

## WaterMaster CI with DensElement® Sheathing – Section 07 24 19

*Water-drainage polymer-based EIFS incorporating vertical drainage channels over Georgia-Pacific DensElement® integrated water-resistive barrier sheathing system.*

### INTRODUCTION

This specification has been assembled to enable the design professional to select or delete sections to suit the project requirements and is intended to be used in conjunction with Parex® and Georgia-Pacific typical details, product data sheets, technical bulletins, etc.

### DESIGN RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of both the specifier and the purchaser to determine if a product is suitable for its intended use. The designer selected by the purchaser shall be responsible for all decisions pertaining to design, detail, structural capability, attachment details, shop drawings and the like. The Parex® brand of Sika Corporation US (herein referred to as “Sika”) has prepared guidelines in the form of specifications, typical application details, and product data sheets to facilitate the design process only. Sika is not liable for any errors or omissions in design, detail, structural capability, attachment details, shop drawings or the like, whether based upon the information provided by Sika or otherwise, or for any changes which the purchasers, specifiers, designers or their appointed representatives may make to Sika published comments.

DensElement® Barrier System must be installed in accordance with Georgia-Pacific’s published literature, which provides the authoritative guidelines for system components, transitions, flashing, and detailing. For all questions or clarifications related to Georgia-Pacific DensElement® Sheathing and DensDefy® flashing products, including installation requirements, limitations, or project-specific applications, please contact Georgia-Pacific directly at 1-800-225-6119 or visit [www.buildgp.com](http://www.buildgp.com). Georgia-Pacific is the sole source for the most current product instructions, technical data, and warranty information.

### Designing and Detailing a WaterMaster CI with DensElement Sheathing Wall System

General: The system shall be installed in strict accordance with current recommended published details and product specifications from the system’s manufacturer.

#### A. Wind Load

1. Maximum deflection not to exceed L/240 under positive or negative design loads.
2. Design for wind load in conformance with local code requirements.

#### B. Substrate Systems: Georgia-Pacific DensElement® Barrier System.

1. The substrate systems shall be engineered with regard to structural performance by others.

#### C. Moisture Control

1. Prevent the accumulation of water behind the EIFS, either by condensation or leakage through the wall construction, in the design and detailing of the wall assembly.
  - a. Provide flashing to direct water to the exterior where it is likely to penetrate components in the wall assembly, including, above window and door heads, beneath window and door sills, at roof/wall intersections, decks, abutments of lower walls with higher walls, above projecting features, and at the base of the wall and anywhere else required by local code.
  - b. Air Leakage Prevention: Provide continuity of air barrier system at the foundation, roof, windows, doors and other penetrations through the system with connecting and compatible air barrier components to minimize condensation and leakage caused by air movement.
  - c. Vapor Diffusion and Condensation: Perform a dew point analysis of the wall assembly to determine the potential for accumulation of moisture in the wall assembly as a result of water vapor diffusion and condensation. Adjust insulation thickness and/or other wall assembly components accordingly to minimize the risk of condensation. Avoid the use of vapor retarders on the interior side of the wall in warm, humid climates.

