

# Backstop<sup>®</sup> NT<sup>™</sup>



A High Performance, Polymer-Based, Noncementitious  
Water-Resistive Membrane and Air Barrier

DS180

## Backstop NT Specifications

**DRYVIT SYSTEMS, INC.**  
**MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATION**  
**CSI MASTERFORMAT SECTIONS 07 25 00, 07 26 13, 07 27 26**  
**DRYVIT BACKSTOP® NT™ WATER-RESISTIVE MEMBRANE AND AIR BARRIER**

**PART I - GENERAL****1.01 SUMMARY**

- A. This document contains all the manufacturer's requirements for the proper design, use, and installation of the Dryvit Backstop NT – Texture, Smooth, and Spray air/water-resistive barrier. This document is intended to be used in conjunction with:
1. Backstop NT Application Instructions, DS181
  2. Backstop NT Product Data Sheet, DS455
  3. Backstop NT Air/Water-Resistive Barrier Details, DS840
- B. Related Sections
1. Water-Resistive Barriers – Section 07 25 00
  2. Vapor Retarders – 07 26 13
  3. Air Barriers – 07 27 26

**1.02 REFERENCES**

- A. Section Includes
1. ASTM C 297 Standard Test Method for Flatwise Tensile Strength of Sandwich Constructions
  2. ASTM C 1177 Standard Specification for Glass Mat Gypsum Substrate for Use as Sheathing
  3. ASTM C 1396 (formerly C 79) Standard Specification for Gypsum Board
  4. ASTM D 522 Standard Test Methods for Mandrel Bend Test of Attached Organic Coatings
  5. ASTM D 1970 Standard Specification for Self-Adhering Polymer Modified Bituminous Sheet Materials Used as Steep Roofing Underlayment for Ice Dam Protection
  6. ASTM D 2370 Standard Test Method for Tensile Properties of Organic Coatings
  7. ASTM D 2247 (Federal Test Standard 141A Method 6201) Standard Practice for Testing Water Resistance of Coatings in 100% Relative Humidity
  8. ASTM E 2098 Test Method for Determining the Tensile Breaking Strength of Glass Fiber Reinforcing Mesh for use in Class PB Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS), after Exposure to Sodium Hydroxide Solution
  9. ASTM E 72 Standard Methods for Conducting Strength Tests of Panels for Building Construction
  10. ASTM E 84 Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials
  11. ASTM E 96 Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials
  12. ASTM E 283 Standard Test Method for Determining Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen
  13. ASTM E 331 Test Method for Water Penetration of Exterior Windows, Skylights, Doors and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference
  14. ASTM E 1233 Standard Test Method for Structural Performance of Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls and Doors by Cyclic Air Pressure Differential
  15. ASTM E 2178 Standard Test Method for Air Permeance of Building Materials
  16. ASTM E 2357 Standard Test Method for Determining Air Leakage of Air Barrier Assemblies
  17. ASTM E 2134 Test Method for Evaluating the Tensile-Adhesion Performance of Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS)
  18. ASTM E 2485 (formerly EIMA Std. 101.01) Standard Test Method for Freeze-Thaw Resistance of Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS) and Water-Resistive Barrier Coatings
  19. ASTM E 2570 Standard Test Methods for Evaluating Water-Resistive Barrier (WRB) Coatings Used under Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS) or EIFS with Drainage
  20. AATCC Test Method 127-2008 Water Resistance: Hydrostatic Pressure Test
  21. Federal Specification TT-C-555B Resistance to Wind-Driven Rain
  22. DS494, Dryvit AquaFlash® System

**1.03 DEFINITIONS**

- A. Contractor: The contractor that applies the Backstop NT Texture, Smooth, and Spray to the substrate.
- B. Sheathing: A substrate in sheet form.
- C. Substrate: The material to which the Backstop NT is applied.
- D. Substrate System: The total wall assembly including the attached substrate to which the Backstop NT is applied.
- E. Air/Water-Resistive Barrier Materials: A combination of Backstop NT and Dryvit Grid Tape™ with AquaFlash® Liquid and AquaFlash® Mesh or Dryvit Flashing Tape™ and Flashing Tape Conditioner™.

