

# VAPORBLOCK® PLUS™

## UNDERSLAB VAPOR RETARDER/GAS BARRIER INSTALLATION GUIDELINES WITH VAPORSEAL™ TAPE

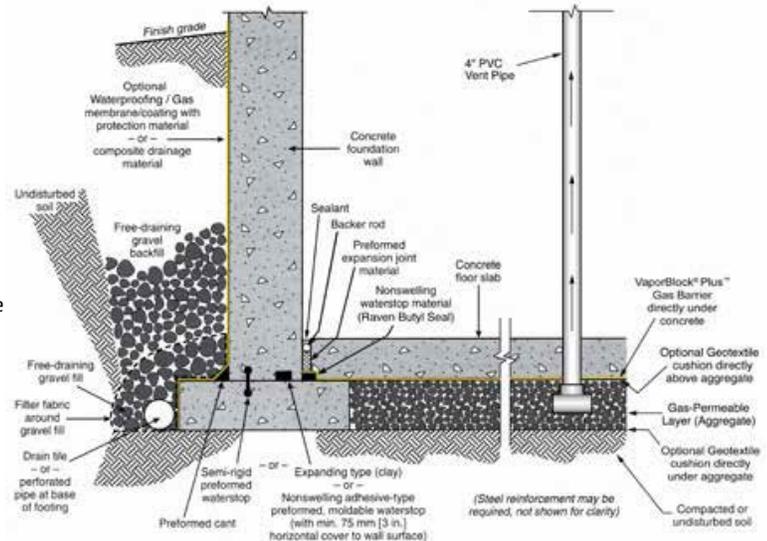
Please Note: Read these instructions thoroughly before installation to ensure proper use of VaporBlock® Plus™. ASTM E 1465, ASTM E 2121 and, ASTM E 1643 also provide valuable information regarding the installation of vapor / gas barriers.

When installing this product, contractors shall conform to all applicable local, state and federal regulations and laws pertaining to residential and commercial building construction.

- ▶ When VaporBlock® Plus™ gas barrier is used as part of an active control system for radon or other gas, a ventilation system will be required.
- ▶ If designed as a passive system, it is recommended to install a ventilation system that could be converted to an active system if needed.

### Materials List:

- ▶ VaporBlock® Plus™ Vapor / Gas Barrier
- ▶ Vapor 4" Seaming Tape
- ▶ Vapor 12" Seaming/Repair Tape
- ▶ Butyl Seal 2-Sided Tape
- ▶ VaporBoot Plus Pipe Boots 12/Box (recommended)
- ▶ VaporBoot Tape (optional)
- ▶ POUR-N-SEAL™ (optional)
- ▶ Mako® Screed Supports (optional)



Elements of a moisture/gas-resistant floor system. General illustration only. (Note: This example shows multiple options for waterstop placement.)



Fig. 1: VaporBlock Plus overlapping roll-out method

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1.1. Level and tamp or roll granular base as specified. A base for a gas reduction system may require a 4" to 6" gas permeable layer of clean coarse aggregate as specified by your architectural or structural drawings after installation of the recommended gas collection system. In this situation, a cushion layer consisting of a non-woven geotextile fabric placed directly under VaporBlock® Plus™ will help protect the barrier from damage due to possible sharp coarse aggregate.

1.2. Unroll VaporBlock® Plus™ running the longest dimension parallel with the direction of the pour and pull open all folds to full width. (Fig. 1)

1.3. Lap VaporBlock® Plus™ over the footings and seal with Butyl Seal tape at the footing-wall connection. Prime concrete surfaces, when necessary, and assure they are dry and clean prior to applying Butyl Seal Tape. Apply even and firm pressure with a rubber roller. Overlap joints a minimum of 6" and seal overlap with 4" VaporSeal™ Tape. When used as a gas barrier, overlap joints a minimum of 12" and seal in-between overlap with an optional 2-sided Butyl Seal Tape. Then seal with 4" Vapor Seaming Tape centered on the overlap seam. (Fig. 2)