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- d. Openings must be flashed prior to window/door, HVAC, etc. installation to provide moisture protection of the building frame and interior. Reference Georgia-Pacific's DensElement Barrier System published literature.
- D. Impact Resistance:** Provide ultra-high impact resistance to a minimum height of 6' (1.8m) above finished grade at all areas accessible to pedestrian traffic and other areas exposed to abnormal stress or potential impact. Indicate the areas with impact resistance requirements other than "Standard" on contract drawings.
- E. Color Selection:** The use of dark colors must be considered in relation to wall surface temperature as a function of local climate conditions. Select a finish coat color with a light reflectance value (LRV) of 20% or higher. The use of dark colors (LRV less than 20%) is not recommended with EIFS that incorporates expanded polystyrene (EPS). EPS has a sustained service temperature limitation of approximately 160°F (71°C).
- F. System Joints:**
1. Typical locations for system expansion joints are at building expansion joints, at prefabricated panel joints, floor lines of wood frame construction or where slip tracks are used in steel frame construction, where substrates change and where structural movement is anticipated. It is the sole responsibility of the project design team, including the architect, engineer, etc., to ultimately determine specific expansion joint placement, width and design. Detail specific locations in construction drawings.
  2. Sealant joints are required at all penetrations through the WaterMaster CI with DensElement Sheathing Wall System (windows, doors, etc.)
  3. Specify compatible closed cell backer rod and acceptable sealant that has been evaluated in accordance with ASTM C 1382, "Test Method for Determining Tensile Adhesion Properties of Sealants When Used in Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EIFS) Joints," and that meets a minimum 50% elongation after conditioning.
- G. System Terminations:**
1. The system must be properly terminated (backwrapped a min. of 2 ½" (63 mm), properly sealed, flashed) at all penetrations, lighting fixtures, electrical outlets, hose bibs, dryer vents, etc.
  2. When using SikaWall Rapid Bond, terminations must be pre-backwrapped with Parex base coat and SikaWall Detail Backwrap Mesh.
- H. Grade Condition:** The WaterMaster CI with DensElement Sheathing Wall System is not intended for use below grade or on surfaces subject to continuous or intermittent immersion in water or hydrostatic pressure. Ensure a minimum 6" (152 mm) clearance above grade or as required by code, a minimum 1" (25 mm) clearance above finished grade (sidewalk/concrete flatwork).
- I. Trim, Projecting Architectural Features**  
**(NOTE TO SPECIFIER: Installation of the Parex wall system outside the slope guidelines referenced in this specification may still qualify for a standard warranty; however, low sloping EIFS conditions are subject to extreme heat, increased maintenance and premature deterioration of the system shall be expected and any deleterious effects caused by the lack of slope will not be the responsibility of Sika. Parex wall systems are designed and tested to be applied to vertical surfaces. The design professional has the option to build according to his/her project needs. The design professional must also consider geography, climate, building orientation, wall orientation and adjacent building components when designing with EIFS. The slope guidelines referenced below are provided to assist the owner and/or design professional. Final design of any building is the responsibility of the design professional.)**
1. Minimum slope for all projections shall be 1:2 (27°) with a maximum length of 12" (30.5 cm) [6" in 12" (15 cm in 30.5 cm)]. Increase slope for northern climates to prevent accumulation of ice/snow on the surface.
- J. Coordination with other trades**
1. Evaluate adjacent materials such as windows, doors, etc. for conformance to manufacturer's details. Adjacent trades shall provide scaled shop drawings for review.
  2. Air seals at any joints/gaps between adjoining components (penetrations, etc.) are of primary importance to maintain continuity of an air barrier system and must be considered by the design professional in the overall wall assembly design. Install air seals between the primary air/water- resistive barrier and other wall components (penetrations, etc.) in order to maintain continuity of an air barrier system.
  3. Provide site grading such that WaterMaster CI with DensElement Sheathing Wall System terminates a minimum of 6" (152 mm) above finished grade or as required by code.

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4. Provide protection of rough openings in accordance with Georgia-Pacific DensElement Barrier System literature before installing windows, doors, and other penetrations through the wall.
5. Install copings and sealant immediately after installation of the WaterMaster CI with DensElement Sheathing Wall System and when Parex coatings are completely dry.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Consult Sika Facades' Technical Services Department for specific recommendations concerning Sika product applications. Consult the Parex website, [usa.sika.com/Parex](http://usa.sika.com/Parex), for additional information about Sika products, systems, and updated literature. Consult Georgia-Pacific regarding DensElement Barrier System questions at 1-800-225-6119 or visit [www.buildgp.com](http://www.buildgp.com).

## PART 1 GENERAL

**NOTE TO SPECIFIER: Items in blue/underlined indicate a system option or choice of options. Throughout the specification, delete those which are not required or utilized.**

### 1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Refer to all drawings and other sections of this specification to determine the type and extent of work therein affecting the work of this section, whether or not such work is specifically mentioned herein.
- B. WaterMaster CI with DensElement Sheathing Wall System: Composite wall Exterior Insulation and Finish System consisting of Parex adhesive/base coat, Approved EPS Rigid Insulation, Parex reinforcing mesh, and Parex finish coat.
- C. Parex products are listed in this specification to establish a standard of quality. Any substitutions to this specification shall be submitted to and receive approval from the Architect at least 10 days before bidding. Proof of equality shall be borne by the submitter.
- D. The EIFS type shall be Parex WaterMaster CI with DensElement Sheathing Wall System as manufactured by Sika Corporation US, Lyndhurst, NJ.

