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The crawl space is typically viewed as dark and uncomfortable with the potential to encounter odd smells and hair-raising pests. For this reason, many homeowners choose the "out of sight, out of mind" approach and pay little attention to crawl space conditions or maintenance. Despite the temptation to steer clear of the area, research shows crawl space health is critical to the overall well-being of a home and its occupants inside.

According to studies, up to 50% of indoor air is filtered through the crawl space. Poorly designed or maintained crawl spaces can breed high relative humidity, mold, mildew and dust mites. If left unchecked, these problems can degrade structural components, damage insulation integrity and lower occupant comfort leading to a host of potential financial and medical issues.

Unsealed or poorly maintained crawl spaces can also create pathways for radon to enter into the home.



Radon is an odorless radioactive gas formed from the natural breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water. According to the EPA, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Properly encapsulated crawl spaces can mitigate radon problems by creating a barrier to entry for soil gases.

Building science clearly shows crawl spaces are an integral part of a building's structural and envelope system. By maintaining a healthy crawl space, homeowners can avoid costly repairs, ensure good indoor air quality and improve the energy efficiency of their homes.





Up to 50% of the air you breathe in your home is from your crawl space.



To achieve your moisture control objectives, it is important to know what to look for in a vapor barrier.

A properly designed encapsulation system controls moisture and soil gas intrusion, facilitating a healthy crawl space environment. Professional contractors know each home is unique and may require different strategies and components to create an optimal system. They also know quality encapsulation jobs start with a high-performance vapor barrier. To achieve moisture and soil gas control objectives, it is vital to know what to look for when choosing a vapor barrier.

ENGINEERED

While standard clear or black poly membranes are commonly used in construction applications due to their low cost, the challenging crawl space environment requires more durable and resilient options. Professionals should seek vapor barriers that can withstand foot traffic during and after install, are rated for contact with soil and will not deteriorate over time.



Viper CS is engineered using premium virgin resin without any recycled content. The resin is then converted into strands of polyethylene and woven together in a tight hatch pattern. The cross-woven membrane is coated with proprietary extrusion layers. The result is a liner that resist punctures and tears during install, does not emit odors and is for long-term performance.

TESTED

When evaluating vapor barrier options, a common mistake is to assume thicker is better. This is not always the case. Since membranes can be engineered with various additives, layers and configurations — thickness should not be the primary evaluation metric. Rather, look for products tested with industry standards for key performance characteristics and compare those results.



Viper CS products are third-party tested for puncture resistance, tear strength, water vapor permeance and radon resistance. High marks on these critical performance specifications give **Viper CS** "Class A" status according to ASTM E 1745 (Standard Specification for Plastic Water Vapor Retarders Used in Contact with Soil or Granular Fill Under Concrete Slabs).

GUARANTEED

Given the time, labor and expense of completing a crawl space encapsulation project, choosing a high-performance vapor barrier that will last is crucial. Ensuring the vapor barrier will provide long-lasting protection will not only bring peace of mind, but will save money and time in the long run.



Viper CS comes with a lifetime warranty and is guaranteed to last as long as the structure it was designed to protect. With millions of square feet installed across North America and a track record spanning decades, **Viper CS** is top-of-class for proven performance.

Viper CS 6.5-mil

LIGHTWEIGHT & ECONOMICAL



WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Roll Sizes 6' x 100', 12' x 100', 4' x 200'

Weight Approximately 30 lbs/msf

Rolls/Pallet 25

Special Order Clear Available

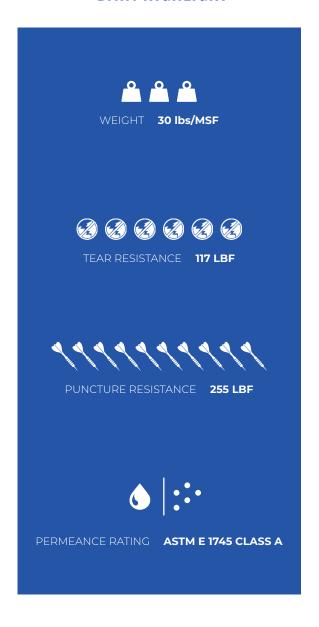
DATA HIGHLIGHT

Where To Use

LIGHT-DUTY APPLICATIONS

Viper CS 6.5-mil is an excellent replacement for standard 6-mil poly. Providing higher strength than blown films at an economical price point, Viper CS 6.5-mil effectively controls moisture in the crawl space and will not break down over time.







DOCUMENTS & DOWNLOADS

Technical Data



Safety Data



Comparative Data



Lifetime Warranty



Viper CS 10-mil

BALANCED PERFORMANCE



WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Roll Sizes 6' x 100', 12' x 100', 4' x 200' Weight Approximately 38 lbs/msf

Rolls/Pallet 25

Special Order Clear Available

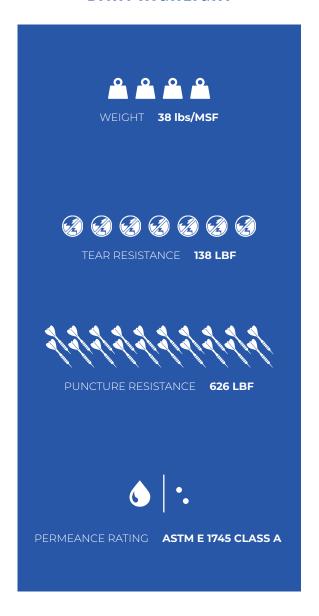
DATA HIGHLIGHT

Where To Use

MODERATE-DUTY APPLICATIONS

Viper CS 10-mil is designed for applications with moderate foot traffic. Providing a nice balance between cost and performance, Viper CS 10-mil prevents punctures and tears while protecting the space from vapor intrusion.







