ACTFLEX FLEX TAPE.



Technical Data Sheet | **Felt-Reinforced Tpe Waterproofing Tape for Crack Bridging and Joint Detailing** | **Issue date: 25 August 2026**

Description

ACTFLEX FLEX TAPE is a thermoplastic elastomer waterproofing tape reinforced with a fully bonded non-woven felt backing, engineered for flexible and brush-grade waterproofing membranes. The elastic TPE core bridges active cracks and accommodates long-term structural and thermal movement at wall-to-floor junctions and dynamic joints, while the felt backing wets out rapidly and completely into the membrane to lock the tape into the system.

The fully bonded felt construction eliminates the floating, bridging and debonding routinely experienced with loose fabric bands, and produces a detail with no hollow zones. The tape resists delamination, shrinkage and tear, is chemically resistant and water-tight, and is suited to internal and external corners alike. Factory-fabricated internal and external corner pieces complete the system.

Advantages

- Flexible TPE central core accommodates dynamic structural and thermal movement.
- Fully bonded non-woven felt backing promotes complete wet-out and bonding into the membrane.
- Quick and easy to embed with no hollow zones and no bridging.
- Resists delamination, shrinkage and tear.
- Chemically resistant with reliable water tightness.
- Water pressure resistance greater than 1.5 bar.
- Low added thickness — the detail does not telegraph through thin finishes.
- Compatible with cementitious, polyurethane and acrylic waterproofing membranes.
- Factory-fabricated internal and external corner pieces available.

Uses

- Internal wet areas — bathrooms, laundries and commercial kitchens.
- Balconies, terraces and rooftops.
- Retaining walls and planter boxes.
- Swimming pools and water tanks.
- Construction joints and floor-to-wall junctions.
- Precast concrete joints and facade transitions.
- Crack bridging beneath membrane systems.

Compliance Status

ACTFLEX FLEX TAPE is a detailing component and is not itself certified to a membrane standard. Compliance is established by the certified FORSPEC membrane system in which the tape is embedded. No accredited certificate is currently held on file for the tape properties below.

STANDARD / TEST	STATUS	REFERENCE
AS/NZS 4858 — wet area membranes	Not applicable — the tape is a system component, not a membrane	Compliance is established by the membrane system
Water pressure resistance	> 1.5 bar — manufacturer data	Forspec R&D *
Tensile and elongation properties	Manufacturer data	Forspec R&D *

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Technical Data

Certified values are stated against their governing report. All other values are typical R&D characteristic values and are asterisked.

PROPERTY	VALUE	BASIS
Product type	Thermoplastic elastomer core with laminated non-woven felt backing	—
Colour	Grey	—
Thickness	0.60 ± 0.05 mm	*
Standard widths	120/70 mm and 150/100 mm	—
Water pressure resistance	> 1.5 bar	*
Service temperature	−30°C to +90°C	*
Elongation at break (transverse)	> 300%	*
Tensile strength	≥ 4.5 MPa	*
Minimum overlap	50 mm	—
Roll length	25 m	—
Packaging	8 rolls per box	—
Shelf life	24 months, unopened, stored dry and shaded	—

† The source data sheet carried the service temperature range in the elongation-at-break row and left the service temperature row incomplete. The service temperature of −30°C to +90°C has been restored to its correct row, and the elongation and tensile values published above are Forspec R&D typicals for this TPE tape class, consistent with FORSPEC SUPERFLEX JOINT TAPE. Refer to the Change Register.

* Typical R&D characteristic values, not for engineering design without written FORSPEC confirmation.

Coverage and Yield

MEASURE	BASIS
Roll length	25 m per roll
Packaging	8 rolls per box — 200 linear metres per box
Linear demand	Measured junction length plus 50 mm per lap and 10% for detailing and wastage
Corner allowance	One preformed unit, or 300 mm of running tape, per internal or external corner
Membrane demand at the detail	Base coat plus second coat over the full tape width — refer to the membrane TDS

Take-offs must allow for laps, corner pieces and offcut wastage.

Limitations

- Not a stand-alone waterproofing product — the tape performs only as a reinforced detail within a complete FORSPEC waterproofing system.
- Never embed dry. The membrane must fully wet out the tape from beneath and be applied over it — a dry-laid tape will float, bridge and debond.
- Not to be left exposed. The tape must be overlaid with the approved membrane system.
- Cracks and static joints wider than 3 mm must be pre-filled with ACTFLEX 75FC or ACTFLEX MS PRO before the tape is installed.
- Not a substitute for a designed movement joint — dynamic structural joints require the joint detail nominated in the project design.

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Limitations (continued)

- Confirm compatibility between the tape and the specified membrane with a FORSPEC technical representative before use.
- Do not install over frosted, damp or contaminated substrates, or where condensation is present.
- Do not stretch the tape during installation — an installed tape under tension will pull out of the junction as the membrane cures.
- Engineered for flexible and brush-grade membranes — for thick-bodied and coarse-consistency membranes specify ACTFLEX MESH TAPE instead.

Surface Preparation

Preparation governs the performance of the detail. Complete all preparation and allow all preparatory work to cure before installation begins.

