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- Cooling roofs with reflective paint or membranes (Cool Roofs)
- Cooling urban pavement surfaces, including terraces (Cool Pavements)

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**Roofs and the heat island effect**

![Graph showing urban heat island effect](image)

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**SOLAR REFLECTANCE INDEX**

**WHITE REFLEX and WHITE REFLEX Fire Resistant**

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• LIVESTOCK SHEDS
The materials and system offered by Index contribute not only to the wellbeing of human users but also to that of livestock in intensive farming applications, which generally use lightweight shed roofs which transmit heat due to sunshine directly into the interior.
Metal roofs are very common, and corrugated fibre cement roofs are even more so; the latter are often made of asbestos cement which can be remediated with INDEX systems (see “Specification 12 – Rehabilitating asbestos cement roofs”). The roofs often also provide poor quality thermal insulation and combining reflective coatings with insulation increase the roof’s performance even in the winter, by reducing its thermal dispersion.
In upgrading livestock shed roofs the benefits of a cool roof are experienced by the livestock itself, which is affected by heat stress in the summer, since it is very difficult to control the micro-climate in the shed due to the metabolic heat generated by the animals themselves.
This is an application of considerable economic importance, since heat stress in the summer can be injurious to the animals, degrading both their health and fertility, the quality and productivity of hens and the milk production of cows, as well as reducing the growth of rabbits, cattle and swine.
For an example, see the following graphs, which show how the productivity of swine (20 - 90 kg), laying hens and milk cows varies with the ambient temperature.

Examples of livestock shed cool roofs
For painting roofs which do not require REMEDIATION (in contrast with asbestos cement roofs): corrugated or trapezoidal metal panels, corrugated fibre cement panels or corrugated bituminous fibre panels, use WHITE REFLEX, WHITE REFLEX Fire Resistant or WHITE REFLEX ULTRA.
Energy requalification of livestock shed roofs

The “Stability Law” 2016 (law n. 208, 28 December 2015) extended the tax deduction of 65% for energy requalification of buildings to 31 December 2016. From 1 January 2017, the incentive will be replaced by the tax deduction of 36% for restoration projects.

For thermally insulating corrugated fibre cement roofs, use ISOLONDULA thermal insulation panels, themselves protected by a slatted waterproofing layer to which WHITE REFLEX, WHITE REFLEX Fire Resistant or WHITE REFLEX Ultra ultrareflective coating may be applied.

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Remediation of asbestos cement and energy requalification with cool roofs

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The attestation of the environmental quality of a building in relation to a specific protocol is a tool for assessing the environmental impact of the building in a holistic manner. LEED certification, which was devised in the USA, is a voluntary initiative which has become widespread all over the world. It is promoted in our country by the GBC Italia, whose main aim is to encourage sustainable building on the Italian market through the LEED system, developed over more than 10 years’ experience by USGBC. In this sense GBC Italia is aiming to make use of the result of the work carried out by USGBC in the USA and adapt the various aspects tackled by it to the Italian situation.

The American experience has led to the development of environmental protocols for sustainable public buildings in Italy as well, for instance:

- The ITACA protocol (iSBE Italia, SB Tool, Associazione delle Regioni Italiane) approved 15 January 2004 by the Conferenza delle Regioni e delle Province Autonome (Conference of Regions and Autonomous Provinces), now enacted as UNI/PdR 13.1:2015

### Limit environmental protocol values for COOL ROOFS

WHITE REFLEX and WHITE REFLEX ULTRA satisfy both:
- Reflectance on bituminous surfaces of 0.82 for WHITE REFLEX, 0.83 for WHITE REFLEX Fire Resistant and 0.86 for WHITE REFLEX Ultra, certified by the EELab of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, creates a cool roof which satisfies the solar reflectance criteria for both flat and pitched roofs as demanded by Annex 1 of Italian Inter-ministerial Legislative Decree 26/06/2015 enacted on 01/10/2015, solar reflectance no less than:
  - 0.65 for flat roofs
  - 0.30 for pitched roofs.

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  - of the CAM of the National Action Plan for Green Public Procurement (PAN-GPP) of Ministerial Decree 24 December 2015 enacted on 2 February 2016, point 2.2.3 Reduction of impact on the micro-climate and of atmospheric pollution - Waterproof surfaces: of which requires that high Solar Reflectance Index materials must be used, as follows:
    - Roofs must have an SRI of at least 29, for slopes of more than 15%, and at least 75 for slopes of no more than 15%.
    - The requisites of the ITACA protocol - UNI/PdR 13.1:2015, point C. 6.8, Heat Island Effect, of which demands an SRI of at least:
      - 78 for flat surfaces or surfaces sloping by no more than 8.5°;
      - 29 for sloping surfaces with slope greater than 8.5°.

