



# Product Data Sheet

## MULE-HIDE TPO-c MEMBRANE (Standard, FR and CLEAN Film)

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Mule-Hide's TPO-c Membrane is a polyester reinforced, .045" or .060 thick, polyolefin based, thermoplastic, heat-weldable membrane. High breaking strength, tearing strength, and puncture resistance is achieved by encapsulating a strong polyester fabric between the top and bottom plies. Mule-Hide TPO-c FR membrane is formulated with additional flame retardant (compared to Standard) for higher slope fire code approvals. The Mule-Hide TPO-c membrane is also available in a 0.80" thickness (see Product Data Sheet for TPO-c EXTRA). The membrane is environmentally friendly and safe to install. All Mule-Hide TPO membranes include OctaGuard XT™, an industry leading, state of the art weather package that enables Mule-Hide TPO membranes to withstand the extreme weatherability testing which simulates exposure to severe climates.



### BASIC USES

The TPO-c membrane is used in mechanically attached and fully adhered roofing systems in new construction, reroofing and recover (retrofit) applications. It may also be used as flexible membrane flashings for walls, curbs, etc, when installing TPO-c membrane roofing systems. The system must be installed over acceptable roof insulation or other suitable substrate. See the Mule-Hide TPO Specifications Manual for complete specifications and details.

### Optional CLEAN Film

Mule-Hide's TPO-c membrane is available with an optional CLEAN Film, a temporary protective film factory applied to the top surface of the membrane. By protecting the membrane surface from scuffs and dirt accumulation during installation, this protective film can save labor and time by helping to eliminate the need for roof cleaning upon project completion. CLEAN Film can be left in place for up to 90 days. Durable and easy to remove, CLEAN Film helps to improve the aesthetics and long-term reflectivity and is ideal for use on re-roofing, re-cover and new construction projects. CLEAN Film is available on TPO-c 60 mil membranes supplied in 6' x100' and 10' x 100' rolls.

### BENEFITS & SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENTS

- Wide window of weldability
- Outstanding puncture resistance
- Chlorine-free with no halogenated flame retardants
- UL 2218 Class 4 hail rating available on select systems
- Excellent low temperature impact resistance
- Excellent chemical resistance to acids, bases, restaurant oils and greases
- Plasticizer-free, does not contain liquid or polymeric plasticizer
- Exceptional resistance to solar UV, ozone and oxidation
- Low water vapor permeance and water absorption
- Hot melt extrusion processed for complete scrim encapsulation
- Non woven reinforcement fabric for smooth surface and greater thickness-over-scrim
- Polyester reinforcing fabric which is resistant to degradation by bacteria, mildew and fungi
- TPO-c is 100% recyclable
- Meets and exceeds requirements of ASTM D6878 Standard Specification for Thermal Plastic Polyolefin Based Sheet Roofing
- CLEAN Film guards the TPO membrane surface from scuffs and dirt accumulation during installation, helping to improve the roof systems appearance and maintain long-term reflectivity.
- Clean Film can be left in place for up to 90 days due to its excellent heat and UV resistance.

### CODE APPROVALS/COMPLIANCE

A variety of Factory Mutual Ratings and Underwriters Laboratories Classifications are available. Contact Mule-Hide Warranty Department for additional information.

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## SPECIFICATIONS

Colors: White, Gray, Tan, Mansard Brown, Patina Green, Rock Brown, Slate Gray & Terra Cotta.

Material: .045-inch and .060-inch (nominal) thick polyester reinforced thermoplastic

Sizes: Field Sheet – 8', 10' and 12' by 100' - Perimeter Sheet – 4' and 6' by 100'

Weights: 45 Mil - 0.23 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (1.1 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) typical, 60 Mil - 0.29 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (1.4 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) typical

