

Plastic Roofing Cements

What is "Plastic Roofing Cement"?

Plastic Roofing Cement is composed of asphalt, fiber, solvent vehicle and sometimes rubber polymer as well as water displacement additives.

How are plastic cements used?

Plastic cements are used to maintain and repair asphalt roofing. They are used to stop leaks, repair blisters, wrinkles and ridges as well as repairs to vertical flashings.

Are they all the same?

No! Plastic roofing cements can be divided into three categories.

- "Good" plastic roofing cements are used on dry surfaces e.g.: Bakor 810-20 Plastic Roofing Cement.
- "Better" cements can be used on wet or dry surfaces e.g.: 812-21 Wet / Dry Plastic Roofing Cement.
- "Best" plastic cements can be used in *all weather* on vertical or horizontal surfaces and maintain a smooth buttery consistency at temperatures from below freezing to blistering summer heat. The best plastic cements fill, even work under water. E.g.: Bakor 810-47 All Weather Flashing & Sealing Compound.

What makes one better than the other?

Plastic cements typically start out with the same basic ingredients. Higher quality cements have extra ingredients – rubber polymer for long term flexibility, water displacement additives to provide adhesion to wet surfaces. Top quality cements maintain their workability no matter what the weather.

What about shelf life?

Plastic cements do not easily deteriorate in sealed containers. What can happen over prolonged storage is separation. Quality products have a buttery consistency, which are easily mixed if separation occurs. < >