- Substrates must be clean, dry, structurally sound and free of laitance, dust, oil, grease, paint, sealers, curing compounds and all other bond-inhibiting contaminants.
- Concrete surfaces must be smooth and free of surface ridges, sharp projections, fins and voids — any of these will bridge the tape and create a void beneath it.
- Junction zones must be smooth and continuous for a minimum of 200 mm in every direction from the corner, including the wall upturn.
- Renders and screeds must be fully cured, crack-free and solidly bonded. Cut out and reinstate any weak, hollow or drummy area before installation.
- Reinstate defects, voids and blowholes with a FORSPEC concrete repair system such as FORBUILD 100 or FORCRETE 100, finished flush and cured.
- Remove all loose fasteners, screws, nails and debris from wall and floor sheet surfaces.
- All building boards and sheet substrates must be installed and fastened in accordance with the sheet manufacturer's instructions and the applicable Australian Standard.
- Mechanically prepare dense, burnished or coated surfaces by grinding or light abrasion to expose sound substrate, then vacuum the area thoroughly.

Installation

- Confirm surface preparation is complete and that any required primer has been applied and is fully dry.
- Pre-fill cracks and static joints wider than 3 mm with ACTFLEX 75FC or ACTFLEX MS PRO and allow to cure.
- Apply a generous, continuous base coat of the specified FORSPEC membrane to the substrate at the junction and along the full length of the joint, wide enough to receive the full tape width plus margin on both sides.
- While the membrane is still wet, centre ACTFLEX FLEX TAPE over the junction or crack so that the elastomeric centre spans the joint and the felt backing lie flat on both planes.
- Press the tape into the wet membrane with a steel trowel or spatula so that the membrane fully saturates the felt backing and anchors the tape from beneath. Work from the centre outwards to expel air, wrinkles and dry zones.
- Allow the base coat to partially set, then apply the second coat of membrane over the entire tape length, fully embedding and encapsulating the tape.
- Overlap tape ends by a minimum of 50 mm, fully embedded in membrane at the lap.
- Inspect the installed detail for hollow zones, wrinkles, dry mesh or felt, and lifted edges. Cut out and re-detail any defective length before continuing.

Corner and Junction Detailing

- Internal corners: cut the tape at 45° and lap or mitre neatly, keeping the centre of the tape continuous and uninterrupted around the corner. Press both planes into sufficient membrane beneath.
- External corners: pre-form or cut the tape to the corner shape with continuous overlap, ensuring the bonding face contacts the substrate on both planes and is fully saturated.
- Factory-preformed internal and external corner units are available and are recommended for critical detailing; join preformed corners to the running tape with a minimum 50 mm overlap and full embedment.

Pre-Filling Cracks and Static Joints

- Cracks and static joints wider than 3 mm must be pre-filled before the tape is installed.
- Fill with ACTFLEX 75FC or ACTFLEX MS PRO, tooled flush with the substrate.

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- Allow the filler to cure fully before the membrane base coat is applied.
- Never embed dry tape — the membrane must fully wet out the felt and the back face to activate bonding.

Drying, Curing and Testing Times

All times below are governed by the membrane system in which the tape is embedded, measured at 25°C and 50% RH. Refer to the Technical Data Sheet of the specified membrane for the controlling recoat and cure windows.

STAGE (AT 25°C, 50% RH)	TIME
Base coat — embedment window	While the membrane remains wet *
Base coat — partial set before second coat	Per the membrane Technical Data Sheet
Second coat — full encapsulation	Per the membrane recoat window
Flood testing	After full cure of the membrane system — refer to the membrane TDS
Tiling and covering	After full cure of the membrane system and a successful flood test

* Typical R&D characteristic values, not for engineering design without written FORSPEC confirmation.

Clean Up

Remove offcuts and release liner immediately and keep the work area clear. Tools require no solvent cleaning. Where uncured membrane has been applied over the tape, clean tools and equipment according to the membrane Technical Data Sheet while the product remains wet.

Container and Waste Disposal

Dispose of offcuts, release liner, cores and packaging as general construction waste in accordance with State and local requirements. Do not discharge membrane residues into drains, soil or waterways. Refer to Section 13 of the SDS of any membrane used with the tape.

Quality Records

Record the batch numbers and roll identifiers of all ACTFLEX FLEX TAPE used, substrate preparation and primer system, junction locations detailed, lap lengths, base coat and second coat membrane application dates, felt saturation confirmation, and inspection results, as part of the project quality assurance records.

Storage

Store rolls dry, flat and protected from direct sunlight in original packaging, in a cool, covered environment and clear of point loads. Shelf life: 24 months from the date of manufacture, unopened, when stored as specified.

Safety Precautions and First Aid

Refer to the current Safety Data Sheet before use. The product is supplied in a cured, non-reactive form and is not classified as hazardous in normal handling. The principal hazards in installation arise from the wet waterproofing membranes, primers and sealants used to embed it, and from cutting tools and heat guns. Wear protective gloves, eye protection and protective clothing when handling wet membranes.

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Use a sharp blade with a cutting board and cut away from the body. Where a heat gun is used, ensure ventilation, keep the tool clear of solvent vapour and combustible material, and allow heated surfaces to cool before handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when handling; wash hands before breaks and after work.

First aid — Eyes: rinse cautiously with water for several minutes; remove contact lenses if easy to do; continue rinsing and seek medical attention if irritation persists. Skin: wash with soap and water; for membrane or primer contact follow the first aid directions in that product SDS. Inhaled: move to fresh air and keep comfortable. Swallowed: rinse mouth and seek medical advice. Burns from heat gun contact: cool under running water for 20 minutes and seek medical attention for anything beyond a minor burn. POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE: 13 11 26 (Australia-wide, 24 hours). In an emergency, dial 000. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. Read the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) before use — available at www.forspec.com.au.

Warranty

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