

# TECHNICAL LETTER- SPANNING JOINTS AND GAPS WITH SA MEMBRANES

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Self-adhered membranes provide maximum water infiltration protection when they are fully adhered to a structural substrate such as concrete, glass faced gypsum boards or wood sheathing. An SA membrane that is spanning a gap unsupported by the structural substrate is only providing a water shedding level of protection at the unsupported areas. Spanning gaps with SA membranes can also make it difficult to form fully adhered side laps.

For better waterproofing protection, Protecto Wrap recommends filling gaps greater than 1/8" prior to covering with compatible materials which would include but not limited to combinations of fully cured system sealant, backer rods, and structural blocking.

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