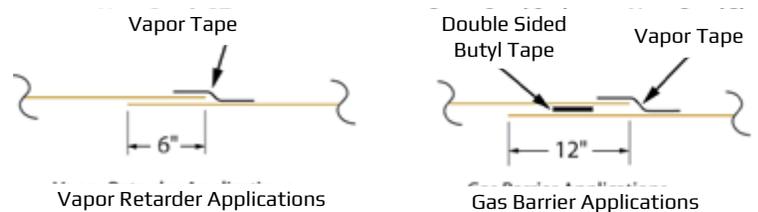


Fig. 2: VaporBlock Plus overlap joint sealing methods

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Reference: Kanare, Howard M., Concrete Floors and Moisture, EB119, Portland Cement Association, Skokie, Illinois, and National Ready Mixed Concrete Association, Silver Spring, Maryland, USA, 2008, 176 pages

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## SINGLE PENETRATION PIPE BOOT INSTALLATION

1.4. Seal around all plumbing, conduit, support columns or other penetrations that come through the VaporBlock® Plus™ membrane. Pipes four inches or smaller can be sealed with Raven VaporBoot Plus preformed pipe boots. VaporBoot Plus preformed pipe boots are formed in steps for 1", 2", 3" and 4" PVC pipe or IPS size and are sold in units of 12 per box (Fig. 3 & 5).

Pipe boots may also be fabricated from excess VaporBlock® Plus™ membrane (Fig. 4 & 6) and sealed with VaporBoot Tape or VaporBond Plus Tape (sold separately).

Reminder Note: All holes or penetrations through the membrane will need a patch cut to a minimum of 12" from the opening in all directions.

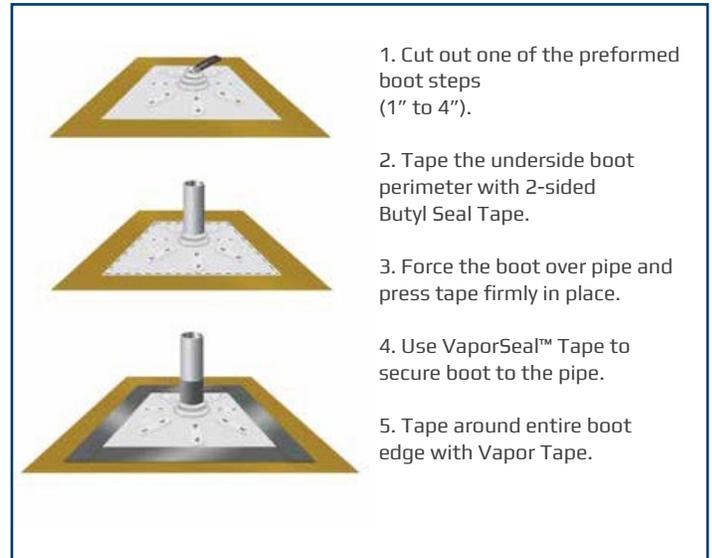
To fabricate pipe boots from VaporBlock® Plus™ excess material (see Fig. 4 & 6 for A-F):

- Cut a square large enough to overlap 12" in all directions.
- Mark where to cut opening on the center of the square and cut four to eight slices about 3/8" less than the diameter of the pipe.
- Force the square over the pipe leaving the tightly stretched cut area around the bottom of the pipe with approximately a 1/2" of the boot material running vertically up the pipe. (no more than a 1/2" of stretched boot material is recommended)
- Once boot is positioned, seal the perimeter to the membrane by applying 2-sided Raven Butyl Seal Tape in between the two layers. Secure boot down firmly over the membrane taking care not to have any large folds or creases.
- Use VaporBoot Tape or VaporBond Plus Tape to secure the boot to the pipe.

