



# Aussie Skin® 550

Heavy Duty Below Grade, Blind-Side,  
Under-Slab Waterproofing Membrane

Approved for  
Shot-Crete

Section 071000 / 071300 / 071353 / 071354  
Sheet Applied Waterproofing

## Product Name

Aussie Skin® 550

## AVM System No.

AVM System 550

## By

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## Product Description

**AVM Aussie Skin 550** is a Heavy, Duty, Easy to Install, Puncture Resistant Sheet Waterproofing Membrane with added technologies creating excellent adhesion between the membrane and wet Concrete or Shot-Crete. Once the Concrete or Shot-Crete is cured, the membrane will become fully bonded to the concrete surfaces eliminating any potential migration of water between itself and the concrete surfaces to which it is bonded.

## Where to Use

Retaining Walls, Basements, Under-Slabs, Mud-Slabs, Tunnels, etc.:

**AVM Aussie Skin 550** may be applied either horizontally to smoothly prepared concrete substrates and/or compacted earth or crushed stone substrates. May also be applied vertically to permanent formwork such as lagging. Concrete is then cast directly against the adhesive side of the membrane.

Note: **AVM Aussie Skin 550** is not suited to waterproof roofs or other internal wet areas.

## Application Method:

Pre-Applied, loosely laid.

## Warranty

AVM Industries provides a standard five (5) year warranty. Ten (10) year warranties are also available. For complete warranty details, contact AVM Industries or consult with your applicator. Shot-Crete to conform to ACI 506 standards.



## Delivery, Storage, and Handling

- Delivery of all the **AVM Aussie Skin 550** materials to the job site must be in their original sealed containers, with manufacturer's name and label intact.
- Handle and store containers in accordance with printed instructions.
- Shelf Life: One year from date of manufacture.
- Store at temperatures between 50°F and 90°F. Do not store materials in direct sunlight or where they may be damaged by water or rain.
- Failure to comply with the recommended storage conditions may result in premature deterioration of the product.
- Keep all materials out of the reach of children.
- If irritation occurs during use, liberally flush affected areas with water. If irritation continues, see a physician immediately.

## Project Conditions

- All surfaces to which the **Aussie Skin 550** is applied must be sound and stable, with an even finish and free from sharp protruding items, dust, loose debris, grease, curing agents, or anything else that might damage or prevent the proper installation of the membrane.
- The Aussie Skin may be applied at temperatures as low as 20°F and as high as 110°F. For applications at temperatures between 20°F to 40°F, follow the cold weather installation procedures.
- Do NOT install the Aussie Skin if raining or precipitation is imminent. Do not proceed with installing any Aussie Skin components or bonding any seams, laps, etc, if the Aussie Skin surfaces are damp or wet. All surfaces must be completely dry to ensure proper bonding!
- Warn personnel against hazards or hazardous conditions on the job that might require special protective gear and or any other special protective or safety procedures.
- Protect adjacent surfaces which could be damaged during the application procedure.

- This system must not be used to cover Expansion Joints.

## System Application

Read the **AVM Aussie Skin 550** Training Manual/Installation Instructions Prior to Installation. Application instructions vary based on application surfaces, job conditions, temperatures, etc.

## Quality Control

- Visually inspect all coated surfaces to ensure a full and proper application, especially at seams, corners, drainage footings, penetrations and other hard-to-reach areas.
- All unsatisfactory areas shall be repaired prior to final acceptance.

## Protection of Installed Work

- The membrane shall be protected until concrete is properly poured over it.
- Do not leave the membrane exposed for more than 60 days.
- Always protect the waterproofing from possible damage. If membrane becomes damaged, contact waterproofing installer or AVM before proceeding with pouring concrete.
- Once the Aussie Skin is installed (The seams have been bonded together), the Aussie Skin (including the seams) may be immediately exposed to both rain or water. Aussie Sealant must be fully cured before it's exposed to rain or water.

## Availability and Cost

Contact AVM Industries or your approved applicator for pricing and availability.

## Technical Services

Technical services are available by contacting our offices at: **888.414.1041** or **818.888.0050** or visit [www.avmindustries.com](http://www.avmindustries.com)

## System Specifications

See next page.

The following coverages are based on controlled tests. Actual coverages may vary.

