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**Waterproofing membranes for external
above-ground use**

Part 1: Materials



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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee BD-013, External Waterproofing Membranes, to supersede AS 4654.1—2009, *Waterproofing membrane systems for exterior use—Above ground level, Part 1: Materials*.

This Standard has been prepared in response to numerous requests from industry representatives in the field of external waterproofing, especially in the areas of roofs, decks and balconies.

The objective of this Standard is to provide a consistent and reliable approach to the materials used in the design and installation of external waterproofing membrane systems.

The objective of this revision is to align this Standard with the protocols and requirements as set out by the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB).

This Standard is Part 1 of a series of Standards on external waterproofing, as follows:

AS

4654 Waterproofing membrane systems for external above-ground use

4654.1 Part 1: Materials

4654.2 Part 2: Design and installation

The term ‘normative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. A ‘normative’ appendix is an integral part of a Standard.

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FOREWORD

This Standard sets out the requirements for materials forming part of a waterproofing system on the surface of building materials, to prevent the ingress of water. These requirements are based on the need to identify suitable criteria for the range of waterproofing materials.

Industry research and experience has shown that the design of roofs, decks, balconies and planter boxes contributes to many of the failures of waterproofing mediums used and, by setting a standard for materials design and installation for construction, the failure rate will be dramatically reduced.

The Australian Standard for the design and installation of waterproofing building elements (such as roofs and similar horizontal surfaces and retaining walls and similar vertical surfaces) was first published in 2009 (AS 4654.1).

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1.1 SCOPE

This Standard sets out requirements for waterproofing membranes for external above-ground use, installed in accordance with AS 4654.2.

1.2 NORMATIVE REFERENCES

The following are the normative documents referenced in this Standard:

NOTE: Documents referenced for informative purposes are listed in the Bibliography.

AS	
1145	Determination of tensile properties of plastics materials (1 parts)
4654	Waterproofing membranes for external above-ground use
4654.2	Part 2: Design and installation
1580.403.2	Paints and related materials—Methods of test—Abrasion resistance
AS/NZS	
4858	Wet area membranes
ASTM	
C794	Standard Test Method for Adhesion-in-Peel of Elastomeric Joint Sealants
D5602	Standard Test Method for Static Puncture Resistance of Roofing Membrane Specimens
D6207	Standard Test Method for Dimensional Stability of Fabrics to Changes in Humidity and Temperature
E96	Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials
BS	
EN 12691	Flexible sheets for waterproofing. Bitumen, plastic and rubber sheets for roof waterproofing. Determination of resistance to impact
EN 12310	Flexible sheets for waterproofing. Determination of resistance to tearing (nail shank)
EN12310-1	Part 1: Bitumen sheets for roof waterproofing
CSIR	Moving Joint Test

1.3 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions below apply.

1.3.1 Bioresistance

Resistance to degradation by biological attack.

1.3.2 External waterproofing membrane systems

A combination of membrane-associated products used in membrane installation, such as primers, mechanical fasteners, waste outlets and flashings that form a waterproof barrier.