### 1.02 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 03 00 00 Concrete substrate
- B. Section 04 00 00 Masonry substrate
- C. Section 05 40 00 Cold-formed metal framing
- D. Section 06 16 00 Sheathing
- E. Section 06 11 00 Wood framing
- F. Section 07 27 00 Air barriers
- G. Section 07 62 00 Sheet Metal Flashing and Trim
- H. Section 07 65 00 Flexible flashing
- I. Section 07 90 00 Joint protection
- J. Section 08 00 00 Openings
- K. Section 09 22 00 Supports for plaster and gypsum board
- L. Section 09 22 16 Non-structural metal framing
- M. Section 09 29 00 Gypsum board

### 1.03 DEFINITIONS

- A. Exterior Insulation and Finish System: Exterior assembly comprised of adhesive, rigid insulation, base coat, reinforcing mesh, and finish coat.
- B. EIFS with drainage: A wall cladding design with an exterior surface for primary weather protection and aesthetics, which incorporates an inner secondary air/water-resistive barrier and drainage plane to accommodate incidental moisture and direct it to the exterior.

### 1.04 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit under provisions of Section [01 33 00]
- B. Product Data: Provide data on WaterMaster CI with DensElement Sheathing Wall System materials, product characteristics, performance criteria, limitations and durability.
- C. Code Compliance : Provide manufacturer's applicable code compliance report.

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- D. Samples: Submit [\[two\]](#) [\[x\]](#) [\[millimeter\]](#) [\[inch\]](#) size samples of WaterMaster CI with DensElement Sheathing Wall System illustrating finish coat color and texture range.
- E. Certificate: System manufacturer’s approval of EIFS applicator.
- F. Sealant: Sealant manufacturer’s certificate of compliance with ASTM C1382.
- G. System manufacturer’s current specifications, typical details, system overview and related product literature which indicate preparation required, storage, installation techniques, jointing requirements and finishing techniques.

## 1.05 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Manufacturer: More than 10 years in the EIFS industry, with more than 1000 completed EIFS projects.
- B. Applicator: Approved by Sika in performing EIFS work in this section.
- C. Regulatory Requirements: Conform to applicable code requirements for EIFS.
- D. Field Samples
  - 1. Provide under provisions of Section [\[01 43 36\]](#) [\[01 43 39\]](#).
  - 2. Construct one field sample panel for each color and texture, [\[x\]](#) [\[meters\]](#) [\[feet\]](#) in size of system materials illustrating method of attachment, surface finish color and texture.
  - 3. Prepare each sample panel using the same tools and techniques to be used for the actual application.
  - 4. Locate sample panel where directed.
  - 5. Accepted sample panel [\[may\]](#) [\[may not\]](#) remain as part of the work.
  - 6. Field samples shall be comprised of all wall assembly components, including DensElement Barrier System, Parex: adhesive/base coat, insulation board, base coat, reinforcing mesh, primer (if specified), finish coat, and typical sealant/flashing conditions.
- E. Testing:
  - 1. WaterMaster CI with DensElement Sheathing Wall System and Component Performance:

TEST	METHOD	CRITERIA	RESULTS
EIFS and EIFS with Drainage	ASTM E2568 and ICC-ES AC 235		Meets all performance requirements
Drainage Efficiency	ASTM E2273	90% Minimum	Pass
Transverse Wind-load	ASTM E330	Steel stud framing (20 gauge) 16"o.c., 1/2" DensElement Barrier System, Parex Adhesive, 1" expanded polystyrene insulation board, Parex Base Coat, 355 Reinforcing Mesh, Parex Finish.	Average ultimate loads <sup>1</sup> : - 3126 Pa (- 65 psf) + 2633 Pa (+ 55 psf) not taken to failure
Tensile Bond	ASTM C297/E2134	Minimum 103 kPa (15 psi)	Pass
Water Penetration	ASTM E 331	No water penetration after 15 minutes at 137 Pa (2.86 psf)	Pass
Radiant Heat Exposure	NFPA 268	No ignition at 20 minutes	Met test criteria with 12" thick EPS insulation.
Fire Endurance	ASTM E119	Maintain fire resistance of existing rated assembly	1-hour rating with maximum 4" thick EPS insulation
Intermediate Scale Multi-story Fire Test	NFPA 285 / UBC Standard 26-9	1. Resist flame propagation over the exterior surface 2. Resist vertical spread of flame within combustible core/component of panel from one story to the next 3. Resist vertical spread of flame over the interior surface from one story to the next 4. Resist lateral spread of flame from the compartment of fire origin to adjacent spaces	Met test criteria with 12" thick EPS insulation.
Surface Burning	ASTM E84 / UL 723	Flame spread < 25 Smoke developed < 450	Sika components meet Class A performance (FS < 25; SD < 450)
Abrasion Resistance	ASTM D968	No Cracking or loss of film integrity at 528 qt. (500L) of sand	Finish Coat not worn through after 686 liters of falling sand
Accelerated Weathering	ASTM G 153 (formerly G23)	No deleterious effects after 2000 hours.	Pass

