Engineered protection to create a *healthy* built environment.
IMPORTANT: Please read these installation instructions completely, prior to beginning any Drago Wrap installation. The following installation instructions are generally based on ASTM E1643 – Standard Practice for Selection, Design, Installation, and Inspection of Water Vapour Retarders Used in Contact with Earth or Granular Fill Under Concrete Slabs. There are specific instructions in this document that go beyond what is stated in ASTM E1643 to take into account vapour intrusion mitigation. If project specifications call for compliance with ASTM E1643, then be sure to review the specific installation sections outlined in the standard along with the techniques referenced in these instructions.

UNDER-SLAB INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Drago Wrap has been engineered to be installed over a tamped aggregate, sand, or earth base. It is not typically necessary to have a cushion layer or sand base, as Drago Wrap is tough enough to withstand rugged construction environments.

   **NOTE:** Drago Wrap must be installed with the gray facing the subgrade.

2. Unroll Drago Wrap over the area where the slab is to be placed. Drago Wrap should completely cover the concrete placement area. All joints/seams should be overlapped a minimum of 300 mm (12”) and taped using DragoSeal™ Tape. (Fig. 1).

   **NOTE:** The area of adhesion should be free from dust, dirt, moisture, and frost to allow maximum adhesion of the pressure-sensitive tape. Ensure that all seams are taped with applied pressure to allow for maximum and continuous adhesion of the pressure-sensitive DragoSeal Tape. Adhesives should be installed above 4°C. In temperatures below 4°C, take extra care to remove moisture/frost from the area of adhesion.

3. ASTM E1643 requires sealing the perimeter of the slab. Extend vapour retarder over footings and seal to foundation wall or grade beam at an elevation consistent with the top of the slab or terminate at impediments such as waterstops or dowels. Consult the structural and environmental engineer of record before proceeding.

**SEAL TO PERIMETER WALL (Fig. 2a) OR FOOTING (Fig. 2b) WITH DRAGOTACK™ TAPE:**

   a. Make sure area of adhesion is free of dust, dirt, debris, moisture, and frost to allow maximum adhesion.
   b. Remove release liner on one side and stick to desired surface.
   c. When ready to apply Drago Wrap, remove the exposed release liner and press firmly against Dragotack Tape to secure.
   d. If a mechanical seal is needed, fasten a termination bar over the top of the Drago Wrap inline with the Dragotack Tape.

   **NOTE:** If sealing to the footing, the footing should receive a hand float finish to allow for maximum adhesion.
4. **SEALING DAMAGED AREAS:** (Fig. 3) In the event that Drago Wrap is damaged during or after installation, repairs must be made. Cut a piece of Drago Wrap to a size and shape that covers any damage by a minimum of 150 mm (6”) in all directions. Clean all adhesion areas of dust, dirt, moisture, and frost. Tape down all edges using DragoSeal Tape.

![Fig. 3:](image)

5. **IMPORTANT: ALL PENETRATIONS MUST BE SEALED.** All pipe, ducting, rebar, and block outs should be sealed using Drago Wrap and either DragoSeal Tape, Drago™ Sealant and Drago™ Sealant Form, or Drago™ Mastic.

**PIPE PENETRATION SEALING:** (Fig. 4a)

![Fig. 4a](image)

- a. Install Drago Wrap around pipe penetrations by slitting/cutting material as needed. Try to minimise void space created.
- b. If void space is minimal, seal around the base of the pipe using either DragoSeal Tape, Drago Sealant and Drago Sealant Form, or Drago Mastic.

**DETAIL PATCH FOR PIPE PENETRATION SEALING:** (Fig. 4b)

![Fig. 4b](image)

- a. Cut a detail patch to a size and shape that creates a 150 mm (6”) overlap on all edges around the void space at the base of the pipe.
- b. Cut an “X” slightly smaller than the size of the pipe diameter in the center of the detail patch and slide tightly over pipe.
- c. Tape the edges of the detail patch using DragoSeal Tape.
- d. Seal around the base of the pipe using either DragoSeal Tape, Drago Sealant and Drago Sealant Form, or Drago Mastic.
  - i. If Drago Sealant is used to seal around pipe, make sure Drago Wrap is flush with the base of the penetration prior to pouring Drago Sealant.
MULTIPLE PIPE PENETRATION SEALING OPTIONS:

**NOTE:** Multiple pipe penetrations in close proximity may be most efficiently sealed using Drago Wrap, Drago Sealant and Drago Sealant Form (Fig. 5a), or Drago Wrap and Drago Mastic (Fig. 5b) for ease of installation.

**OPTION 1:** Multiple Pipe Penetration Sealing with Drago Wrap, Drago Sealant and Drago Sealant Form (Fig. 5a)

1. Cut a hole in Drago Wrap such that the membrane fits over and around the base of the pipes as closely as possible, ensuring that it is flush with the base of the penetrations.
2. Install Drago Sealant Form continuously around the entire perimeter of the group of penetrations and at least 25 mm (1") beyond the terminating edge of Drago Wrap.
3. Pour Drago Sealant inside of Drago Sealant Form to create a seal around the penetrations.
4. If the void space between Drago Wrap and the penetrations is not minimised and/or the base course allows for too much drainage of sealant, a second coat of Drago Sealant may need to be poured after the first application has cured.

**OPTION 2:** Multiple Pipe Penetration Sealing with Drago Wrap and Drago Mastic (Fig. 5b)

**Fig. 5b**

a. Cut a hole in Drago Wrap such that the membrane fits over and around the base of the pipes as closely as possible, ensuring that it is flush with the base of the penetrations.

b. Apply Drago Mastic around the entire perimeter of the group of penetrations and between the penetrations to fill any void spaces present.

**IMPORTANT:** AN INSTALLATION COMPLETED PER THESE INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD CREATE A MONOLITHIC MEMBRANE BETWEEN ALL INTERIOR INTRUSION PATHWAYS AND VAPOUR SOURCES BELOW THE SLAB AS WELL AS AT THE SLAB PERIMETER. THE UNDERLYING SUBBASE SHOULD NOT BE VISIBLE IN ANY AREA WHERE CONCRETE WILL BE PLACED. IF REQUIRED BY THE DESIGN ENGINEER, ADDITIONAL INSTALLATION VALIDATION CAN BE DONE THROUGH SMOKE TESTING.

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