

PLATON PLASTER BASE



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is a studded cavity drain membrane for use in waterproofing or damp-proofing specification.

The unique patented undercut stud is dovetail shaped, this provides a physical key for plaster and render or allows for the direct application of plasterboard on adhesive dabs.

This is of particular benefit where space constraints prevent the use of timber or metal frame drylining, the installation of a blockwork liner wall or where a direct render or plaster finish is preferred, e.g. a vaulted ceiling.

Platon PLASTER BASE can be used to deal with and provide isolation from, rising or penetrating damp, salt contamination and running water (when used in conjunction with Triton Aquachannel, P20 or P8 floor membranes and Aqua Pump Pro Sumps and pumps).

When used within a fully designed and specified waterproofing design, Platon Plaster Base can provide a Grade 3 environment, as laid out in BS8102:2009.

Platon PLASTER BASE is for use above or below ground and unlike wet or liquid applied forms of 'tanking' it can be worked on immediately after installation without waiting for drying or curing to occur.

BENEFITS OF PLASTER BASE

When compared with other forms of waterproofing:

- No extensive preparation of structure.
- Water is directed behind the membrane to a drain channel for gravity drainage or a sump for pumped discharge.
- Ingressing water is de-pressurized and managed within the system and not diverted to other areas.
- Complete freedom of choice of wall finishes.
- Rapid and straightforward installation.
- Impermeable to water and water vapour.
- Reliable 'Type C' Waterproofing.



THE PRODUCT

Platon PLASTER BASE is manufactured from high-density polyethylene (HDPE) with a stud height of 5mm. Plaster Base is supplied in rolls 2m x 20m and is clear/translucent in colour. It is recommended for internal applications only. Platon Plaster Base can be used in conjunction with other Platon membranes, above or below ground.

INSTALLATION

Platon PLASTER BASE can be applied to retained sound renders, brickwork, blockwork, stone or concrete. The quality and appearance of the applied finishes will be a direct reflection of the underlying substrate.

All surfaces must be of a sound, firm nature and any loose areas should be removed prior to application. Uneven, loose, or soft brick/stonework may need to be dubbed out to level off and stabilise the background. Retaining sound cement render can be a good option if the substrate underneath is known to be in poor condition.

Gypsum based plaster, wallpaper and any buried timber must be removed as these materials can deteriorate over time and in the presence of moisture.

Where necessary a fungicide wash should be applied to the wall surface.

Platon PLASTER BASE should not be used on floors.

Remove loose and soft plaster/render, wallpaper and embedded timbers.

Dub out voids, hollows and loose areas of masonry using a cement mortar.

Offer up the membrane, hollow studs facing into the room, and fix in place using sealed Plaster Plugs (use Platon Rope).

Pull the membrane as tightly as possible against the structure to minimise hollow areas behind as these can interfere with the application of plaster or plasterboard.

Use a minimum of 13 fixings per square metre, spaced out in a regular 'diamond' pattern no more than 250mm apart.

Drill through the membrane in the centre of a 4 stud cluster, rather than through the stud itself.

In some cases, additional fixings may be required in order to produce a stable and tight membrane layer.

Fit the membrane tightly into and around corners to avoid damage when applying finishes.

Platon PLASTER BASE is joined by overlapping adjacent sheets by a minimum of 2 studs.

Fix Platon Plaster Plugs as close as possible to the edge of the membrane.