Item/Component	Packaging	Approximate Shipping Weights	Qty per Pallet	VOC
Aussie Skin® 550 Membrane 1M (75 Mils)	3.28'x65.6' Roll (215 sq.ft.)	74.8 lbs. (34 KG) / Roll	25 Rolls/Pallet	N/A
Aussie Skin® 550 Membrane 2M (75 Mils)	6.56'x65.6' Roll (430 sq.ft.)	149.6 lbs. (68 KG) / Roll		N/A
Aussie Skin® Detail Strip	7.75'x65.6' Roll	11 Lbs / Roll		N/A
Aussie Skin® Double Sided Tape 4"	4"x33' Roll	2.2 Lbs / Roll		N/A
Aussie Skin® Fabric Tape 4"	3.9"x49' Roll	2.4 Lbs / Roll		N/A
Aussie Skin® Sanded Tape 4"	3.9"x65.6' Roll	6 Lbs / Roll		N/A

L021 Waterproofing Test Results	Test Results	Test Requirements	Test Method
Puncture Resistance	239 Lbf	Min 40 Lbs	ASTM E154
Hydrostatic Pressure Resistance	192 PSI	As Tested	ASTM D751
Lateral Water Migration Resistance	231 feet (71M) of hydrostatic head pressure	Pass	ASTM D5385 Modified <sup>1</sup>
Resistance to Hydrostatic Head	231 feet (71M) of hydrostatic head pressure	Pass	ASTM D5385
Adhesion to Concrete and Masonry	30.4 Pounds	Min 5 Pounds	ASTM D903
Tension & Elongation: Machine Direction	1061 %	Min 250%	ASTM D412
Tension & Elongation: Cross Machine Direction	1050 %	Min 250%	ASTM D412
Accelerated Aging	No considerable reduction in Tension and Elongation of Aged Specimens	Pass. No considerable reduction in either	ASTM G23 & G153
Resistance to Decay (Weight Loss)	0.8%	Max 10%	ASTM E154
Resistance to Decay (Permeance Loss)	0%	Max 10%	ASTM E154
Water Vapor Transmission	0.016 Perms	Max 0.1 Perms	ASTM E96
Water Vapor Transmission after Decay	0.016 Perms	Max 0.1 Perms	ASTM E96
Low temperature flexibility	Unaffected at -29°C	Not Listed	ASTM D1970
Shear strength of joints	14.5 (N/mm)	Not Listed	ASTM D1876
Water Absorption	0.059%	As Tested	ASTM D570

1. Lateral water migration resistance is tested by casting concrete and shot-crete against membrane with a hole and subjecting the membrane to hydrostatic head pressure with water. The test measures the resistance of lateral water migration between the concrete and the membrane. Tests were performed by an independent certified lab. (This test is in addition to the L021 testing requirements)

Shot-Crete Test Results	Test Method	Results	Requirements
<b>Installation over Plywood or directly on the Lagging</b>			
Waterproof Integrity of Side (factory) Lap, overlap installed over 2" plywood joint with nails in laps	ASTM D 5385	Pass	No water leakage detected up to 100 PSI
Waterproof Integrity of End (non-factory) Lap, overlap installed over 2" plywood joint	ASTM D 5385	Pass	
Waterproof Integrity of Side (factory) Lap, overlap installed over 2" plywood joint without nails in laps	ASTM D 5385	Pass	
Puncture Integrity at Screw Protrusion, Membrane installed over 1/4" protruding #8 bugle head wood screw	Visual Inspection	Pass	No puncture detected
<b>Installation over Lagging 0.5" EPS Insulation Board (Foam)</b>			
Waterproof Integrity of Side (factory) Lap, overlap installed over EPS Foam Board located over 2" lagging joint with nails in laps	ASTM D 5385	Pass	No water leakage detected up to 100 PSI
Waterproof Integrity of End (non-factory) Lap, overlap installed over EPS Foam Board located over 2" lagging joint	ASTM D 5385	Pass	
Waterproof Integrity of Side (non-factory) Lap, overlap installed over EPS Foam Board located over 2" lagging joint; Joint without nails in laps	ASTM D 5385	Pass	
Puncture Integrity at Nail Protrusion Membrane installed over 1/4" protruding nail with 7/32" dia. head	Visual Inspection	Pass	No puncture detected
<b>Installation over Drain Board</b>			
Waterproof Integrity of Side (factory) Lap, overlap installed over Drain Board located over 2" lagging joint with nails in laps	ASTM D 5385	Pass	No water leakage detected up to 100 PSI
Waterproof Integrity of End (non-factory) Lap, overlap installed over Drain Board located over 2" lagging joint	ASTM D 5385	Pass	
Waterproof Integrity of Side (non-factory) Lap, overlap installed over Drain Board located over 2" lagging joint; Joint without nails in laps	ASTM D 5385	Pass	
Puncture Integrity at Nail Protrusion Membrane installed over 1/4" protruding nail with 7/32" dia. head	Visual Inspection	Pass	No puncture detected

Note: "Test Requirements" as listed in Los Angeles City Test Protocol L021, *Acceptance Criteria for Below-Grade Exterior Damp-Proofing and Waterproofing Materials dated May 2004* And Los Angeles City Shot-Crete Test Protocol dated April 26, 2016.

For a complete list of details in CAD or PDF, please visit our website at [www.avmindustries.com](http://www.avmindustries.com).

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