Physical Properties*	Test Method	Requirement	45-mil	60-mil
Thickness Tolerance on nominal, %	ASTM D-751	+15, -10	±10	±10
Thickness over scrim, in. (mm) (avg. of 3 areas)	ASTM D-6878 Optical Method	0.015 min. (0.380)	0.018 typical (0.457)	0.024 typical (0.610)
Breaking Strength, lbf (kN)	ASTM D-751 (Grab Method)	220 (976 N) minimum	225 (1.0) min. 320 (1.4) typical	250 (1.1) min. 360 (1.6) typical
Elongation at break of fabric, %	ASTM D-751 (Grab Method)	15 minimum	15 minimum 25 typical	15 minimum 25 typical
Tear Strength, lbf (N) 8 by 8 in. specimen	ASTM D-751 (B Tongue Tear)	55 (245) minimum	55 (245) min. 130 (578) typical	55 (245) min. 130 (578) typical
Brittleness point, °F (°C)	ASTM D-2137	-40 (-40) maximum	-40 °F (-40 °C) max. -50 °F (-46 °C) typical	-40 °F (-40 °C) max. -50 °F (-46 °C) typical
Linear Dimensional Change (shrinkage) % change	ASTM D-1204 6 hours @ 158° F (70° C)	±1 maximum	+/-1 max - 0.2 typical	+/-1 max - 0.2 typical
Ozone resistance, 100 pphm, 168 hrs.	ASTM D-1149	PASS	PASS	PASS
Factory seam strength, lbf/in (kN/m)	ASTM D-751	66 (290) min	66 (290) minimum	66 (290) minimum
Field seam strength, lbf/in. (kN/m) Seams tested in peel	ASTM D-1876	No requirement	25 (4.4) min. 50 (8.8) typical	25 (4.4) min. 60 (10.5) typical
Water vapor permeance, Perms	ASTM E-96 proc. B	No requirement	0.10 max. 0.05 typical	0.10 max. 0.05 typical
Water Absorption	ASTM D-471 @ 158°F, 166 hours	No requirement	3.0 max. 2.0 typical	3.0 max. 2.0 typical
Puncture resistance, lbf (N)	FTM 101C Method 2031	No requirement	250 (1.1) min. 325 (1.4) typical	300 (1.3) min. 350 (1.6) typical
Properties after heat aging ASTM D573 670 hrs at 240°F (116° C)	Breaking Strength, % retained Elongation reinf., % retained Tearing Strength, % retained Weight change, %	198 (881) 90% min 13.5 (90%) min 33 (60%) min ±1.0 max	205 (912) min 13.5 min 33 min 1.0 max.	225 (1000) min 13.5 min 33 min 1.0 max.

\*Typical properties and characteristics are based on samples tested and are not guaranteed for all samples of this product. This data and information is intended as a guide and does not reflect the specification range for any particular property of this product.

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Approved insulation shall be attached to the roof deck with an approved insulation adhesive or approved fasteners and plates. Install insulation with its largest dimension perpendicular to the direction of the membrane seams where possible.
- 2) Mechanically Attached Roofing System
  - a) Perimeter sheets to be installed in an approved pattern along all exterior roof edges.
  - b) Mechanical fasteners and plates are installed in the seams of both the perimeter sheets and field sheets and into the roof deck. Use approved fasteners and maintain proper penetration for specific roof deck.
- 3) Fully Adhered Roofing System
  - a) Perimeter sheets are not required.
  - b) The membrane is required to be mechanically attached at the base of all vertical surfaces, roof edges, and angle changes.
  - c) The field of the roof is fully adhered to the substrate with Mule-Hide TPO Bonding Adhesive.
- 4) Remove CLEAN Film from areas that are to be heat-welded together. In areas not requiring heat-welding, CLEAN Film can be left in place for up to 90 days. Upon completion of the TPO roofing system, remove the CLEAN film and discard.
- 4) All seams are hot air welded and checked by probing.
- 5) All details will be done in accordance with Mule-Hide details.
- 6) On projects where a Mule-Hide Standard or Premium Warranty is requested, an authorized Mule-Hide representative shall inspect all completed work. This is only a brief summary and not the complete specification. The Mule-Hide Specifications, Details, Technical Bulletins, and associated documents should be thoroughly reviewed prior to starting any project. Contact Mule-Hide Products for additional information.

