

Policy Statement



GENERAL

Kemper System, Inc. (KSI) manufactures and distributes reinforced, fluid applied waterproofing products. These products require integration into the design and construction process. Design and construction of any waterproofing or roofing system is typically accomplished through the input of the following team members, each of whom has specific expertise and related responsibilities:

Material Manufacturer:	Material manufacturing; material and installation technology; warranty;
Specifier/Owner's Representative:	Evaluation of existing conditions; scope of work; design and specifications; monitoring of installation;
Contractor:	Material and equipment procurement; acceptance of existing conditions; installation expertise and manpower;
Building Owner:	End user; identification of functional requirements; budgetary control; building maintenance and integrity.

LIMITATIONS

The general requirements and guide specifications within this document provided by KSI contain the latest information relating to the use and application of the products manufactured by KSI. They have been prepared and are offered as a general guide to assist architects, engineers, specifiers, contractors and owners in the design and application of the membrane products. As each project is unique, these recommendations are not intended as absolute. Regional or specific job variances and building code regulations may take priority in some cases; therefore, each project should be considered individually, with specifications tailored to the specific project conditions and consistent with good application practices.

For installation and use requirements and guide specifications of insulation, auxiliary components, structural deck and other products not offered or sold by KSI, contact the respective manufacturer or refer to published products and installation requirements and/or recommendations.

KSI as a manufacturer and distributor is not involved in the design or construction of buildings or structures. Furthermore, KSI has no control over the designer's decisions, changes or substitutions, or over the solicitation and issuance of contract documents containing specifications for KSI products, developed independent of the requirements, limitations and recommendations herein. KSI will under no circumstances accept responsibility for the performance of its products when damage to its products result from improper building design, deficiencies in the building structure, systems and components, vapor drive/moisture content within substrate and deck materials, vehicular and pedestrian traffic, or other similar conditions that are beyond the control of KSI.

Since exemplary workmanship in applying a reinforced waterproofing system is essential, qualified supervision during the installation of the various system components should be exercised.

Good design and installation practices are the key to a functional waterproofing system. The contractor bears sole responsibility for the quality of the application and, with the specifier/architect/engineer, selection of the system components. KSI is dedicated to the promotion of good installation practices, and generally endorses the workmanship recommendations of the National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA), the Sheet Metal Contractors Association (SMACNA), and related organizations.

KSI expressly disclaims any responsibility for the performance of surfacing materials, whether offered or sold by KSI or by others, including coatings, aggregate finishes, and traffic surfacings. KSI considers all surfacing materials to be wearing surfaces and, by definition, in need of periodic maintenance, occasional repair, and eventual replacement.

KSI expressly disclaims any responsibility for the manner and method of design, plan, installation or any other aspect of construction of the waterproofing system other than that is extended by expressed warranty.

WARRANTY

KSI provides a warranty to the Owner for its waterproofing products in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Warranty. Changes to the warranty documents can only be effected by a written addendum, bearing the signature of an authorized officer of KSI.

REFERENCE STANDARDS

Waterproofing is a complex and dynamic task, where change is a constant concern. Therefore, the waterproofing team is advised and urged to review current materials published by the various industry associations, institutes and organizations, including, but not limited to the following:

NRCA	(National Roofing Contractor Association)
SPRI	(Sheet Membrane and Component Suppliers to the Commercial Roofing Industry)
SMACNA	(Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractor's National Association)
ARMA	(Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association)
NIST	(National Institute of Standards and Technology)
ASTM	(American Society for Testing and Materials)