**1.04 DESCRIPTION**

- A. General: Dryvit Backstop NT is available in Texture, Smooth and Spray and is a flexible polymer based, noncementitious, protective coating used as an air/water-resistive barrier when applied over acceptable exterior substrates.
- B. Design Requirements
1. Acceptable surfaces for Backstop NT include: (Refer to DS 181 for more specific requirements)
    - a. Exterior grade gypsum sheathing meeting ASTM C 1396 (formerly C 79) requirements for water resistant core or Type X core at the time of application.
    - b. Exterior sheathing having a water-resistant core with fiberglass mat facers meeting ASTM C 1177.
    - c. Exterior fiber reinforced cement or calcium silicate boards.
    - d. APA Exterior or Exposure 1 Rated Plywood, Grade C-D or better, nominal 1/2 in (12.7 mm) minimum, installed with the C face out.
    - e. APA Exterior or Exposure 1 Fire Retardant Treated (FRT) Plywood, Grade C-D or better, nominal 1/2 in (12.7 mm) minimum, installed with the C face out.
    - f. APA Exposure 1 Rated Oriented Strand Board (OSB) nominal 1/2 in (12.7 mm), minimum. **Note: Applications over OSB sheathing requires a minimum of 2 coats of Backstop NT – Smooth or Spray. Backstop NT – Texture is not recommended for the field of wall application over OSB.**
    - g. Unpainted, unsealed concrete and CMU. **NOTE: Concrete: Shall have cured a minimum of 28 days prior to application of the Backstop NT. If efflorescence, form release agents or curing compounds are present on the concrete surface, the surface shall be thoroughly washed with muriatic acid and flushed to remove residual acid. All projections shall be removed and small voids filled with Dryvit Primus®, Primus® DM, Genesis® or Genesis® DM mixture (see product data sheets for mixing and application).**
  2. Backstop NT is not intended to be used as waterproofing for exterior horizontal surfaces or below grade applications.
  3. Backstop NT can be exposed to weather up to 180 days to provide sufficient time for installation of the cladding. Inspect the surface of the Backstop NT for any damage, cracks, voids or other detrimental conditions and repair prior to installation of the cladding.
  4. Deflections of the substrate systems shall not exceed 1/240 times the span.

C. Performance Requirements: Backstop NT shall meet the following performance criteria:

| TEST   | TEST METHOD           | CRITERIA   | RESULTS  |
|--|-----------------------|--|--|
| <b>Tensile Bond</b>  | ASTM C 297/E 2134*    | Minimum 15 psi (104 kPa)   | Substrate:<br>Minimum 19 psi (131 kPa) (Backstop NT)<br>Flashing<br>Minimum 431 psi (2970 kPa) (Backstop NT) |
| <b>Freeze-thaw</b>   | ASTM E 2485 Method B* | No deleterious effects after 10 cycles   | Passed - No deleterious effects after 10 cycles  |
| <b>Water Resistance</b>  | ASTM D 2247*          | No deleterious effects after 14 days exposure <sup>1</sup>   | No deleterious effects after 14 days exposure  |
| <b>Water Vapor Transmission</b>  | ASTM E 96 Proc. B*    | Vapor Permeable  | Vapor Permeable  |
| <b>Air Leakage</b>   | ASTM E 283            | No ICC or ANSI/EIMA Criteria   | 0.002 cfm/ft <sup>2</sup> (0.01 l/sec/m <sup>2</sup> ) (Backstop NT)   |
| <b>Air Permeance</b>   | ASTM E 2178           | No ICC or ANSI/EIMA Criteria   | 1.2x10 <sup>-4</sup> cfm/ft <sup>2</sup> @ 1.6 psf (0.0006 l/s/m <sup>2</sup> @ 75Pa) (Backstop NT)          |
| <b>Air Barrier Assembly</b>  | ASTM E 2357           | No ICC or ANSI/EIMA Criteria   | (<0.001 cfm/ft <sup>2</sup> @ 6.24 psf (0.05 l/sec m <sup>2</sup> @300 Pa) (Backstop NT)                     |
| <b>Nail Sealability</b>  | ASTM D 1970           | No ICC or ANSI/EIMA Criteria   | Passed ABAA Criteria   |
| <b>Structural Performance</b>  | ASTM E 1233 Proc. A*  | Minimum 10 positive cycles at 1/240 deflection; No cracking in field, at joints or interface with flashing | Passed   |
| <b>Racking</b>   | ASTM E 72*            | No cracking in field, at joints or interface with flashing at net deflection of 1/8 in (3.2 mm)            | Passed   |
| <b>Restrained Environmental</b>  | ICC-ES Procedure*     | 5 cycles; No cracking in field, at joints or interface with flashing                                       | Passed   |
| <b>Water Penetration</b>   | ASTM E 331*           | No water penetration beyond the inner-most plane of the wall after 15 minutes at 2.86 psf (137 Pa)         | Passed   |
| <b>Weathering UV Exposure</b>  | ASTM D 2898 Method B* | 210 hours of exposure  | Passed   |
| <b>Accelerated Aging</b>   | ICC-ES Procedure*     | 25 cycles of wetting and drying  | Passed   |
| <b>Hydrostatic Pressure Test</b>   | AATCC 127*            | ICC: 21.6 in (549 mm) water column for 5 hours   | Passed   |
| <b>Surface Burning Characteristics</b>   | ASTM E 84             | Flame Spread < 25<br>Smoke Developed < 450   | Passed   |
| * ASTM E 2570 Standard Test Method for Evaluating Water-Resistive Barrier (WRB) Coatings Used Under Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS) or EIFS with Drainage, also referred to as AC212 – Acceptance Criteria for Water-Resistive Coatings Used as Water-Resistive Barriers over Exterior Sheathing |                       |  |  |
| 1. No cracking, checking, rusting, crazing, erosion, blistering, peeling, or delamination when viewed under 5x magnification   |                       |  |  |