## PRECAUTIONS

- Maximum sustained temperature not to exceed 160°F (71°C) for TPO membrane.
- Use proper stacking procedures to ensure roll stability. Avoid creasing the membrane.

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## PRECAUTIONS (continued)

- Surfaces may be slippery when wet, or due to frost and ice build-up. Exercise caution to prevent falls.
- Mule-Hide TPO membranes are highly reflective to sunlight. Workers should dress appropriately, wear sunscreen, and wear sunglasses that filter out UV light.
- Exercise care when working near roof edge as edges may not be visible when surrounding area is covered with snow.
- Store Mule-Hide membrane in original wrappings in a cool, shaded area. Cover with light-colored, breathable, waterproof tarpaulins. Mule-Hide membrane that has been exposed to the elements for approximately 7 days or longer must be prepared with Weathered Membrane Cleaner prior to hot air welding.
- Do not use razor blades or other sharp tools to cut the CLEAN Film while it is still adhered to the TPO membrane as damage to the underlying membrane may occur. Pull the protective film away from the membrane prior to cutting.
- Remove CLEAN Film by pulling towards the center of the roof. Do not remove the film by pulling towards the roof edge.
- A static electricity charge may develop when removing the CLEAN Film from the surface of the membrane sheet. To avoid the possibility of ignition, lids must be closed on any flammable products and fire extinguishers should be readily available.

## PROTECTION & SAFETY

Mule-Hide maintains Safety Data Sheets on all of its non-exempt products. Safety Data Sheets contain health and safety information for your development of appropriate product handling procedures to protect your employees and customers. Mule-Hide's Safety Data Sheets should be read and understood by all of your supervisory personnel and employees before using Mule-Hide products in your facilities.

## SUPPLEMENTAL APPROVALS, STATEMENTS AND CHARACTERISTICS

- 1) TPO-c meets and exceeds the requirements of **ASTM D6878<sup>1</sup>** Standard Specification for Thermoplastic Polyolefin Based Sheet Roofing
- 2) TPO-c membranes conform to requirements of the U.S.E.P.A. Toxic Leachate Test (40 CFR part 136) performed by an independent analytical laboratory
- 3) TPO-c was tested for dynamic puncture resistance per ASTM D5635-04 using the most recently modified impact head. 45-mil was watertight after an impact energy of 12.5 J (9.2 ft-lbf) and 60-mil was watertight after an impact energy of 22.5 J (16.6 ft-lbf)

RADIATIVE PROPERTIES for ENERGY STAR®, CRRC and LEED				
DESCRIPTION	TEST METHOD	WHITE TPO-c	TAN TPO-c	GRAY TPO-c
ENERGY STAR® initial solar reflectance	Solar Spectrum Reflectometer	0.79	0.71	N/A
ENERGY STAR® initial emissivity		0.90	0.87	N/A
CRRC initial solar reflectance	ASTM C1549	0.79	0.71	0.46
CRRC solar reflectance after 3 years	ASTM C1549 (uncleaned)	0.70	0.64	0.43
CRRC initial thermal emittance	ASTM C1371	0.90	0.86	0.89
CRRC thermal emittance after 3 years	ASTM C1371 (uncleaned)	0.86	0.87	0.88
CRRC SRI (Solar Reflectance Index)	ASTM E1980	99	86	53
CRRC SRI (Solar Reflectance Index after 3 yrs)	ASTM E1980	85	77	48
CRRC Product ID	N/A	0670-0009	0670-0016	0670-0017
LEED™ thermal emittance	ASTM E408	0.90	0.86	0.53

Mule-Hide Tan and White TPO membranes are ENERGY STAR® and California Title 24 rated roof products. Mule-Hide White TPO membranes are Energy Star compliant.

An ENERGY STAR qualified low slope roof product must have an initial solar reflectance of at least 0.65 and a 3-year aged solar reflectance of at least 0.50. Cleaning the aged roof surface is not permitted by the ENERGY STAR test protocol. Energy Star is only valid in the United States for Roofing Products.