### CERTIFICATION OF SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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- The requisites of the LEED protocol – GBC ITALY, HOME RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS short 2015 under item SS CREDIT 5 – HEAT ISLAND EFFECT, GREEN ROOFS OR HIGH REFLECTANCE ROOFS. Create an extensive green roof covering or use roofing materials with a Solar Reflectance Index (SRI), measured 3 years after installation, equal to or greater than the values indicated in the table below over a minimum of 75% of the roof surface. If information about the SRI 3 years after installation is not available, materials with an initial SRI may be used.
The trend of architecture for sustainable building is not limited to the design of a “conservative” envelope from an energy point of view, but current design research intends to make the building envelope perform an “active” energy role. Flat roofs allow substantial freedom in the orientation of the installations for solar collection both for solar thermal power and photovoltaic solar power. WHITE REFLEX, WHITE REFLEX Fire Resistant and WHITE REFLEX Ultra coatings, with a double effect, also provide a significant increase in the energy performance of the photovoltaic solar panels to be installed on the flat roof, both because they reduce the temperature of the covering and therefore increase the performance of the panels which are more efficient if they work at a lower heat regime, and because they increase the diffused and reflected light which is added to that collected by direct radiation.

**Sunlight**

The total sunlight incident on the photovoltaic module has three components: direct, diffuse and reflected. The direct sunlight is that part of the light that strikes the module directly, for instance during cloudless days. The diffuse sunlight is that portion of the direct radiation which is diffused as it passes through clouds and airborne particles, so that the module generates energy even on cloudy days, although to a lesser extent. The reflected sunlight is that portion of the sunlight which is reflected towards the module by its surroundings, for instance when the roof is covered with snow. The reflected radiation thus depends on the material surrounding the module, so that the output of the panel can be increased by taking suitable action.

Using a WHITE REFLEX coating, which keeps the waterproof covering at around 40°C, reduces the temperature of the rigid crystalline silica module by 10 - 20°C, thus increasing its output by 3 - 8%. The output of photovoltaic panels increases with the brightness of the environment. WHITE REFLEX reflective coating increases the albedo and thus improves the output of photovoltaic panels. The combination of the two effects results in an estimated increase in the output of conventional photovoltaic panels (made of crystalline or polycrystalline cells) of 4 - 10%. To demonstrate and validate the above assertion, INDEX initiated, in July 2007, a series of on-site trials and laboratory tests in collaboration with the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. In addition to adhesion tests on the most various surfaces, specific tests were run to determine the increase in power generation due to the presence of a reflective surface treated with WHITE REFLEX. From April (when the WHITE REFLEX was applied), the power generation of a photovoltaic system with crystalline silica cells on a 700 m² roof was monitored to compare the results before and after the cooling and reflective treatment with WHITE REFLEX.

The comparison was run for 5 months (May to September) in 2009 (untreated roof with exposed black bituminous covering), and 2010 (after treatment). To obtain an approximate evaluation, the data were compared in consideration of the actual sunlight during the period as recorded in the weather logs of San Giovanni in Marignano (RN). The calculations, once days of heavy rain were excluded and days with bad weather events calculated at half generation capacity, made it immediately clear that despite a considerable increase in precipitation (in May 2010), the system maintained constant power generation throughout the 5 month period. The last column gives the data of greatest significance for the study: the power production (as power generated per days of sunshine) increased by approximately 8%. In conclusion, one could also run a commercial assessment, by quantifying the economic benefits due to the presence of WHITE REFLEX ultrareflective coating. Given the approximate nature of the data (the period and intensity of radiation are not precisely known) and having assessed the deterioration and loss of output of the system itself (the manufacturers indicate that performance drops primarily in the very early period of operation), if we consider the power produced as the sum of potentially commercial energy and that not demanded from the grid, the system would have generated around 8,400 Watts more, which is almost sufficient to cover the costs of supplying and installing the coating. We can therefore conclude by saying that the coating pays for itself within a year and runs at a profit thereafter.

**WHITE REFLEX Fire Resistant**

On the roofs of buildings in which activities subject to fire prevention control are being run, the requirements of the enclosed Guide for the installation of photovoltaic systems, those of the bulletin regarding the fire requisites for photovoltaic systems installed on the roofs of buildings in which activities subject to fire prevention control are run must be observed, as issued by the Fire Department of the Ministry of the Interior on 7/2/2012 and the subsequent explanatory bulletin dated 4/5/2012 – Annex B case 3a.

In such case, conforming to case 3a, as upper layer of the waterproof covering, it is better to lay a membrane resistant to external fire, classified as B roof according to UNI EN 13501-5:2009 based on the results of the exposure tests of the roofs to an external fire, pursuant to UNI ENV 1187:2007. This type of membrane, while it has a reflective finish, is not able to match the solar reflectance of WHITE REFLEX and WHITE REFLEX ULTRA coatings, but the latter may not be used on fire certified membranes, since they would have to be tested and certified for reaction to fire together with the membrane and included in the same certificate to be accepted by the Fire Department. For these reasons, we have developed WHITE REFLEX Fire Resistant which has the same solar reflectance prerogatives as WHITE REFLEX and is also fire resistant.

