSTRATION KEY

1. Structural Deck
2. Insulation
3. Gypsum Roof Board
4. Insulation Fastener
5. Sarnafil S Membrane
6. Sarnafil G Membrane
7. Sarnafil G Feltback Membrane
8. Asphalt
9. Mod. Bit Base Ply
10. Feltback Membrane Adhesive
11. Sarnacol Adhesive

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ADHERED SYSTEMS

Sarnafil adhered roof systems are best for low sloped, uniquely shaped or pitched roof applications composed of nonnailable substrates such as precast or prestressed concrete, cementious wood fiber or gypsum. They’re also effective over nailable substrates such as steel and wood decks. For rough surfaces such as cellular concrete, the Sarnafil adhered feltback system minimizes the appearance of the substrate irregularities and offers high wind uplift resistance as well as increased puncture resistance.

DÉCOR ROOF SYSTEMS

The Sarnafil Décor Roof System is the ideal choice for new or existing buildings that call for the look of a metal roof but require the watertight integrity and design flexibility of a thermoplastic roofing membrane. Décor systems achieve the appearance of metal with a thermoplastic rib that is hot air welded to the membrane surface. These systems come in seven standard color options and a nearly unlimited number of custom colors.
This mechanically-attached system is your best choice when speed and ease of installation are important. Sarnafast features metal plates fastened in the membrane overlap and spaced according to the roof’s wind uplift requirements. It is designed to meet wind conditions on most building types.

**SARNAFAST**

**ENGINEERED**

The Sarnafil Engineered System is designed for roofs that are subject to severe or extreme wind uplift forces. The advantage of this system is the fastening pattern – both row spacing and fastener spacing can be customized or “engineered” for any specified wind load. The Engineered System utilizes a specially designed bar which is secured to the structural roof deck with corrosion-resistant fasteners. The bar clamps the membrane fully along its length, uniformly distributing the dynamic load produced by wind uplift. Sika offers wind warranty protection of up to 120 mph with this system.

**SPECIALTY SYSTEMS**

**RHINOBOND ROOF SYSTEMS**

This innovative attachment system is used with Sarnafil membranes to increase contractor productivity and enhance roof wind uplift resistance. It uses electromagnetic induction welding to eliminate fastener penetrations through the membrane. Specially coated membrane plates are fastened to the roof deck and later fused to the underside of the membrane using the RhinoBond tool, which is lightweight, portable, and simple to use. The system achieves an FM I-90 and higher rating in the field while requiring 30 percent fewer fasteners per square than traditional systems.

**HYBRID ROOFING SYSTEM**

The “hybrid” roofing system uses Sarnafil® G410 Feltback roof membrane with an approved SBS modified bitumen product. It is ideal when a durable, multi-layered roofing system is desired, without sacrificing the energy savings of a highly reflective roof membrane. The integration of these two roofing systems provides the customer with a multi-layered, high performance roofing system using highly reflective, time proven materials.
WATERPROOFING GREEN ROOFS AND ABOVE GRADE AREAS FOR MORE THAN FOUR DECADES

Green roofs and plaza decks require special attention because they are designed with the membrane buried beneath the soil media and vegetation or the overburden of a plaza deck. A membrane leak in one of these systems can be difficult to find and expensive to repair. The Sarnafil G476 waterproofing membrane is a critical component in these environments, with a history of providing long-term durability.

The G476 membrane is puncture resistant, extremely flexible and able to conform to even the most difficult details.

It is designed to remain watertight while overcoming constant dampness, ponding water, high and low alkaline conditions and exposure to plant roots, fungi and bacterial organisms.

Green roofs and plaza decks provide aesthetic, ecological and social benefits to modern buildings. With more than 45 years of proven performance, Sarnafil is the preferred system choice of design professionals and building owners.
GREEN ROOFS
Sika has Sarnafil waterproofing systems designed for both Extensive and Intensive green roof configurations. Sarnafil membranes have passed the most stringent European tests for root resistance, including both the German FLL and the Swiss SIA 280 standards. Complete system delivery including vegetation is available with a single source warranty. Electronic leak detection is an available option and can greatly reduce the risks associated with accidental leaks.

PLAZA DECKS
Sika also offers a variety of high quality Sarnafil waterproofing systems that encompass the full range of plaza deck conditions, including pedestrian and vehicular plazas, balconies, terraces and observation decks. A 20 year system warranty is an available option.

ADHERED SYSTEMS
The Sarnafil G476 Self-Adhered (SA) membrane is a composite sheet comprised of the heat-weldable G476 waterproofing membrane with a closed-cell foam backing. The foam backing is coated with a pressure sensitive adhesive that produces a steadfast bond to the substrate, mitigating potential water migration under the membrane. Sarnafil G476 SA is best suited for new construction. It can also be used effectively on renovation projects where the old waterproofing system can be removed completely, or where a new concrete topping slab is placed over the structural deck.

GRID SYSTEM
For renovation projects where the substrate is contaminated or removal of the existing waterproofing is not practical, Sika offers the grid system. It combines all of the advantages of a loose-laid Sarnafil membrane installation with the added security of adhered membrane grid strips. The adhered grid strips act as a sub-membrane waterstop to compartmentalize the waterproofed areas and limit overburden removal if a problem develops. The grid system can be installed economically over existing waterproofing with minimal deck preparation and removal of the existing waterproofing system.

LOOSE-LAID SYSTEM FOR GREEN ROOFS
The most common design approach over a metal deck is to build a conventional loose-laid roof assembly. The Sarnafil G476 waterproofing membrane is installed over the XPS insulation and the felt separation barrier and then covered with a drainage composite or protection layer, followed by the vegetated cover or pavers. Local building codes usually require a fire-tested thermal barrier over the metal deck prior to installing the XPS.
SARNAFIL MILESTONE MANAGEMENT

The Sarnafil Milestone Management™ process is the key to a successful installation. From technical assistance to installation, our “hands on approach” is designed to make any project an easier task for you. Here’s how we help make the process go smoothly:

**Proven Materials** – A high quality membrane is the key to any successful roofing or waterproofing project that demands absolute system integrity. With that in mind, Sika’s manufacturing process uses only the highest quality materials to produce a membrane that offers excellent weatherability and dimensional stability.

**Expert Assistance** – Our skilled technical experts make Sika stand apart from other manufacturers. We’re involved at each major milestone—offering assistance to architects and specifiers if needed, reviewing Notice of Award documentation, and training authorized applicators in the classroom and at the job site.

**Skillful Workmanship** – Skilled, trained applicators are critical to a quality roof installation. Sika sells only to a select group of authorized roofing contractors. Only the best are invited to join our team.

SARNAFIL WARRANTY OPTIONS

**SARNAFIL ROOFING SYSTEMS**
A variety of warranty options are available, including 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 year durations for:
- Membrane Only
- Full System

**GREEN ROOFS AND PLAZA DECKS**
Sika offers several types of warranties, including 5, 10, 15 and 20 year durations for:
- Waterproofing Membrane Only
- Waterproofing Labor and Material (Standard)
- Single-Source Warranty (for Green Roofs Only)*

*Sika offers a single-source warranty for extensive green roof assemblies that includes overburden removal, waterproofing and vegetated cover.

WHO WE ARE

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