

Q37 Green Roofs

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Extensive Green Roof Inc. Sedum NatureMat

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**Q37** Green roofs: To be read in conjunction with related Architectural Sections, Preliminaries, and Contract Conditions.

## GENERAL

### 130 EXTENSIVE GREEN ROOF

- Roof type: Blackdown Sedum NatureMat® Plant Roof.
- Manufacturer: Blackdown Greenroof, Street Ash Nursery, Combe St Nicholas, Chard, Somerset. TA20 3HZ. Tel: 01460 234582; Fax: 0845 076 0267.  
Web: [www.blackdown.co.uk](http://www.blackdown.co.uk).
  - Substrate: Root-resistant waterproofing or aluminium (by others).
  - Slope: 31-45 degrees.
- Waterproofing: As J41 or H31.
- Root barrier: As J41 or H31.
- Thermal insulation: As J41 or H31.
- Protection: Root resistant waterproofing (by others)
- Moisture control layers:
  - Blackdown PF300 Moisture Retention/Protection Mat as Clause 340.
  - Blackdown 25DWR920 Drainage/Retention Layer as Clause 350.
  - Blackdown FF120 Filter sheet as Clause 360.
- Growing medium: Blackdown Extensive Substrate as Clause 390.
  - Depth: 50mm + 20% settlement factor.
- Vegetation: Blackdown NatureMat® 20mm thick pre-grown Sedum blanket, 95% minimum coverage on installation as Clause 400.
  - Irrigation: Plant material is to be thoroughly watered in and the substrate kept moist for a minimum of 6 to 8 weeks following installation, or longer if necessary, to allow the plants to become established.
- Accessories:
  - Upstand protection fleece: – as Clause 330
  - Substrate retention system – as Clause 360A
  - Irrigation system – as Clause 390A
  - Nutrient – as Clause 390.
  - Inspection chamber – as Clause 430.
  - Vegetation barrier – as Clause 440.
  - Slip prevention: Thrust battens by Others – contact Blackdown for batten frequency & position.

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## PERFORMANCE

### 210A GENERAL DESIGN

- Green roof and associated features: Complete the detailed design.
- Proposals: Submit drawings, technical information, calculations, and manufacturer's literature.
- Performance criteria: Instant green coverage.
- The design must ensure that the continuity of the waterproof covering is maintained for a vertical height of at least 150mm above the finished roof level at all abutments, parapets etc.
- It is the responsibility of the client and/or their design professional to assess wind uplift forces ensuring that sufficient dead load is applied over extruded polystyrene insulation in accordance with all relevant standards and codes of practice, for final sign off prior to design approval.
- The building owner or their appointed design professional must have satisfied themselves that the roof structure and deck are suitable to receive the dead load of the proposed specification.
- It is strictly the responsibility of the client and/or their design professional to ensure compliance of the proposed specification with all relevant Building Regulations by consultation with Building Control. In the event of any doubt about the interpretation or application of the Building Regulations in relation to any particular new build or refurbishment works, clarification must be sought directly from Building Control.

### 255 CHARACTERISTIC ROOF LOADS

- Dead loads:
  - Roof structure, screed and waterproofing: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Green roof layers: 1.0 kN per square metre (saturated).
- Imposed roof loads:
  - Activity: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Vegetation: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Allowance for additional loads during construction: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Service loads: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Long term dynamic wind loads: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Snow loads: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Other loads: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Requirement: Restrict site activities to ensure that design loads are not exceeded, or submit proposals for temporary supports.

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## PRODUCTS

### 330 UPSTAND PROTECTION MAT

- Manufacturer: Blackdown Greenroof, Street Ash Nursery, Combe St Nicholas, Chard, Somerset. TA20 3HZ. Tel: 01460 234582; Fax: 0845 076 0267.  
Web: [www.blackdown.co.uk](http://www.blackdown.co.uk).
  - Product reference: Blackdown 300UPF.
- Material: Blended polyester mat.
  - Thickness: 2mm
  - Weight: 300g/m<sup>2</sup>

### 340 MOISTURE RETENTION / PROTECTION MAT

- Manufacturer: Blackdown Greenroof, Street Ash Nursery, Combe St Nicholas, Chard, Somerset. TA20 3HZ. Tel: 01460 234582; Fax: 0845 076 0267.  
Web: [www.blackdown.co.uk](http://www.blackdown.co.uk).
  - Product reference: Blackdown PF300
- Material: Non-rotting, bitumen-compatible geotextile fleece-backed, recycled polypropylene mat.
  - Capacity: 2 l/m<sup>2</sup>

### 350 DRAINAGE LAYER

- Manufacturer: Blackdown Greenroof, Street Ash Nursery, Combe St Nicholas, Chard, Somerset. TA20 3HZ. Tel: 01460 234582; Fax: 0845 076 0267.  
Web: [www.blackdown.co.uk](http://www.blackdown.co.uk).
  - Product reference: 25DWR920
- Material: Thermoformed recycled polypropylene
  - Depth: 30 mm
  - Retention volume: 4.3 l/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Horizontal flow rate: 1.25 l/s/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Vertical flow rate: 8 l/s/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Mass/unit area (saturated): 5.97 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Compressive strength: 240 kN/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Size: 0.92 x 50m
- Infill: Not required.

