

DIVISION: 07 00 00 – THERMAL AND MOISTURE PROTECTION
Section: 07 30 05 – Roofing Felt and Underlayment

REPORT HOLDER:
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REPORT SUBJECT:
SYNSTEP L340, SYNSTEP S360, SYNSTEP G380, SYNSTEP 100, SYNSTEP T440, SYNSTEP V480, SYNSTEP R600, SYNSTEP U640, SYNSTEP PRO 720, and SYNSTEP MAX960 Synthetic Roofing Underlayments

1.0 SCOPE OF EVALUATION

1.1 This Research Report addresses compliance with the following Codes:

- 2021, 2018, and 2015 *International Building Code*® (IBC)
- 2021, 2018, and 2015 *International Residential Code*® (IRC)
- 2023 and 2020 *Florida Building Code* (FBC) (see Section 9)

NOTE: This report references the most recent Code editions noted. Section numbers in earlier editions may differ.

1.2 SYNSTEP underlayments have been evaluated for the following properties (see Table 1):

- Physical Properties
- Ice Barrier
- Fire Classification

1.3 SYNSTEP underlayments have been evaluated for the following uses (see Table 1):

- Use in the field of the roof as an alternative to the ASTM D226, Type I and Type II, roof underlayments specified in Chapter 15 of the IBC and Chapter 9 of the IRC
- Use in areas of the roof required by IBC Section 1507 or IRC Section R905 to have an ice barrier roof underlayment, when installed as noted in Section 5.2

- Use as a component of classified roof assemblies when installed as noted in Section 4.1

2.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

SYNSTEP underlayments comply with the Codes listed in Section 1.1, for the properties stated in Section 1.2, and uses stated in Section 1.3, when installed as described in this report, including the Conditions of Use stated in Section 6.0.

3.0 DESCRIPTION

SYNSTEP L340, SYNSTEP S360, SYNSTEP G380, SYNSTEP 100, SYNSTEP T440, SYNSTEP V480, SYNSTEP R600, SYNSTEP U640, SYNSTEP PRO 720, and SYNSTEP MAX960 are mechanically attached, four-layered synthetic roofing underlayments comprised of a non-woven fabric on the exposed side, a polymeric laminate/bonding layer, a woven polypropylene base, and a polymeric laminate/coating layer on the sheathing side. They have nominal weights of 1.74, 1.84, 1.95, 2.05, 2.25, 2.46, 3.07, 3.28, 3.69, and 4.92 pounds per 100 square feet, respectively. The standard roll size is 4 feet wide by 250 feet long, or as required. These are also available in different colors as required.

4.0 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

4.1 Fire Classification: The roof underlayments may be used as a component of a classified roof assembly when specifically recognized as such in a listing approved by the Code official. The underlayments may also be used as an alternative to the underlayments specified in the Code for roof coverings permitted under the Exceptions to IBC Section 1505.2 and IRC Section R902.1 and may be used where non-classified roofing is permitted in IBC Section 1505.5.

5.0 INSTALLATION

5.1 General: The underlayments must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's published installation instructions, the applicable Code, and this Research Report. A copy of the manufacturer's instructions must be available on the jobsite during installation.



The underlayments must be installed in accordance with the subsections of IBC Section 1507 and IRC Section R905 applicable to the roof covering being installed. The underlayment must be laid with the print side up, with laps as required by the applicable Code, evaluation report, or manufacturer's instructions, whichever is more restrictive.

The roof covering may be installed immediately following the underlayments application, and the underlayments must be covered within the time designated in the report holder's published installation instructions.

5.2 Ice Barrier: In areas of the roof required by IBC Section 1507 or IRC Section R905 to have an ice barrier, two layers of the underlayments, solidly cemented together with a low solvent-based roofing cement complying with ASTM D4586 Type 1 (asbestos free), may be used provided the ice barrier extends up the roof a minimum distance of 24 inches inside the interior wall line of the building. The underlayment installed in the field of the roof must overlap the ice barrier.

6.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

6.1 Installation must comply with this Research Report, the manufacturer's published installation instructions, and the applicable Code. In the event of a conflict, this report governs.

6.2 Installation is limited to use with approved mechanically attached roof covering systems.

6.3 Installation is limited to roof systems that do not involve hot asphalt or coal-tar pitch.

6.4 Installation is limited to roofs with a slope of 2:12 (17%) or greater.

6.5 Attic ventilation must be provided in accordance with the applicable Code since there are no requirements to evaluate vapor permeability of the underlayment.

6.6 SYNSTEP underlayments are manufactured under a quality control program with inspections by Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc.

7.0 SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

7.1 Reports of tests in accordance with ASTM D8257 and ASTM E108.

7.2 Intertek Listing Report "BEM Direct Supply LLC - SYNSTEP Roofing Underlayments", on the [Intertek Directory of Building Products](#).

8.0 IDENTIFICATION

The SYNSTEP underlayments are identified with the manufacturer's name, the product name (SYNSTEP L340, SYNSTEP S360, SYNSTEP G380, SYNSTEP 100, SYNSTEP T440, SYNSTEP V480, SYNSTEP R600, SYNSTEP U640, SYNSTEP PRO 720, and SYNSTEP MAX960), the Intertek Mark as shown below, the Intertek Control Number, and the Code Compliance Research Report number (CCRR-0549).



9.0 OTHER CODES

9.1 Florida Building Code:

9.1.1 Scope of the Evaluation: SYNSTEP underlayments were evaluated for compliance with the 2023 and 2020 *Florida Building Code – Building* and the 2023 and 2020 *Florida Building Code – Residential*.

9.1.2 Conclusion: SYNSTEP underlayments described in Section 2.0 to 8.0 of this report comply with the 2023 and 2020 *Florida Building Code – Building* and the 2023 and 2020 *Florida Building Code – Residential*, including High-velocity Hurricane Zones (HVHZ), subject to the following conditions:

- The underlayments must be installed in accordance with the provisions noted in Section 2.0 through 8.0 of this report, and Sections 1507 and 1518 of the *Florida Building Code – Building*, and Section R905 of the *Florida Building Code – Residential*
- Evaluation for use with discontinuous roof tile systems is outside the scope of this report
- Intertek is an approved evaluation entity and quality assurance entity pursuant to Florida Statue 553.842 – *Product Evaluation and Approval*





10.0 CODE COMPLIANCE RESEARCH REPORT USE

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10.3 Reference to the <https://bpdirectory.intertek.com> is recommended to ascertain the current version and status of this report.

TABLE 1 - PROPERTIES EVALUATED

PROPERTY	2021 IBC SECTION	2021 IRC SECTION	2023 FBC (BUILDING)	2023 FBC (RESIDENTIAL)
Physical Properties	104.11, 1506, and 1507	R104.11, R904, and R905	104.11, 1507, and 1518.2	R904 and R905
Ice Barrier	1507	R905	N/A	N/A
Fire Classification	1505	R902.1	1505	R902

Note: Section numbers may be different for earlier versions of the International Codes

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