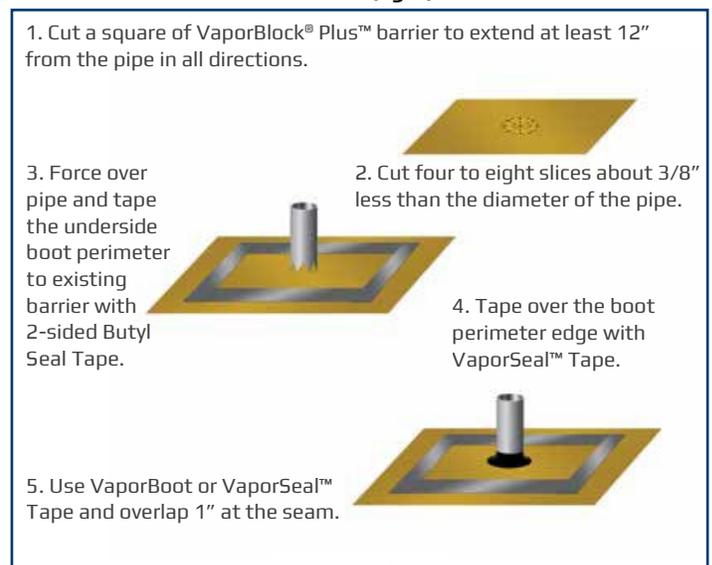
VaporBoot Tape (option) – fold tape in half lengthwise, remove half of the release liner and wrap around the pipe allowing 1" extra for overlap sealing. Peel off the second half of the release liner and work the tape outward gradually forming a complete seal.

VaporBond Plus Tape (option) - Tape completely around pipe overlapping the to get a tight seal against the pipe.

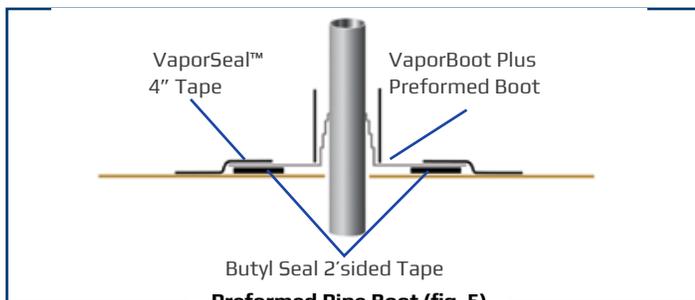
- Complete the process by taping over the boot perimeter edge with VaporBond Plus Tape to create a monolithic membrane between the surface of the slab and gas/moisture sources below and at the slab perimeter. (Fig. 4 & 6)



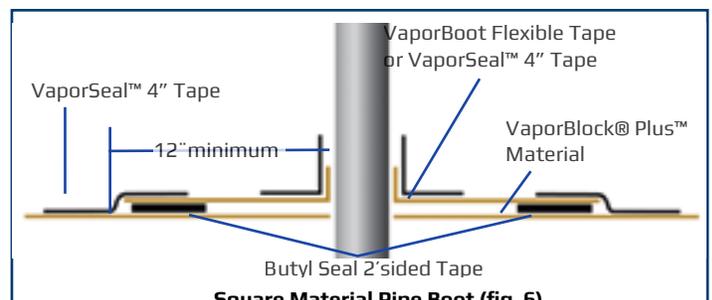
Method 1 (fig. 3)



Method 2 (fig. 4)



Preformed Pipe Boot (fig. 5)



Square Material Pipe Boot (fig. 6)

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## MULTIPLE PENETRATION PIPE BOOT INSTALLATION **OPTION 1**

### 1.5. Sealing side-by-side multiple penetrations (option 1);

- A. Cut a patch large enough to overlap 12" in all directions (Fig. 7) of penetrations.
- B. Mark where to cut openings and cut four to eight slices about 3/8" less than the diameter of the penetration for each.
- C. Force patch material over penetration to achieve a tight fit and form a lip.
- D. Once patch is positioned, seal the perimeter to the membrane by applying 2-sided Butyl Seal Tape in-between the two layers. (Fig. 8)
- E. After applying Butyl Seal Tape between the patch and membrane, tape around each of the penetrations and the patch with VaporBond Plus 4" foil tape. (Fig. 9) For additional protection apply an acceptable polyurethane elastomeric sealant around the penetrations. (Fig. 10)