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Accelerated Weathering	ASTM G 154 (formerly G53)	No deleterious effects after 2000 hours.	Pass - No deleterious effects after 7500 hours.
Freeze-Thaw	ASTM C67, E2485 Method A	No deleterious effects after 60 cycles	Pass
Mildew Resistance	Mil Std 810B Method 508	No fungus growth after 28 days	Pass
Salt Fog Resistance	ASTM B117	No deleterious effects after 300 hours	Pass
Water Resistance of Coating in 100% R.H.	ASTM D 2247	No deleterious effects after 14 days exposure.	Pass

<sup>1</sup> No failure in the Parex materials; failure in framing and/or sheathing connections

### 2. Reinforcing Mesh Testing and Impact Resistance

TEST	METHOD	CRITERIA	RESULTS
Alkali Resistance of Reinforcing Mesh	ASTM E 2098	Greater than 120 pli (21 dN/CM) retained tensile strength	Pass (all mesh)
Date County Impact Test	Protocol 201	Large & Small Missile	Passed with various wall assemblies
Parex 355 Standard Mesh	ASTM E2486 (formerly EIMA 101.86)	25-49 inch-lbs. (2.8-5.6 j)	Pass
SikaWall Intermediate 6	ASTM E2486 (formerly EIMA 101.86)	25-49 inch-lbs. (2.8-5.6 j)	Pass
SikaWall Intermediate 12	ASTM E2486 (formerly EIMA 101.86)	50-89 inch-lbs. (5.7-10.1 j)	Pass
SikaWall Intermediate & 355 Standard	ASTM E2486 (formerly EIMA 101.86)	90-150 inch-lbs. (10.2-17.0 j)	Pass
SikaWall Strong 15 & Parex 355 Standard Mesh	ASTM E2486 (formerly EIMA 101.86)	150 inch-lbs. (17 j)	Pass
SikaWall Ultra Hi 20 & Parex 355 Standard Mesh	ASTM E2486 (formerly EIMA 101.86)	150 inch-lbs. (17 j)	Pass

### 3. SikaWall Rapid Bond Performance:

TEST	METHOD	CRITERIA	RESULTS
Compressive strength	ASTM D1621	Report Value	8.6 psi (59.29 kPa) Parallel
Tensile Strength	ASTM D1623	Report Value	25 psi (172.37 kPa)
Tensile adhesion strength	ASTM C-297	> 15 psi (103 kPa)	Pass
Surface burning characteristics	ASTM E-84/UL 723	< 25 Flame Spread Index < 450 Smoke Developed	0 50

#### 1.06 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- Deliver, store and handle products under provisions of Section [01 65 00] [01 66 00] [ ].
- Deliver Sika materials in original unopened packages with manufacturer's labels intact.
- Protect Sika materials during transportation and installation to avoid physical damage.
- Store Sika materials in a cool, dry place protected from freezing. Store at no less than 40°F/4°C (50°F/10°C Granite & Stone finish).
- Store insulation boards flat and protected from direct sunlight and extreme heat.
- Store Reinforcing Mesh in a cool, dry place protected from exposure to moisture.
- Store Rapid Bond upright in a dry area at temperatures between 45-95°F (7-35°C). Excessive heat can cause premature aging of components, resulting in a shorter shelf life.
- Deliver, store and handle DensElement Barrier System materials per Georgia-Pacific's requirements.

#### 1.07 PROJECT/SITE CONDITIONS

- Do not apply Sika materials in ambient temperatures below 40°F/4°C (50°F/10°C for Granite & Stone Finish). Provide properly vented, supplementary heat during installation and drying period when temperatures less than 40°F/4°C (50°F/10°C for Granite & Stone Finish) prevail. Do not apply Sika materials in ambient temperatures above 100°F (38°C) or surface temperatures above 120°F (49°C).
- Do not apply materials to frozen surfaces.
- Maintain ambient temperature at or above 40°F/4°C (50°F/10°C for Granite & Stone Finish) during and at least 24 hours after material installation and until dry.
- Under average conditions [70 °F (21 °C), 50% Relative Humidity] finish will be dry within 24 hours. Drying time is dependent on humidity, air temperature, sun exposure, surface conditions and finish thickness. Lower temperature, higher humidity and application in shaded areas will extend drying time. Protect finish from rain

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or other precipitation and temperatures less than 40°F (4°C) for a minimum of 24 hours or until dry.

## 1.08 SEQUENCING AND SCHEDULING

- A. Coordinate and schedule installation of WaterMaster CI with DensElement Sheathing Wall System with related work of other sections.
- B. Coordinate and schedule installation of trim, flashing, and joint sealers to prevent water infiltration behind the system.

