**APPLIED FELTS LTD PRODUCT DATA SHEET**

**EXTRA FLEXIBILITY COATED FELT LINER**

**Product Description**

This family of liners have been developed for smaller diameter applications where additional flexibility is required for ease of eversion and circumferential extension.

**Impregnation Method**

Vacuum impregnate using metering rollers to ensure correct resin addition.

**Product Types**

**Material:** Flexliner

**Description**: Needle punched polyester felt with special ultra-flexible PVC coating. The seam construction is skived, stitched and taped.

 Suitable for 45º bends.

**Installation Method:** Eversion using water or air

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|  | **Curing Regime** |
| **Resin Type** | **Ambient** | **Hot Water <90ºC** | **Steam <90ºC** |
| **Polyester / Vinyl Ester** | ✓ | X | X |
| **Epoxy** | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

**Diameter Range**: 100, 125, 150 mm

**Thickness Range**: Nominal, 3.0, 4.0, 4.5mm

**Length**: Standard roll length 50 and 100m
 Bespoke length by special order.

**Material:** Duraflex

**Description**: Needle punched polyester felt with special ultra-flexible polyurethane coating. The seam construction is skived, stitched and taped.

 Suitable for 45º bends.

**Installation Method:** Eversion using water or air

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|  | **Curing Regime** |
| **Resin Type** | **Ambient** | **Hot Water <90ºC** | **Steam <90ºC** |
| **Polyester / Vinyl Ester** | X | X | X |
| **Epoxy** | \* | \* | \* |

\*Recommended for use with epoxy resin. Resin selected must ensure satisfactory adhesion of coating in the resin / felt composite.

Compatibility must not be assumed. Contact Applied Felts Technical Team for advice.

**Diameter Range**: 100, 125, 150 mm

**Thickness Range**: Nominal 3.0mm only

**Length**: Standard roll length 50 and 100m
 Bespoke length by special order.

**Material:** Superflex

**Description**: Fleece polyester felt with special ultra-flexible polyurethane coating.

The seam construction is stitched and taped.

 Suitable for 45º bends.

**Installation Method:** Eversion using air **.**

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|  | **Curing Regime** |
| **Resin Type** | **Ambient** |
| **Polyester / Vinyl Ester** | ✓ |
| **Epoxy** | ✓ |

**Diameter Range**: 75 to 300 mm

**Thickness Range**: Nominal 2.0 mm, 3.0mm

**Length**: Standard roll length 50 and 100m
 Bespoke length by special order.

**Points to Note**:

1. Advice on resin compatibility for these products is offered as general guidance only. Customers must not assume compatibility for specific resin types.

Please consult Applied Felts Technical Team for further advice.

1. When in use, the liner must be supported outside the pipe.
2. Customer must always use the liner as recommended by Applied Felts. Please contact the Applied Felts Technical Team for help and advice especially where product is being used outside recommended conditions.

**Storage / Handling:**

The following are storage recommendations:

1. **Avoid extremes of temperature.**

Freezing may cause the coating structure to degrade locally, especially areas where the coating is in tension or compression – at bends and edges, and immediately adjacent to seam welds.

 Recommended storage temperature 5ºC – 35ºC.

 Shelf life at this temperature: in excess of 1 year.

1. **Avoid extremes of humidity**

Very high relative humidity (especially at high temperature such as tropical countries) will accelerate the hydrolysis of the coating, consequently reducing the shelf life.

Recommended storage humidity 25% rh – 65% rh.

Shelf life at 65%, 35ºC: 1 year.

1. **Avoid prolonged wet storage**

As with high humidity, the coating is more susceptible to degradation at higher temperatures, and even further susceptible if pH of liquid in contact is significantly above or below 7.

Wet storage is not recommended.

1. **Avoid direct sunlight or incident UV radiation**

Prolonged exposure to ultra violet light will accelerate the degradation of the coating.

It is recommended that liners remain in the original packaging until they are required for use. Failing this, the liner should be covered to prevent exposure.

1. **Mechanical damage should be avoided**

In order to ensure that the liner is not damaged, the following recommendations should be followed:

1. Ensure that liner is not placed directly onto grit or gravel floor – sweep and cover floor first.
2. Ensure personnel are instructed not to walk on the liner.
3. Handle liner with care.
4. Ensure nip rollers are clean, and liner is not in contact with any sharp edges or snags anywhere during impregnation and installation.
5. Large liners will require special handling considerations (especially when wet-out), as their weight will preclude manual handling. Cranes or conveyors may be required. If a liner is to be lifted with a crane sling, it is important that the sling should be sufficiently wide to prevent it ‘biting’ into the liner. It should be set up in such a way that the sling does not grip the liner (i.e., both loops of the sling onto the crane hook).
6. **Styrene and Chemical attack**

Avoid prolonged contact with solvents and chemicals.

On impregnation with styrene-based resin, the solvent / monomer may start to swell the coating, giving an orange peel appearance, in time; this effect will increase to severe wrinkling (volumetric expansion of 60%).

If the contact time is sufficient, the coating will feel tacky. At this stage, the product should not be used.

Recommended shelf life after impregnation will vary dependent on the proportion of styrene in the resin, the nature and proportion of thixotropes, inhibitors, accelerators and catalysts, and the storage temperature.

As a general rule, the impregnated liner should be stored below 10ºC. The typical shelf life at this temperature, with a polyester resin system, is maximum 7 days. With some resin systems, this shelf life is reduced to less than 24 hours. If using an unfamiliar system, it is recommended a section of coated felt is soaked in resin and assessed periodically to determine shelf life. With experience, this may be judged visually by the degree of wrinkling.