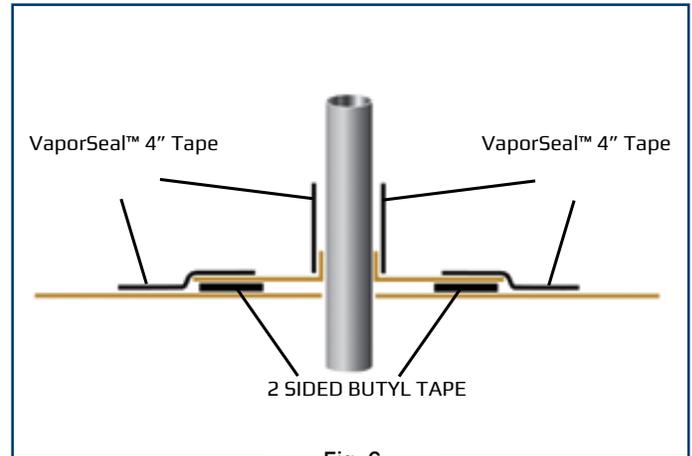


Fig. 6

- 1.6. Holes or openings through VaporBlock® Plus™ are to be repaired by cutting a piece of VaporBlock® Plus™ 12" larger in all directions from the opening. Seal the patch to the barrier with 2-sided Raven Butyl Seal Tape and seal the edges of the patch with VaporBond Plus Tape.

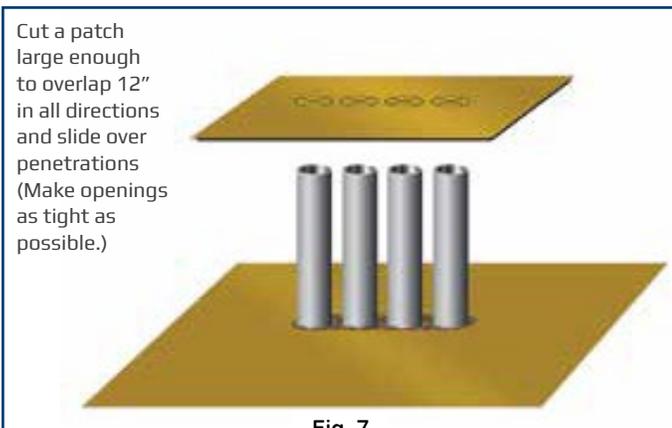


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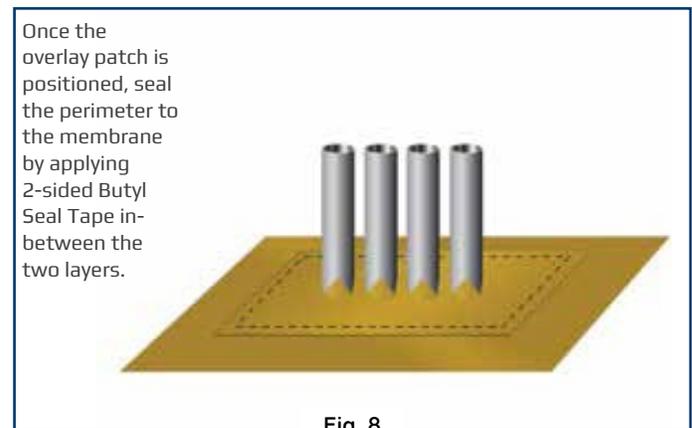