**1.05 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Product Data – The contractor shall submit to the owner/architect manufacturer's product data sheets describing products that will be used on this project.
- B. Samples – As required for the specific Dryvit Exterior Insulation and Finish System specified.

**1.06 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

## A. Qualifications

- 1. Product Manufacturer: Shall be Dryvit Systems, Inc. All materials shall be manufactured or sold by Dryvit and shall be purchased from Dryvit or its authorized distributor.
  - a. Materials shall be manufactured at a facility covered by a current ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 certification. Certification of the facility shall be done by a registrar accredited by the American National Standards Institute, Registrar Accreditation Board (ANSI-RAB).
- 2. Contractor: Shall be experienced and competent in the waterproofing trade and application of liquid air and water-resistive barriers.

## B. Certification

- 1. Backstop NT shall be recognized for the intended use by the applicable building code(s).

**1.07 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING**

- A. All Dryvit materials shall be delivered to the job site in the original, unopened packages with labels intact.
- B. Upon arrival, materials shall be inspected for physical damage, freezing, or overheating. Questionable materials shall not be used.
- C. Materials shall be stored at the job site and at all times in a cool, dry location, out of direct sunlight, protected from inclement weather and other sources of damage. Storage temperature shall be from 40 °F (4 °C) minimum to 100 °F (38 °C) maximum.

**1.08 PROJECT CONDITIONS**

## A. Environmental Requirements

- 1. Application of wet materials shall not take place during inclement weather unless appropriate protection is provided. Protect materials from inclement weather until they are completely dry.
- 2. At the time of application of Backstop NT, the air and wall surface temperatures shall be from 40 °F (4 °C) minimum to 100 °F (38 °C) maximum. These temperatures shall be maintained, with adequate air ventilation and circulation, for a minimum of 12 hours thereafter, or until the products are completely dry.

- B. Existing Conditions: The contractor shall have access to electric power, clean water, and a clean work area at the location where the Dryvit Backstop NT materials are to be applied.

**1.09 SEQUENCING AND SCHEDULING**

- A. Installation of the Dryvit Backstop NT shall be coordinated with other construction trades.

**1.10 LIMITED MATERIALS WARRANTY**

- A. When used with a Dryvit EIFS, Backstop NT is covered by and subject to the terms and conditions of Dryvit's written limited materials warranty applicable to the specific Dryvit system or products used. When used with other claddings, Backstop NT is covered by and subject to the terms and conditions of Dryvit's written limited materials warranty for Backstop NT. Dryvit makes no other warranties expressed or implied, including implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

**1.11 DESIGN RESPONSIBILITY**

- A. 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. Dryvit has prepared guidelines in the form of specifications and product data sheets to facilitate the design process only. Dryvit 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 prepared by Dryvit or otherwise, or for any changes which purchasers, specifiers, designers, or their appointed representatives may make to Dryvit's published comments.