## 1.09 WARRANTY

- A. Provide a Sika standard warranty for WaterMaster CI with DensElement Sheathing Wall System installations under provisions of Section [01 70 00].
- B. Comply with Sika Facades notification procedures to assure qualification for warranty.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.01 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Parex WaterMaster CI with DensElement Sheathing Wall System (Class PB System) manufactured by Sika Corporation US.
- B. DensElement Barrier System manufactured by Georgia Pacific.

### 2.02 MATERIALS

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- A. **Air/Water-Resistive Barrier Components:** Georgia-Pacific DensElement Barrier System.
- B. **SikaWall Rapid Bond Spray Foam Adhesive:** A one-component, low-expansion polyurethane spray foam adhesive for rigid insulation boards.
- C. **Adhesives/Base Coats:** **(Required, Select One or More)**
  1. Parex 121 Base Coat: A 100% acrylic base coat, field-mixed with Portland cement. It has a creamy texture that is easily spread.
  2. Parex 121 Dry Base Coat: A dry-mix polymer adhesive and base coat containing Portland cement and requiring only water for mixing.

**NOTE TO SPECIFIER: Portland cement is not required if 121 Dry base coat is specified.**

- D. **Portland cement:** Conform to ASTM C150, Type I, II, or I/II, grey or white; fresh and free of lumps.
- E. **Water:** Clean and potable without foreign matter.
- F. **Insulation Board:** Expanded polystyrene; ASTM C578, Type I; Flame spread less than 25, smoke developed less than 450 per ASTM E84, UL 723.
  1. Minimum density 0.90 lb./ft<sup>3</sup>; K= 0.24 per inch (6.09 per mm).
  2. Minimum thickness as indicated on drawings [minimum 3/4" (19 mm)].
  3. Air-dried (aged) six weeks, or equivalent, prior to installation.
  4. Edges: square within 1/32" per foot (0.8 mm per meter).
  5. Thickness: tolerance of plus or minus 1/16" (1.6 mm).
  6. Size: 2' x 4' (0.6 m x 1.22 m).
  7. Length and width: tolerance of plus or minus 1/16" (1.6 mm).
- G. **Reinforcing Mesh:** Balanced, open-weave glass, fiber-reinforcing mesh, twisted multi-end strands treated for compatibility with Parex Base Coats. **(Required, Select One or More)**
  1. Parex 355 Mesh: Standard weight, 4 oz.
  2. SikaWall Intermediate 6: Standard/medium weight, 6 oz.
  3. SikaWall Intermediate 12: Intermediate weight, 12 oz.
  4. SikaWall Strong 15: Heavy-weight, 15 oz. used only in combination with 355 Mesh or Intermediate 6.
  5. SikaWall Ultra HI 20: Heavyweight, 20 oz. used only in combination with 355 Mesh or Intermediate 6.
  6. SikaWall Corner Mesh: Intermediate weight, pre-marked for easy bending, for reinforcing at exterior corners.

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- H. [SikaWall Color Advance \(Optional\): A 100% acrylic-based coating. It is designed for spray-, roller- or brush-application over EIFS with minimum change in finish texture or sheen.](#)
- I. [SikaWall Tinted Primer \(Optional\): A 100% acrylic-based primer that helps alleviate shadowing and enhances the performance of the Parex Wall Systems. Color to closely match the selected Parex Finish Coat.](#)
- J. **Finish Coat: (Required, Select One or More Finishes and Textures)**
  - 1. [Parex DPR Finish: 100% acrylic polymer finishes with advanced technology to improve long-term performance and dirt pick-up resistance; air cured, compatible with base coat; Parex finish color \[ \] as selected; finish texture:](#)
    - a. [Swirl Fine: Has a medium “worm-holed” appearance which is achieved by the random aggregate sizes in the Finish. The “worm-holed” look can be circular, random, vertical, or horizontal.](#)
    - b. [Sand Fine: utilizes uniformly sized aggregates for a uniform, fine texture.](#)
    - c. [Sand Smooth: can achieve a wide variety of free-formed, textured appearances, including stipple and skip-trowel.](#)
    - d. [Sand Coarse: Provides a uniform, “pebble” appearance.](#)
  - 2. [Parex Aquasol Finish: Modified acrylic-based finish with water repellent properties, compatible with base coat; Parex Finish color \[ \] as selected; finish texture:](#)
    - a. [Swirl Fine: Has a medium “worm-holed” appearance which is achieved by the random aggregate sizes in the Finish. The “worm-holed” look can be circular, random, vertical, or horizontal.](#)
    - b. [Sand Fine: utilizes uniformly sized aggregates for a uniform, fine texture.](#)
    - c. [Sand Smooth: can achieve a wide variety of free-formed, textured appearances, including stipple and skip-trowel.](#)
    - d. [Sand Coarse: Provides a uniform, “pebble” appearance.](#)
  - 3. [SikaWall Specialty Finishes: 100% acrylic polymer finishes that can be hand-troweled to simulate stone or create a time-honored, mottled tone-on-tone look that achieves a soft and weathered patina over time.](#)
    - a. [SikaWall Metallic: Has a pearlescent appearance. It utilizes uniformly sized aggregates for a uniform fine texture.](#)
    - b. [SikaWall Granite & Stone: a factory-mixed, reflective stone finish consisting of colored aggregate and large black mica flakes in a 100% acrylic transparent binder that provides a classic granite or marble-like textured finished appearance.](#)
  - 4. [SikaWall Chroma Finish: 100% acrylic polymer-based finish with integrated high performance colorants for superior fade resistance, compatible with base coat; Parex Finish color \[ \] as selected; finish texture:](#)
    - a. [F1.0: Utilizes uniformly sized aggregates for a uniformly fine texture.](#)
    - b. [M1.5: Provides a uniform “pebble” appearance.](#)
    - c. [R1.5: Has a medium “worm-holed” appearance which is achieved by the random aggregate sizes in the Finish. The “worm-holed” look can be circular, random, vertical or horizontal.](#)