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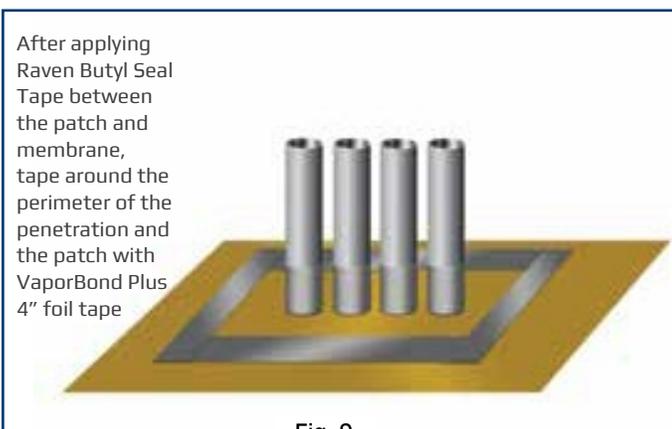


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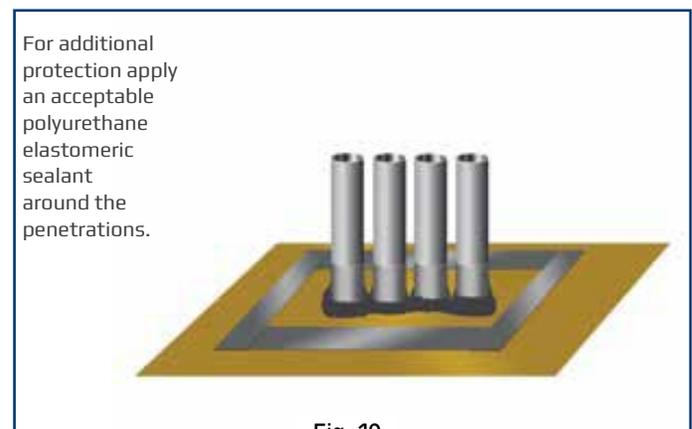


Fig. 10

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## MULTIPLE PENETRATION PIPE BOOT INSTALLATION **OPTION 2**

1.6. POUR-N-SEAL™ method of sealing side-by-side multiple penetrations (option 2);

- A. Install the vapor barrier as closely as possible to pipe penetrations to minimize the amount of POUR-N-SEAL™ necessary to seal around all penetrations.
- B. Once barrier is in place, remove soil or other particles with a dry cloth or a fine broom to allow for improved adhesion to the POUR-N-SEAL™ liquid.
- C. Create a dam around the penetration area approximately 2" away from the pipe or other vertical penetrations by removing the release liner from the back of a 1" weather stripping foam and adhere to the vapor barrier. Form a complete circle to contain the POUR-N-SEAL™ materials (Fig. 11).
- D. Once mixed, pour contents around the pipe penetrations. If needed, a brush or a flat wooden stick can be used to direct the sealant completely around penetrations creating a complete seal (Fig. 12-13).
- E. **DO NOT** leave excess POUR-N-SEAL™ in plastic container for longer than the time it takes to pour sealant.