The Cool Roof Rating Council (CRRC) does not specify minimums for reflectance or emittance but they do require specific protocols for testing and reporting. Cleaning of the aged roof surface is not permitted for determination of radiative properties after 3 years.

A LEED "point" may be earned if a roof material is ENERGY STAR qualified and has a thermal emittance of at least 0.90 as determined by ASTM E408.

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Solar Reflectance Index (SRI) is calculated per ASTM E 1980. The SRI is a measure of the roof's ability to reject solar heat, as shown by a small temperature rise. It is defined so that a standard black (reflectance 0.05, emittance 0.90) is 0 and a standard white (reflectance 0.80, emittance 0.90) is 100. Materials with the highest SRI values are the coolest choices for roofing. Due to the way SRI is defined, particularly hot materials can even take slightly negative values, and particularly cool materials can even exceed 100.

California Title 24 requires an initial minimum reflectance of 0.70 and emittance of 0.75 as determined by CRRC.

## EXTREME TESTING FOR SEVERE CLIMATES

ASTM Standard D6878 is the material specification for Thermoplastic Polyolefin-Based Sheet Roofing. It covers material property requirements for TPO roof sheeting and includes initial and aged properties after heat and xenon-arc exposure. As stated in the standard, "the tests and property limits used to characterize the sheet are values intended to ensure minimum quality for the intended purpose." Mule-Hide's goal is to provide TPO membranes that exceed the requirements of ASTM Standard D6878.

HEAT AGING		
Test Method	ASTM Requirement	Typical Results
ASTM Test - 240° F (116° C), No Visible Cracks	32 Weeks	52 Weeks
Test specimen is 1" by 4" piece of 45-mil membrane unbacked, placed in circulating hot-air oven Criterion-no visible cracks after bending aged test sample around 0.25" diameter mandrel.		
Heat Aging accelerates the oxidation rate that roughly doubles for each 10° C (18° F) increase in roof membrane temperature. Oxidation (reaction with oxygen) is one of the primary chemical degradation mechanisms of roofing materials.		

XENON-ARC TESTING				
Test Method	ASTM D6878 Requirement	Typical Results 45-mil	Typical Results 60-mil	Typical Results 80-mil
$\text{kJ/m}^2$ at 340 nm	10,080	17,640	20,160	27,720
Test sample is 2.75" by 5.5" piece of membrane, unbacked, weathering side facing arc lamp. Criterion-no visible cracks viewed under 10x magnification while wrapped around 3" diameter mandrel.				
Xenon-Arc exposes the membrane samples to the combined effect of ultraviolet, visible and infrared radiation, ozone, heat and water spray to greatly accelerate the affects of outdoor weathering. The radiation "dose" is measured in kilojoules per square meter ( $\text{kJ/m}^2$ ) at 340 nm machine UV wavelength. The irradiance "power" of the xenon-arc lamp is measured in Watts per square meter ( $\text{W/m}^2$ ). Test specimen is 2.75 by 5.5 in. piece of membrane, unbacked, weathering side facing lamp. Criteria – no visible cracks viewed under 10X magnification while wrapped around a 3 in. mandrel.				

ENVIRONMENTAL CYCLING		
Test Method	ASTM Requirement	Typical Results
EXTREME Test	NONE	No cracking under 10x magnification
Test specimen is 2.75" by 5.5" piece of membrane with edges sealed. - 10 days heat aging at 240° F (116° C) followed by - 5 days water immersion at 158° F (70° C) followed by - 5,040 $\text{kJ/m}^2$ (2000 hours at 0.70 $\text{W/m}^2$ irradiance) xenon-arc exposure		
Criterion – after 3 completed cycles, test specimens shall remain flexible and not have any cracking under 10x magnifications while wrapped around a 3" diameter mandrel.		

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The information given on this PDS is subject to change without notice. Always check the Mule-Hide website at [www.mulehide.com](http://www.mulehide.com) for the latest information, changes and updates or contact Mule-Hide Products Company at 800-786-1492.

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