### 2.03 ACCESSORIES

**A. Window/Door Drip Edge:** Rigid polyvinyl chloride (PVC), UV resistant for exterior use, with a drip edge, as furnished by Plastic Components, Inc. or equal non-corrosive metal. Accessories shall conform to ASTM D1784-97, C1063-99 and D4216-99.

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.01 EXAMINATION

**A. Site Conditions:** Verify project site conditions under provisions of Section [01 00 00].

**B. Walls:**

- 1. Substrates: Georgia-Pacific DensElement Barrier System.
  - a. Wall sheathing must be securely fastened per applicable building code and Georgia-Pacific requirements.
  - b. Examine surfaces to receive WaterMaster CI with DensElement Sheathing Wall System and verify that substrate and adjacent materials are dry, clean, sound, and free of releasing agents, paint, or other residue or coatings. Verify substrate is flat, free of fins or planar irregularities greater than 1/4" in 10' (6.4 mm in 3 m).
- 2. Flashings:
  - a. All flashings are by others and must be installed in accordance with specific manufacturer's

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- requirements. Where appropriate, end-dams must be provided.
- b. Openings must be flashed prior to window/door, HVAC, etc., installation. Refer to Georgia-Pacific DensElement Barrier System published literature for further information.
  - c. Windows and openings shall be flashed according to design and Building Code Requirements.
  - d. Individual windows that are ganged to make multiple units require continuous head flashing and the joints between the units must be fully sealed.
3. Roof: Verify that all roof flashings have been installed in accordance with the guidelines set by the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association (ARMA).
  4. Kick-out flashing: Kick-out flashing must be installed leak-proof and angled (min 100°) to allow for proper drainage and water diversion.
- C. Do not proceed until all unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

### 3.02 PREPARATION

- A. Protect all surrounding areas and surfaces from damage and staining during application of WaterMaster CI with DensElement Sheathing Wall System materials.
- B. Finish: Protect finished work at end of each day to prevent water penetration.
- C. Substrate preparation: Prepare substrates in accordance with Georgia-Pacific's instructions.

### 3.03 MIXING

- A. Refer to Sika's applicable product data sheets for mixing instructions.
- B. General: No additives are permitted unless specified in product mixing instructions. Close containers when not in use. Prepare in a container that is clean and free of foreign substances. Do not use a container that has contained or been cleaned with a petroleum-based product. Clean tools with soap and water immediately after use.

### 3.04 APPLICATION

- A. **Accessories:** Attach Window/Door Drip Edge level and per manufacturer's instructions.

