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# Installation Instructions

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## 1. Installation on Bituminous Roofing Membranes

Use a broom to sweep clean the surface to be covered. When installing in a single-layer, loose overlap configuration, lay mats with 5 cm width overlap and 10 cm length overlap over the adjacent mats.

If installing on green roofs, allow 10 cm overlap on all sides.

If heavy traffic or stress is expected in the application at hand, install two layers of mats in an offset configuration, allowing an overlap of 10 cm on all sides.

At outer perimeters of surfaces covered by *KRAITEC*® top, install mats with their outside edge level with the upper surface of the subsequent sand, gravel or other covering layer.

Do not permit water accumulation on or under the mats, i.e. ensure adequate water drainage.

## 2. Installation on Plastic Membranes

If the plastic membrane and *KRAITEC*® top are chemically compatible, proceed as described above. If they are not compatible, include as well a separating layer between them. Consult the roofing membrane manufacturer for assessment of chemical compatibility and specification of the type of insulating layer to be used, if required.

## 3. Installation on Balconies and Terraces

When laying *KRAITEC*® top on balconies or terraces, install mats in the direction parallel to the shorter side of the balcony or terrace. Also follow all other instructions given above for installation over bituminous and plastic membranes and in Section 4 below.

## 4. Point and Line Stresses

If weights bearing on specific points or lines are expected in the application, cushion them with *KRAITEC*® top pads or strips. Such localized stresses can be encountered e.g. under heavy objects (air conditioning units, etc.) and support columns or frames which bear on the roof.

If such objects or supports are to be installed over the mats, please consult the manufacturer for specific advice.

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#### 5. Recommended Thicknesses

6 mm	when subjected to light traffic and stress
8 - 10 mm	when subjected to medium traffic and stress
12 - 18 mm	when subjected to heavy traffic and stress

The required thickness or thicknesses in a specific application must be specified by the design engineer or architect.

As a general rule of thumb, a two-layer system of **KRAITEC® top** installed in an offset configuration provides better protection than does a single-layer system of the same overall thickness.

#### 6. Please Note:

Immediately after being placed, **KRAITEC® top** structural protection mats should be covered (weighted down) e.g. with gravel, sand, soil or paving slabs to avoid dimensional changes due to stress relaxation and thermal expansion or contraction.

If **KRAITEC® top** is installed without full surface covering, e.g. when used as walkway mats or temporary protection under building scaffolds, allow for shrinkage and/or contraction by increasing overlap accordingly.

The performance and expected service life of **KRAITEC® top** without covering have not been established to date; please refer to the disclaimer below.

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