**PART II PRODUCT****2.01 MANUFACTURER**

- A. All materials shall be obtained from Dryvit or its authorized distributors. Substitutions or additions of materials other than specified will void the warranty.

## 2.02 COMPONENTS

### A. Air/Water-Resistive Barrier Components:

1. Dryvit Backstop NT: A flexible, polymer-based, noncementitious, water-resistive membrane and air barrier available in Texture, Smooth, and Spray.
2. Dryvit Grid Tape™: An open weave fiberglass mesh tape with pressure sensitive adhesive available in rolls 4 in (102 mm) wide by 100 yds (91 m) long.

### B. Flashing Materials: Used to protect substrate edges at terminations.

1. Liquid Applied: An extremely flexible water-based polymer material, ready for use.
  - a. Shall be AquaFlash Liquid and AquaFlash Mesh
2. Sheet Type:
  - a. Shall be Flashing Tape and Surface Conditioner
    - 1) Dryvit Flashing Tape™: A high density polyethylene film backed with a rubberized asphalt adhesive available in rolls 4 in (102 mm), 6 in (152 mm) and 9 in (229 mm) wide by 75 ft (23 m) long.
    - 2) Dryvit Flashing Tape Surface Conditioner™: A water-based surface conditioner and adhesion promoter for the Dryvit Flashing Tape.

## PART III EXECUTION

### 3.01 EXAMINATION

#### A. Prior to application of Backstop NT the contractor shall verify that the substrate:

1. Is of a type listed in Section 1.04.B.1.
2. Is flat within 1/4 in (6.4 mm) in a 4 ft (1.2 m) radius.
3. Gaps do not exceed 1/4 in (6.4 mm). Larger gaps shall be corrected by replacing sheathing material.
4. Is sound, dry, connections are tight; has no surface voids, projections, or other conditions that may interfere with the application of Backstop NT.
5. Is otherwise in conformance with Dryvit's Backstop NT Data Sheet, DS455, and Application Instructions, DS181.

#### B. Ambient and surface temperatures are minimum 40 °F (4 °C) to maximum 100 °F (38 °C).

#### C. The contractor shall notify the general contractor and/or architect and/or owner of all discrepancies. Work shall not proceed until discrepancies have been corrected.

#### D. All roof/wall intersections, decks, balconies and other attachments, as well as eaves, chimneys, mechanical equipment, signage etc. are properly flashed to divert water to the outside of the specified cladding.

#### E. All openings and penetrations are properly flashed and wrapped with the air/water-resistive barrier to prevent water intrusion damage.

### 3.02 SURFACE PREPARATION

#### A. The Backstop NT materials shall be protected by permanent or temporary means from inclement weather and other sources of damage prior to, during, and following application until completely dry.

#### B. Protect adjoining work and property during application of Backstop NT.

#### C. The substrate shall be prepared as to be free of foreign materials such as oil, efflorescence, dust, dirt, paint, wax, water repellents, moisture, frost and any other materials that inhibit adhesion.

### 3.03 INSTALLATION

#### A. Backstop NT – Texture

1. General: Backstop NT – Texture shall be applied in accordance with current published Dryvit Backstop NT Application Instructions, DS181.
2. Backstop NT – Texture is ready to use after an initial spin-up using a "Twister" paddle or equivalent mixing blade, powered by a 1/2 in (12.7 mm) drill, at 450 – 500 rpm. Do not add cement or any other additive.
3. Apply a strip of Dryvit Grid Tape over all sheathing joints, including inside and outside corners and trowel apply a layer of Backstop NT - Texture over the Dryvit Grid Tape.
4. Depending on the substrate, Backstop NT – Texture may be applied using a trowel, roller, or texture spray equipment and backrolled. Refer to Backstop NT Application Instructions, DS181 for complete details.
5. Apply Backstop NT – Texture over the entire wall surface, including previously treated joints. Refer to the chart on the Backstop NT Product Data Sheet, DS455, or Application Instructions, DS181, for proper tools and respective coverage.
6. Allow to dry a minimum of 4 hours prior to application of Dryvit AquaFlash or Dryvit Flashing Tape and adhesively applied EPS insulation board or specified cladding. Cool damp weather will require longer drying times. During cool damp weather, Flashing Tape Surface Conditioner may be necessary for proper Flashing Tape adhesion.
7. Install the specified Dryvit Exterior Insulation and Finish System or specified cladding per published installation instructions for the specific system or cladding being used.