### 360 FILTER MEMBRANE

- Manufacturer: Blackdown Greenroof, Street Ash Nursery, Combe St Nicholas, Chard, Somerset. TA20 3HZ. Tel: 01460 234582; Fax: 0845 076 0267.  
Web: [www.blackdown.co.uk](http://www.blackdown.co.uk).
  - Product reference: Blackdown FF120 Filter Sheet
- Material: Thermally-strengthened polypropylene.
  - Mass: 0.120 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

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### 360A SUBSTRATE RETENTION SYSTEM

- Manufacturer: Blackdown Greenroof, Street Ash Nursery, Combe St Nicholas, Chard, Somerset. TA20 3HZ. Tel: 01460 234582; Fax: 0845 076 0267.  
Web: [www.blackdown.co.uk](http://www.blackdown.co.uk)
  - Product reference: Blackdown RET40.
- Material: Recycled high/low density polypropylene
- Depth: 40 mm
- Accessories: interlocking pins

### 390 EXTENSIVE GROWING MEDIUM

- Manufacturer: Blackdown Greenroof, Street Ash Nursery, Combe St Nicholas, Chard, Somerset. TA20 3HZ. Tel: 01460 234582; Fax: 0845 076 0267.  
Web: [www.blackdown.co.uk](http://www.blackdown.co.uk)
  - Product reference: Blackdown Extensive Substrate.
- Material: Lightweight site formulated, mineral & expanded clay growing substrate. Mineral & organic substrate consisting of clean virgin crushed brick, expanded clay, organic matter bark compost & greenwaste.
- Depth: 50 mm (plus settlement allowance of 20%)
- Ameliorant/conditioner: Osmocote Pro 8-9 months fertiliser by Blackdown
  - Coverage: 25 gm/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Declaration of analysis: Submit.
- Parameters:
  - pH Value: 6.5 – 7.5
  - Density: 950kg/m<sup>3</sup> (dry); 1,200kg/m<sup>3</sup> (saturated)
- Supply: 1m<sup>3</sup> bulk bag or 25 litre sack.

### 390A IRRIGATION SYSTEM

- Manufacturer: Blackdown Greenroof, Street Ash Nursery, Combe St Nicholas, Chard, Somerset. TA20 3HZ. Tel: 01460 234582; Fax: 0845 076 0267.  
Web: [www.blackdown.co.uk](http://www.blackdown.co.uk)
  - Product reference: Pressure compensated leaky pipe irrigation system.
- Material: Polythene
  - Depth: laid between substrate & NatureMat®
  - Spacing: 500mm (spacing to be determined by reference to site requirements)

### 400 VEGETATION

- Manufacturer: Blackdown Greenroof, Street Ash Nursery, Combe St Nicholas, Chard, Somerset. TA20 3HZ. Tel: 01460 234582; Fax: 0845 076 0267.  
Web: [www.blackdown.co.uk](http://www.blackdown.co.uk)
  - Product reference: Blackdown NatureMat®.
- Planting mix: 18 random sedum species
- Thickness: 20mm
- Vegetation coverage: 95% minimum.
- Supply: 1.5m<sup>2</sup> roll.

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#### 430 INSPECTION CHAMBERS

- Manufacturer: Blackdown Greenroof, Street Ash Nursery, Combe St Nicholas, Chard, Somerset. TA20 3HZ. Tel: 01460 234582; Fax: 0845 076 0267.  
Web: [www.blackdown.co.uk](http://www.blackdown.co.uk).
  - Product reference: Standard base (BHC/DET/ICL).
  - Product reference: Lockable lid (BHC/DET/ICL).
- Material: Black, powder-coated steel
- Size: 300 x 300 mm
  - Standard base depth: 50 mm
- Access cover: Black, powder coated steel.
- Features: 500 x 500 mm flange attached for stability and to lap filter sheet
- Accessories:
  - Parapet base (BHC/DET/ICL-B-PARA) depth 100mm.
  - Interlocking extension collars 50mm (BHC/DET/ICL-S50), 75mm (BHC/DET/ICL-S75), 100mm (BHC/DET/ICL-S100) & 200mm (BHC/DET/ICL-S200)

