

KOVARA®

Moisture Barrier Products

Sheet underlayments for protection of flooring assemblies against moisture and alkalinity

KOVARA® moisture barriers are designed to be installed onto concrete floor slabs and below floor coverings to protect these materials – as well as their adhesives – from any staining, warping, or mold resulting from moisture and alkaline salts infiltrating through the concrete slab.



KOVARA® moisture barrier products include:

- **KOVARA® MBX** membrane protects against alkalinity and moisture in concrete slabs **up to 99.5%** relative humidity.
- **KOVARA® 95** membrane protects against alkalinity and moisture in concrete slabs **up to 95%** relative humidity.

A Quicker and Easier Way to Protect Floors

KOVARA® moisture barriers are applied using a roll-and-tape installation process with minimal prep time and no cure time. This allows for a faster, simpler, and cleaner installation process than epoxy and other liquid moisture mitigation barriers.

Benefits for KOVARA® moisture barriers include:

- **Reduced labor costs and improved project capacity**
- **Less downtime and business disruption**
- **No shotblasting required; self-leveling needed only for uneven floors**
- **Does not support mold or mildew growth**

KOVARA® moisture barriers have been installed in over 50 million square feet of building space and are backed by a 10-year limited replacement warranty. Complete warranty information can be found at traxxcorp.com or by contacting a TRAXX Corporation sales representative.

Approved Floor Coverings

The following products have been approved for KOVARA® moisture barrier installations.

- Carpet tile
- VCT-vinyl composition tile
- SVT-solid vinyl tile
- LVT/LVP-luxury vinyl tile/luxury vinyl plank
- SDT-static dissipative tile
- Laminate flooring
- Ceramic tile
- Porcelain tile
- Natural stone
- Broadloom carpet
- Woven synthetic-backed stretch-in, double glue and direct glue carpet
- PVC backed carpet
- Urethane foam backed carpet
- Compressed urethane backed carpet
- Recycled backed carpet
- Engineered wood-floating or direct glue
- Bamboo

The following specialty floors require review of existing conditions and use to ensure the best installation.

- Commercial and residential sheet vinyl flooring
- Rubber flooring
- Resilient sports flooring
- Wood court flooring

Please contact TRAXX Corporation for a warranty registration form or any other questions. For any products not listed, contact TRAXX Corporation for additional information.

KOVARA® Moisture Barrier Installation

Review complete installation instructions on traxxcorp.com for information on substrate preparation, membrane installation, and finished flooring installation prior to installing KOVARA® MBX or KOVARA® 95 products.

KOVARA® Moisture Barrier Physical Properties

	Testing Method	Typical Values
Roll size	-	5' x 144' (720 sq. ft.)
KOVARA® MBX basic weight	ASTM D2646	12.5 lbs. per 100 sq. ft.
KOVARA® 95 basic weight	ASTM D2646	11.5 lbs. per 100 sq. ft.
KOVARA® MBX thickness	ASTM D5729	28.0 mils
KOVARA® 95 thickness	ASTM D5729	24.0 mils
KOVARA® MBX permeance	ASTM E96	<0.1 perms
KOVARA® 95 permeance	ASTM E96	<0.1 perms
Maximum PH allowed	-	12
Fungi and mold resistance	ASTM G21-15	Does not sustain mold growth
Flammability	ASTM D2859-96	Passes
Dimensional stability	ASTM D7570	Passes
Radiant panel	ASTM E648-10	Passes class I
Smoke density	NFPA 258	<450
Residual indentation	ASTM F970	Meets most floor covering requirements

KOVARA® is now a TRAXX moisture mitigation product.

Visit traxxcorp.com for additional information about moisture barriers.

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