**NOTE TO SPECIFIER: Keep only the products in this section that were selected in Section 2.02. Delete those not to be utilized. Refer to Sika's applicable product data sheets and system details for the most complete application instructions.**

- B. **Air/Water-Resistive Barrier:** Install Georgia-Pacific DensElement® Barrier System per manufacturer instructions.
- C. **Insulation Board with Adhesive/Base Coat:**
  1. Vertical surfaces: Begin at base of wall with firm, temporary support or spacer.
  2. Stagger joints horizontally in a running bond pattern offset a minimum of 6" (152 mm).
  3. Pre-cut insulation board to fit openings and projections. Insulation board must be a single piece around corners of openings. Stagger vertical joints and corners. Stagger insulation and sheathing board joints. Offset the insulation board joints from the sheathing joints a minimum of 8 in (203 mm) in both vertical and horizontal directions.
  4. Apply mixed Parex Base Coat to entire surface of insulation board using a stainless-steel trowel with 1/2"x 1/2" (13 mm x 13 mm) notches spaced 2" (50 mm) apart. Ribbons of adhesive must be applied parallel to the 2' (610 mm) dimension of the EPS insulation board to ensure they are vertical when the EPS insulation board is applied to the substrate.
  5. Immediately set board into place and apply pressure over entire surface of board to ensure positive uniform contact and high initial grab. Do not slide board into place. Do not allow base coat to dry prior to installing.
  6. Abut all joints tightly and ensure overall flush level surface.
  7. Fill 1/16" (1.6 mm) and larger gaps between insulation boards with slivers of insulation board.
  8. Check adhesion periodically by removing a board prior to set. Properly installed insulation board will be difficult to remove, and Parex Adhesive/Base Coat will be adhered to both the
  9. DensElement Barrier System and the insulation board.
  10. Allow application of insulation board to dry (normally 8 to 10 hours) prior to application of base coat/reinforcing mesh.
  11. Rasp flush any irregularities of the insulation board greater than 1/16" (1.6 mm).

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12. Install expansion joints and aesthetic grooves as indicated on drawings. Do not align aesthetic grooves with insulation board joints.

### D. Insulation Board with SikaWall Rapid Bond:

1. Vertical surfaces: Begin at base of wall with firm, temporary support or spacer.
2. Stagger joints horizontally in a running bond pattern offset a minimum of 6" (152 mm).
3. Pre-cut insulation board to fit openings and projections. Insulation board must be a single piece around corners of openings. Stagger vertical joints and corners. Stagger insulation and sheathing board joints. Offset insulation board joints from sheathing joints by a minimum of 16" (406 mm).
4. Apply a ribbon to each end of the (2' x4') insulation board, parallel to the short dimension of the board. Position the end ribbons approximately 3/4" (19mm) from the end of the insulation board.
5. Apply six (6) more ribbons for a total of 8 to each 2'x4' (0.6m x 1.2m) insulation board, evenly spaced nominally 5"-6" (12.7cm-15cm) apart between the end ribbons. Start and stop adhesive ribbons approximately 1/2" (12.7mm) from the edge of the board.
6. Apply insulation board to prepared substrate when adhesive ribbons have tack and before the surface of ribbons begin to form a skin. Install the board using light but firm pressure, taking care not to over-compress the adhesive ribbons.
7. NOTE: The time between placing adhesive ribbons onto the insulation board, and the time the ribbons skin over is approximately 1-5 minutes.
8. Be precise with the initial placement of insulation boards. The adhesive sets rapidly and provides limited opportunity to adjust insulation board placement. Use a straight edge to lightly press boards to keep board joints flush. Board joint gaps up to 1/4" (6.4mm) can be filled with Rapid Bond, ensure any excess foam is rasped flush.
9. Rasp insulation boards after full cure of adhesive, typically after one hour in nominal conditions 70°F (21°C) and 50% relative humidity. Cooler temperatures and lower humidity will extend cure time. Do not rasp insulation boards until full cure has occurred.
10. Install expansion joints and aesthetic grooves as indicated on drawings. Do not align aesthetic grooves with insulation board joints.

### E. Parex Base Coat/Reinforcing Mesh: Parex base coat shall be applied to achieve reinforcing mesh embedment with no reinforcing mesh color visible.

**NOTE TO SPECIFIER: Indicate on drawings the required locations of standard, medium, high or ultra-high impact reinforcing mesh.**

### F. SikaWall Corner Mesh:

1. Install at corners, prior to application of reinforcing mesh.
2. Apply mixed Parex Base Coat to insulation board at outside corners using a stainless-steel trowel. Immediately place mesh against the wet base coat and embed into the base coat by troweling from the corner; butt edges and avoid wrinkles.
3. After base coat is dry and hard, apply a layer of 355 Mesh, Intermediate 6 or 12 Reinforcing Mesh over the entire surface of the CORNER MESH in accordance with 3.04 G.

