

POLYTHENE DPC

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Scope: BS 6515 specifies requirements for the composition, thickness, finish

and impermeability of polythene damp-proof courses intended for use in

masonry constructions.

Composition: The damp-proof course (DPC) shall consist of black low-density

polyethylene sheet having a mass in the range of 0.425 kg/mg² to 0.54 kg/m², formed from a polyethylene polymer of a melt flow rate of five or less when measured according to BS 2782: Method 720A and having a density within the range of 0.915 g/ml to 0.925 g/ml at 23°C when tested according to method 620A, 620B or 620D of BS2782: Methods 620A to 620D: 1980. When determined as described in appendix A, the sheet shall contain a minimum of 2% by mass of evenly dispersed carbon black and shall contain not more than 5% mass of material other than

polyethylene.

Thickness: Nine specimens taken from a roll of DPC material and measured as

described in appendix B shall have a single layer of thickness not less

than 0.46mm.

Packaging: 100mm, 112.5mm, 150mm, 225mm, 300mm, 450mm, 600mm.

Finish and

Impermeability: The sheet shall be free from air bubbles and, when tested as described

in appendix C, shall have no pinholes. Note: A surface textured is

permitted.

Marking and

Packaging: The finished DPC is packed in rolls, each roll containing not less than

30m in length. Each roll is labelled with the number and date of this

British standard, i.e. BS 6515: 1984

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