**B. Backstop NT – Smooth**

1. General: Backstop NT – Smooth is used in conjunction with Dryvit Backstop NT – Texture joint treatment and shall be applied in accordance with current, published Dryvit Backstop NT Application Instructions, DS181.
2. Backstop NT – Smooth is ready to use after an initial spin-up using a "Twister" paddle or equivalent mixing blade, powered by a 1/2 in (12.7 mm) drill, at 450 – 500 rpm. Do not add cement or any other additive.
3. Prior to Backstop NT – Smooth application, sheathing joints, including inside and outside corners, shall be treated with Backstop NT – Texture and Dryvit Grid Tape. All fastener heads shall also be spotted with Backstop NT – Texture. Refer to Backstop NT Application Instructions, DS181, for complete details. Allow to dry a minimum of 2 hours or until dry to the touch. Cool humid conditions will require longer drying time.
4. Apply Backstop NT Smooth over the entire wall surface, including previously treated fasteners and sheathing joints. Refer to the chart on the Backstop NT Product Data Sheet, DS455, or Application Instructions, DS181, for proper tools and respective coverage.  
**Note: Applications over OSB sheathing requires a minimum of 2 coats of Backstop NT – Smooth or Spray. Backstop NT – Texture is not recommended for the field of wall application over OSB.**
5. Allow to dry a minimum of 4 hours prior to application of Dryvit AquaFlash or Dryvit Flashing Tape and adhesively applied EPS insulation board or specified cladding. Cool damp weather will require longer drying times. During cool damp weather, Flashing Tape Surface Conditioner may be necessary for proper Flashing Tape adhesion.
6. Install the specified Dryvit Exterior Insulation and Finish System or specified cladding per published installation instructions for the specific system or cladding being used.

**C. Backstop NT – Spray**

1. General: Backstop NT – Spray shall be applied in accordance with current published Dryvit Backstop NT Application Instructions, DS181.
2. Backstop NT – Spray is ready to use after an initial spin-up using a "Twister" paddle or equivalent mixing blade, powered by a 1/2 in (12.7 mm) drill, at 450 – 500 rpm. Do not add cement or any other additive.
3. A maximum of 16 oz (473 ml) of clear potable water may be added if required to adjust workability.
4. Apply a strip of Dryvit Grid Tape over all sheathing joints, including inside and outside corners and trowel apply a layer of Backstop NT - Texture over the Dryvit Grid Tape.
5. Backstop NT – Spray may be applied using airless spray equipment. Refer to Backstop NT Application Instructions, DS181 for complete details.
6. Apply Backstop NT – Spray over the entire wall surface, including previously treated joints. Refer to the chart on the Backstop NT Product Data Sheet, DS455, or Application Instructions, DS181, for proper tools and respective coverages.
7. Allow to dry a minimum of 4 hours prior to application of Dryvit AquaFlash or Dryvit Flashing Tape and adhesively applied EPS insulation board or specified cladding. Cool damp weather will require longer drying times. During cool damp weather, Flashing Tape Surface Conditioner may be necessary for proper Flashing Tape adhesion.
8. Install the specified Dryvit Exterior Insulation and Finish System or specified cladding per published installation instructions for the specific system or cladding being used.

**3.04 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL**

- A. The contractor shall be responsible for the proper storage and application of the Dryvit materials.
- B. Dryvit assumes no responsibility for on-site inspections or application of its products.

**3.05 CLEANING**

- A. All excess Dryvit materials shall be removed from the job site by the Contractor in accordance with contract provisions.
- B. All surrounding areas, where Dryvit materials have been installed, shall be left free of debris and foreign substances resulting from the Contractor's work.

**3.06 PROTECTION**

- A. The Dryvit materials and the project shall be protected from damage and inclement weather until dry.
  1. The Dryvit Backstop NT – Texture, Smooth, or Spray Backstop NT can be exposed to weather up to 180 days to provide sufficient time for installation of the cladding. Inspect the surface of the Backstop NT for any damage, cracks, voids or other detrimental conditions and repair prior to installation of the cladding. The Backstop NT surface shall be clean, dry and free of any detrimental conditions that may affect adhesion.

**DISCLAIMER**

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