### G. Standard Impact or Medium Impact Resistance Reinforcing Mesh: 355 Standard Mesh, Intermediate 6 and Intermediate 12

1. Install reinforcing mesh where indicated on drawings.
2. Apply mixed Parex Base Coat to entire surface of insulation board with a stainless-steel trowel to embed the reinforcing mesh.
3. Immediately place Parex Reinforcing Mesh against wet base coat and embed the reinforcing mesh into the base coat by troweling from the center to the edges. Lap reinforcing mesh 2 1/2" (64 mm) minimum at edges.
4. Ensure reinforcing mesh is continuous at corners, void of wrinkles and embedded in base coat so that no reinforcing mesh color is visible.
5. If required, apply a second layer of base coat to achieve total nominal base coat/reinforcing mesh thickness of 1/16" (1.6 mm).
6. Allow base coat with embedded reinforcing mesh to dry hard (normally 8 to 10 hours).

### H. High Impact or Ultra High Impact Resistance Reinforcing Mesh: Intermediate 12, Strong 15 and Ultra HI 20

**NOTE TO SPECIFIER: Where Strong 15 or Ultra HI 20 is specified, 355 Standard Mesh or Intermediate 6 must be**

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## specified also.

1. Install Parex Reinforcing Mesh where indicated on drawings.
  2. Apply mixed Parex Base Coat to the entire surface of insulation board with a stainless-steel trowel to embed the reinforcing mesh.
  3. Immediately place reinforcing mesh against wet base coat and embed the reinforcing mesh into the base coat by troweling from the center to the edges.
  4. Butt reinforcing mesh at all adjoining edges; do not use to backwrap or bend around corners.
  5. Butt reinforcing mesh at adjoining edges of Corner Mesh.
  6. Ensure reinforcing mesh is free of wrinkles and embedded in base coat so that no reinforcing mesh color is visible.
  7. After base coat with embedded reinforcing mesh is dry and hard (normally 8 to 10 hours), apply a layer of 355 Standard Mesh or Intermediate 6 Reinforcing Mesh over the entire surface in accordance with 3.04 G to achieve total nominal base coat/ reinforcing mesh thickness of 3/32" (2.4 mm).
- I. SikaWall Color Advance:** Apply material to the base coat/reinforcing mesh in sealant joints with a high-quality, latex-type paintbrush. Work material continuously until a uniform appearance is obtained. Allow to dry thoroughly (approximately 24 hours) prior to application of sealant primer and sealant.
- J. SikaWall Tinted Primer:** Apply Primer to the base coat/reinforcing mesh with a sprayer, 3/8" (10 mm) nap roller, or good quality latex paint brush at a rate of approximately 150-250 ft<sup>2</sup> per gallon (3.6-6.1m<sup>2</sup> per liter). Primer shall be dry to the touch before proceeding to the Parex Finish coat application.
- K. Finish Coat:** Parex DPR, Aquasol and Chroma.
1. Apply finish directly to the base coat with a clean, stainless steel trowel.
  2. Apply and level finish during the same operation to a minimum obtainable thickness consistent with uniform coverage. Maintain a wet edge on finish by applying and texturing continually over the wall surface.
  3. Work finish to corners, joints or other natural breaks and do not allow material to set up within an uninterrupted wall area. Float finish to achieve final texture.
- L. SikaWall Granite & Stone Finish:**
1. Apply SikaWall Tinted Primer to the substrate in accordance with the current product data sheet. Primer shall be of the corresponding color for the selected finish color. Allow the primer to dry to the touch before proceeding with finish application.
  2. Apply a tight coat of finish with a clean, stainless steel trowel. Maintain a wet edge on finish by applying and leveling continually over the wall surface.
  3. Work finish to corners, joints or other natural breaks and do not allow material to set up within an uninterrupted wall area. Allow first coat to set until surface is completely dry prior to applying a second coat of finish.
  4. Use a stainless-steel trowel and apply the second coat of finish. Achieve final texture using circular motions. Total thickness of finish may be between 1/16" (1.6 mm) and 1/8" (3.2 mm).

## 3.01 CLEANING

- A.** Clean work under provisions of Section [01 74 00] [ ].
- B.** Clean adjacent surfaces and remove excess material, droppings, and debris.

## 3.02 PROTECTION

- A.** Protect materials from rain, snow and frost for 48-72 hours following application.
- B.** Under average conditions [70 °F (21 °C), 50% Relative Humidity] finish will be dry within 24 hours. Drying time is dependent on humidity, air temperature, sun exposure, surface conditions and finish thickness. Lower temperature, higher humidity and application in shaded areas will extend drying time. Protect finish from rain or other precipitation and temperatures less than 40°F (4°C) for a minimum of 24 hours or until dry.
- C.** Protect installed construction under provisions of Section [01 76 00] [ ].

**END OF SECTION**

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