DOCUMENTS & DOWNLOADS

Technical Data



Safety Data



Comparative Data



Lifetime Warranty



Viper CS 16-mil

EXTREME STRENGTH



WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Roll Sizes 12' x 100'

Weight Approximately 55 lbs/msf

Rolls/Pallet 25

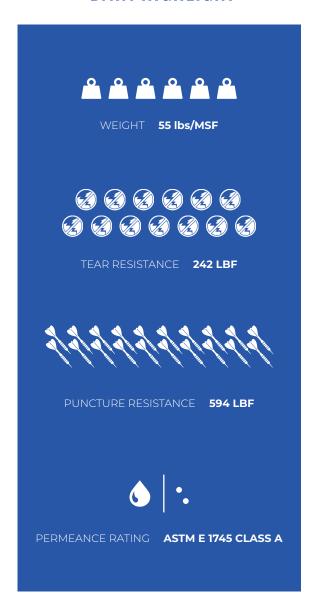
DATA HIGHLIGHT

Where To Use

HEAVY-DUTY APPLICATIONS

Viper CS 16-mil is the best choice for applications with heavy foot traffic. Offering our highest tear resistance and durability, Viper CS 16-mil is well-suited for demanding environments both during and after install.





16 MIL

DOCUMENTS & DOWNLOADS

Technical Data



Safety Data



Comparative Data



Lifetime Warranty



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VIPER CS 6.5-MIL

Lightweight & Economical

VIPER CS 10-MIL

Balanced Performance

VIPER CS 16-MIL

Extreme Strength

COST

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WEIGHT

30 LBS/MSF

TEAR

117 LBF

PUNCTURE

255 LBF

PERMEANCE

CLASS A

VIRGIN RESIN

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FIRE RATING

CLASS A

COST

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WEIGHT

38 LBS/MSF

TEAR

138 LBF

PUNCTURE

626 LBF

PERMEANCE

CLASS A

VIRGIN RESIN

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FIRE RATING

CLASS A

COST

\$\$\$

WEIGHT

55 LBS/MSF

TEAR

242 LBF

PUNCTURE

594 LBF

PERMEANCE

CLASS A

VIRGIN RESIN

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FIRE RATING

CLASS A

LIGHT-DUTY APPLICATIONS

- · Higher strength than blown films
- $\cdot \ \mathsf{Economical} \ \mathsf{price} \ \mathsf{point}$

MODERATE-DUTY APPLICATIONS

- · Designed for moderate foot traffic
- $\cdot \ \mathsf{Balanced} \ \mathsf{cost} \ \mathsf{versus} \ \mathsf{performance}$

HEAVY-DUTY APPLICATIONS

- · Best choice for heavy foot traffic
- $\cdot \, \text{Highest durability}$







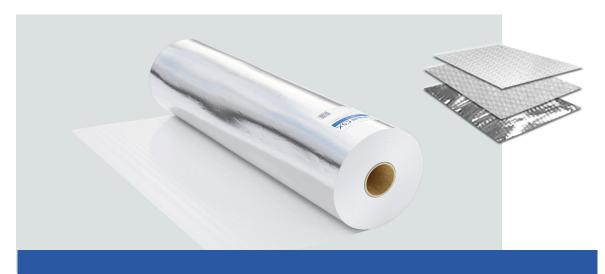








ENHANCED VAPOR BARRIERS



Viper CSX Crawl Space Vapor Barrier

Where To Use

SUPERIOR AESTHETIC

For applications requiring a premium look, Viper CSX provides a crisp, bright white finish. Featuring a tough cross-woven skin and a flexible closed-cell foam core, Viper CSX lays flat and minimizes wrinkles.



Technical Data

Safety Data







Insul-Barrier

Insulated

Vapor Barrier



Where To Use

INSULATION + VAPOR BARRIER

Insul-Barrier provides both a vapor barrier and insulation for crawl space walls and floors where a thermal break is needed. Easier to handle than rigid foam board and contains no itchy, harmful fibers.

DOCUMENTS & DOWNLOADS

Technical Data

Safety Data





CRAWL SPACE ACCESSORIES

Viper Vapor Tape



Viper Vapor Tape is a white polyethylene coated film with an aggressive adhesive designed for seaming, splicing, sealing and patching vapor barrier materials.

Viper Double Bond



Viper Double Bond Tape is a double-sided butyl tape used for seaming and as a gasket material between the vapor barrier membrane and foundation walls.



CS Pier Wrap



Viper CS Pier Wrap features our signature cross-woven configuration, conveniently sized for pipes, penetrations, piers and structural supports.

CS Liner Pins



Viper CS Liner Pins are designed to fasten vapor barrier materials to masonry walls, providing strong mechanical attachment in concrete block, brick or stone.



RESOURCES





Training

Enter your information and we'll find opportunities nearest you.



Project Gallery

Browse our Viper CS gallery of professional results nationwide.



Install Guide



Download for the detailed preparation, planning and the installation of Viper CS.

Layout Sheet



Download the layout sheet for measurements and quantities on your next Viper CS project.



PROS CHOOSE QUALITY







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