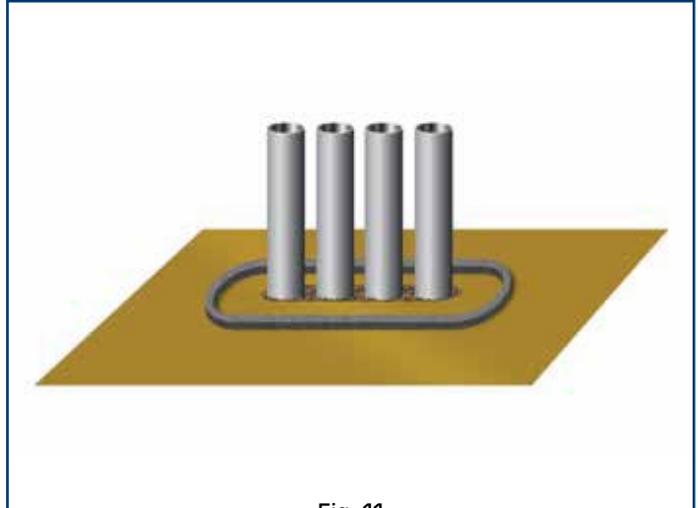


Fig. 11

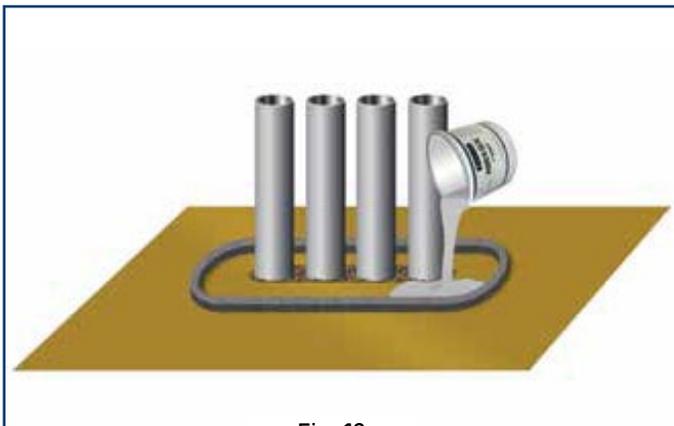


Fig. 12



Fig. 14

## VAPORBLOCK® PLUS™ REPAIR INSTRUCTIONS

1.7. Proper installation requires all holes and openings are repaired prior to placing concrete. When patching small holes, simply cut a 12" long piece of 12" wide VaporSeal™ tape. Remove release liner and center over the opening. Apply pressure to create a seal (Fig. 14-15).

1.8. When installing VaporBlock® Plus™ around pipe penetrations, vertical columns, electrical ducts and other obstructions, you will find it necessary to cut it to the nearest outside edge. This cut can be easily sealed with 12" wide VaporSeal™ tape, by simply centering it over the cut, 6" on either side. Once the tape is placed correctly, apply pressure to assure a complete seal (Fig. 16).

*Reminder Note: All holes or penetrations through the membrane will need to be patched with 12" VaporSeal™ Tape.*



Fig. 11



Fig. 11

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## UNDERSLAB VAPOR RETARDER/GAS BARRIER PROTECTION

- 2.1. When installing reinforcing steel and utilities, in addition to the placement of concrete, take precaution to protect VaporBlock® Plus™. Carelessness during installation can damage the most puncture-resistant membrane. Sheets of plywood cushioned with geotextile fabric temporarily placed on VaporBlock® Plus™ provide additional protection in high traffic areas including concrete buggies.
- 2.2. Use only brick-type or chair-type reinforcing bar supports to protect VaporBlock® Plus™ from puncture.
- 2.3. Avoid driving stakes through VaporBlock® Plus™. If this cannot be avoided, each individual hole must be repaired per section 1.7.
- 2.4. To avoid penetrating VaporBlock® Plus™ when installing screed supports, utilize non-penetrating support, such as the Mako® Screed Support System (Fig. 17). Avoid driving stakes through VaporBlock® Plus™. If this cannot be avoided, each individual hole must be repaired per figures 14-15.
- 2.5. If a cushion or blotter layer is required in the design between VaporBlock® Plus™ and the slab, additional care should be given if sharp crushed rock is used. Washed rock will provide less chance of damage during placement. Care must be taken to protect blotter layer from precipitation before concrete is placed.

VaporBlock® Plus™ Gas & Moisture Barrier can be identified on site as gold/white in color printed in black ink with following logo and classification listing (Fig. 18)

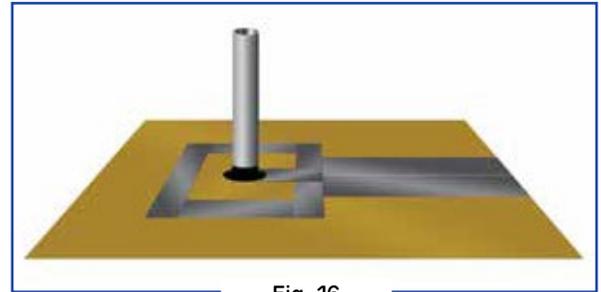


Fig. 16



Fig. 17



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Fig. 18

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