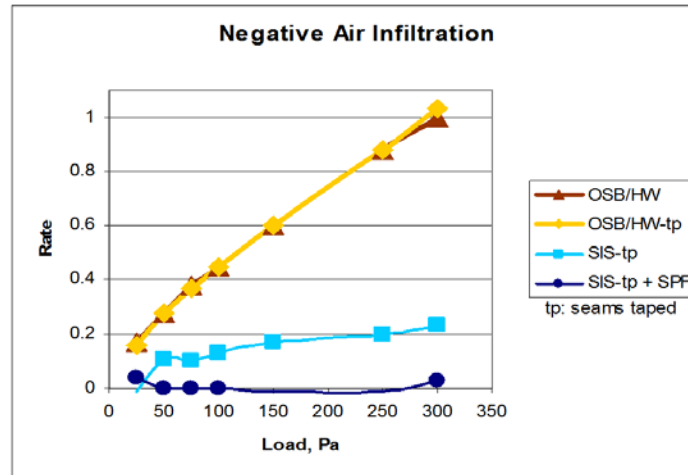


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### RE: SEAM TAPE NOT REQUIRED FOR BENJAMIN OBDYKE HOUSEWRAPS

This bulletin is intended as supplemental documentation to Benjamin Obdyke's installation instructions for HydroGap® Drainable Housewrap and FlatWrap® HP.

Air Infiltration testing by ATI ([Architectural Testing, Inc.](#)), on behalf of Ox Engineered Products, shows NO change in air infiltration whether the housewrap seams are taped or un-taped.



Therefore, taping of housewrap seams is **not recommended (or required)** by the manufacturer. Taping of horizontal housewrap seams with traditional seam tape creates reverse flashing and can trap moisture if not installed properly. Vertical seams are optional.

There are several benefits to not taping seams:

- > No reverse flashing introduced into the drainage plane resulting in an unobstructed drainage path
- > No potential for trapped condensation
- > Lower cost (as much as 13%, labor & material)
- > **No impact on system warranty** coverage by manufacturer

When installing HydroGap or FlatWrap UV, the seams **do not need to be taped**, as long as the housewrap is installed in lap fashion with the following minimum overlaps:

- 4 inch overlap at all horizontal seams
- 6 inch overlap at all vertical seams
- 12 inch overlap at corners

If installing HydroGap or FlatWrap UV as the *primary air barrier*, refer to installation guide for full details and compatible products list.

Should you have any questions regarding the information covered in this document or require any further technical assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Technical Services team at 800-523-5261 or [techsupport@benjaminobdyke.com](mailto:techsupport@benjaminobdyke.com).