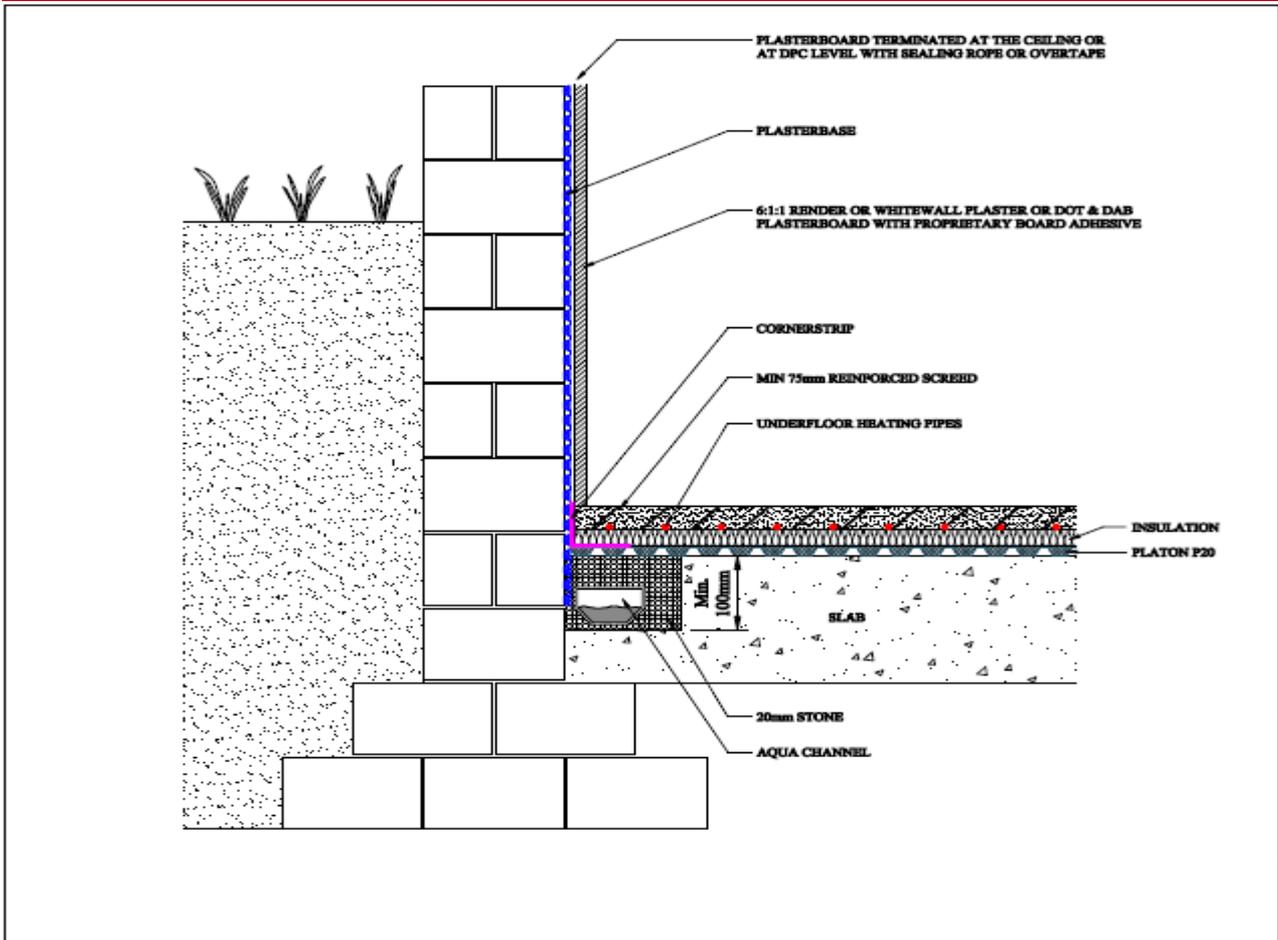
Fixings should be made at 150mm centres along the joint.

Once all fixings are in place, clean the membrane surface thoroughly and ensure it is dry and free from dust.

Apply Platon Overtape along the joint with equal overlaps onto each sheet of membrane and press firmly into place.

If for some reason the membrane edges are in tension or are likely to try and pull apart, reinforce the joint with Platon Cornerstrip before applying the Overtape.

Refer to the Platon cavity membrane installation guide for further information.



FINISHES

Most common lightweight and renovating plasters (Tarmac Whitewall) or sand/cement renders can be applied to **Platon PLASTER BASE**.

(The use of British Gypsum Hardwall or Tuff Coat is not recommended).

When using sand/cement renders, mixes of 1 part cement to 6 parts washed plastering sand, incorporating either Triton SBR or hydrated lime should be used.

NB Grade 'M'; medium sharp sand should be used.

Do not use soft or building sand.

All renders/plasters should be applied in a minimum of two coats, allowing the 1st coat of 7mm – 10mm to be trowelled firmly into the membrane studs and then scratched to provide a key for subsequent coats to be applied.

The first scratch coat should be left to cure and harden. Ideally this should be 7 – 10 days depending on site & atmospheric conditions.

Do not allow the plaster or render to dry out too quickly or cracking may occur. The minimum plaster thickness should be 15mm and the maximum thickness (sand/cement 30mm) (lightweight plasters 40mm).

Plasterboard can be bonded using regular 'dab' adhesive or low expansion polyurethane foam adhesive. Apply the adhesive over the heads of the fixing plugs and ensure that 50% of the membrane area is also covered. This ensures that direct 'through' contact is made between the plasterboard and the masonry substrate.

Plasterboard fixed in this way can be skimmed the next day and painted or wallpapered a few days after that. Drying times are very much reduced when compared to 'wet' systems.



DRAINAGE

If free water is present or there is a risk of it occurring, provision must be allowed for the water to flow to natural drainage or a sump and pump. (BS8102:2009).

Triton have a full range of Sumps and pumps, control panels and water level alarms and monitors.

ROLL SIZE AND ANCILLARIES

Rolls of: 2M x 20M

Plaster Plugs: box of 500 (at the rate of 13/M², 540 are used with a 40M² roll.

Platon Rope: 5M roll (one roll per 100 Plaster Plugs).

Platon Overtape: 25M roll (one roll per full size roll of Plaster Base.

Platon Cornerstrip: 10M roll, used as joint reinforcement.

TECHNICAL DATA

Membrane Material:	High Density Polyethylene.
Sheet thickness:	0.50 mm approximately.
Stud height:	5mm.
Roll weight:	19.2kg.
Air gap volume:	3.2L/M ² .
Drainage Capacity:	1.84L/M ²
Storage:	Rolls to be stored upright and under cover if possible.

NBS Clause: J40 (Flexible sheet tanking, damp proofing) 290

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