#### 440 VEGETATION BARRIER

- Manufacturer: Blackdown Greenroof, Street Ash Nursery, Combe St Nicholas, Chard, Somerset. TA20 3HZ. Tel: 01460 234582; Fax: 0845 076 0267.  
Web: [www.blackdown.co.uk](http://www.blackdown.co.uk)
  - Product reference: Blackdown Pressed Concrete Slabs.
- Depth: 35 or 50mm
- Width: 300mm to external perimeter edge / 500mm to internal junctions and penetrations etc.
- Length: 600mm

### EXECUTION

#### 710 INSTALLATION GENERALLY

- Preparation: Clear all surfaces of debris.
  - Timing: After certification of waterproof membrane integrity.
  - Surface condition: Visually inspect waterproof membrane, report any damage.
- Faults in waterproof membrane: Report.
- Contamination: Do not use materials detrimental to healthy plant growth.
- Storage: Do not overload.
  - Point loads: Avoid.
- Outlets: Do not block.
  - Outlet grilles: Installed.

#### 720 ADVERSE WEATHER

- Unfinished work: Secure from damage and wind uplift.
- Conditions: Do not install or work with frozen materials.

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#### 750 UPSTAND PROTECTION MAT INSTALLATION

- Extent: Loose lay continuously around perimeter, upstands & penetrations.
- Joints: Minimize.
  - Overlaps (minimum): 150 mm.
- Upstands: Blackdown 300UPF fleece to fit closely around penetrations and outlets.

#### 760 MOISTURE RETENTION / PROTECTION MAT INSTALLATION

- Extent: Loose lay continuously over entire roof area.
- Joints: Minimize.
  - Overlaps (minimum): 150 mm.
- Upstands: Blackdown 300UPF fleece to fit closely around penetrations and outlets.

#### 770 DRAINAGE LAYER INSTALLATION

- Extent: Loose lay continuously over entire roof area.
- Fitting: Closely butt-joint boards.
- Upstands: Cut to fit closely around penetrations and outlets, using a heavy duty knife or small-toothed saw.

#### 780 FILTER MEMBRANE INSTALLATION

- Joints: Minimize.
  - Overlaps (minimum): 150 mm.
- Fitting: Loose laid

#### 780A SUBSTRATE RETENTION SYSTEM

- Extent: Loose lay continuously over entire roof area.
- Fitting: Closely butt-joint and locked together using supplied pins.

#### 790 GROWING MEDIUM INSTALLATION

- Handling: Minimize handling. Deliver to roof in small sacks, bulk bag or pump.
- Conditions: Handle in the driest condition possible. Do not handle or install when wet or frozen.
- Layers:
  - Depth: 50mm
  - Settlement factor: +20% post installation.
- Sequence: Gently firm each layer before spreading the next. Grading bars are recommended to achieve the correct depth. Gently firm each layer before spreading the next. Apply pre-formulated nutrient regime according to planting plan and rake in.

#### 800 VEGETATION INSTALLATION

- Handling NatureMat:
- Extent: Continuous over area to be planted.
- Timing: To be installed within 36 hours of delivery.
- Storage: Pallets containing the NatureMat must be stored in a cool and shaded area.
- Excessive stacking: Not permitted.

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- Laying blankets:
  - Dry, damaged, frosty or waterlogged blankets: Do not lay.
  - Orientation: Diagonal or perpendicular to slope of roof.
  - Joints: Stagger. Butt together or slightly overlap to prevent gaps. Do not stretch blankets.
  - Edges: Finish with whole blankets.
  - Consolidation: Firm as laying proceeds to ensure full contact with the growing medium. Do not use rollers.
- Dressing: Sedum vegetative material.
- Application: Brush in to fill joints.
- Watering:
  - Gently water following installation.
  - Keep growing medium moist until plants are established (typically a minimum of 6 to 8 weeks following installation)
  - Account for climatic variation and seasonality.

#### 830 INSPECTION CHAMBER INSTALLATION

- Location: Install centrally over drain outlet.
  - Orientation: Align parallel with adjacent features.
- Bedding: Position flanges on to crowns of drainage layer.
- Backfill: Ballast flanges with pebbles.
- Surround: 300 mm diameter circle / square of 20-40 mm round pebbles.

### COMPLETION

#### 910 INSPECTION

- Timing: Before handover.
  - Give notice (minimum): 3 days.

#### 920 COMPLETION

- General: Leave the works in a clean, tidy condition.
- Surfaces: Clean immediately before handover.
- Outlets: Clean and clear of obstructions.
- Completed green roof: Protect from adjacent or high level working.

#### 930 DOCUMENTATION

- Timing: Submit at handover.
- Contents:
  - Growing medium declaration of analysis.
  - Manufacturers' guarantees and warranties.
  - Procedures for maintenance of the green roof.
  - Record drawings showing the location of planting and associated features.

Number of copies: \_\_\_\_\_

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