- **WHITE REFLEX Fire Resistant** coating has been certified Bclass(2) per UNI EN 13501-5:2016 by the Istituto Giordano: applied to an EPS 50 mm non-fire resistant panel of density 20 kg/m³, with non-reinforced Velo Vetro (45 g/m²) for asphalt installers between the two layers. With this classification, the product is suited to use on any kind of surface, combustible or incombustible, so long as its density is greater than 15 kg/m³. - It has also been certified fire resistant Bclass(2) per UNI EN 13501-5:2016 at the "LAP" fire prevention laboratory: applied to MINERAL LIGHTERFLEX HPCP 20 P 4.5 mm membrane. This is a high quality membrane which creates a covering whose service life is adequate to a roof with a photovoltaic system.

**WHITE REFLEX Fire Resistant** has been certified in an system of layers consisting of application of 500 g/m² of WHITE REFLEX Fire Resistant to MINERAL LIGHTERFLEX HPCP 20 P 4.5 mm waterproof membrane, which may be applied to an existing roof to renovate the old bituminous waterproofing layer prior to installation of the photovoltaic panels are installed, or on ISOLONDULA or ISOLGRECA in case of energy requalification of the roof of a livestock shed equipped with a photovoltaic system. The system composed of membrane and coating has been tested on expanded polystyrene; the resulting Bclass(2)
**METHOD OF USE**

- **SURFACE PREPARATION**
  Surfaces must be clean, dry and free from impurities or old paint. They must also be washed with water to remove the water-soluble reddish dust and any loose talc residues (1). For new, talced and sanded membranes, it is essential to prime the surface with PREPAINT, as indicated in its technical data sheet. PREPAINT is a fixer and insulator which allows unseasoned bitumen polymer membranes to be coated.

- **APPLICATION**
  Apply the first coat after diluting it with water (around 10%); apply the second coat to the completely dry surface (at least 6 hours). The amount of dilution depends on the type of surface and the environmental conditions. Always apply two coats, preferably in a crosswise pattern. The product can be applied with a brush, roller, large brush or spray gun. The surfaces must be pitched sufficiently to drain rainwater. WHITE REFLEX, WHITE REFLEX Fire Resistant and WHITE REFLEX Ultra are not suited to flat surfaces with lengthy stagnation of water. Over time, as well as reducing the adhesion of the paint, stagnant water leads to the accumulation of dirt and hence a reduction in the reflectance and performance of the solar-reflective panels. To keep the reflectance and therefore the efficiency high, periodic maintenance of the surfaces is recommended, with a visual inspection and removal of the dirt by washing with a water jet cleaner.
  
  For application on metal sheet roofs, apply a coat of JOINT DECK gripping primer first, according to the methods indicated in the relative technical data sheet.
  
  When applying on concrete, any holes, cavities or cracks must be evened up using RESISTO UNIFIX mortar. Apply a first coat insulating sealant, diluting the product with 30% of water. If the surfaces are particularly porous and powdery, apply PRIMER FIX or BETON PRIMER S acrylic primer, as detailed in the respective technical data sheets. The application on curved or other roof tiles will follow the same procedures as for concrete, and in this case a spray application is recommended (2).

- **CONSUMPTION**
  The product’s consumption depends on the nature and porosity of the underlying surface. The consumption per coat, on aged smooth membranes is about 200-300 g/m²; whereas on slated membranes, it is about 350-450 g/m².

- **PRECAUTIONS**
  Apply only to surfaces with proper run-off, do not use on surfaces on which water collects and stagnates, subject to high water counterthrust or to water under pressure.
  
  - Do not apply on wet or damp surfaces.
  - Do not use for tanks, cellars or drains subject to high water counterthrust or to water under pressure.
  - Do not use the product for surfaces or containers in contact with liquids for human consumption, drinking water or which may come into contact with solvents or mineral oils.
  - Mix the product well before applying.
  - Keep the containers sealed before use.
  - Apply at temperatures between +5°C and +35°C. Extreme conditions of heat and cold must be avoided during application. Do not apply if the temperature is likely to drop below +5°C while the paint film is drying. Do not apply on very hot substrates because the paint filming process would be unduly accelerated with negative consequences on the cohesion and adhesion of the product to the substrate.
  - Do not apply in very humid conditions or if it threatens to rain while the film is still drying.
  - Apply the second coat only when the first coat is perfectly dry.
  - The product cannot be walked on except for routine maintenance.
  - New, freshly applied bituminous surfaces usually have superficial ‘outcrops’ of hydrocarbons, which prevent the coating from adhering perfectly. You are recommended to apply the product to the surface no earlier than 6 months after they have been laid, which should be long enough to eliminate such ‘outcrops’. Sometimes 6 months waiting is not always sufficient and we therefore advise you to assess the surface before applying the product by carrying out experimental tests using sticky tape in order to evaluate the amount of dirt present and feasibly the level of adhesion (the tests are described in the booklet entitled “Waterproofing Guide”). If the surface is dirty, clean by brushing and washing with water. For new, talced and sanded membranes, if you cannot wait for the membrane to season or if there is talc residue or surface outcrops, it is essential to prime the surface with PREPAINT, as indicated in its technical data sheet. - Slated membranes may be coated immediately after installation even without using the fixer, once the surface has been thoroughly cleaned. - Membranes with fabric finish (textilflama) must be coated immediately after installation.
  - The product applied onto polymer-bitumen membranes placed on insulation packs, may over time form surface micro-cracking. This, however, will not affect the waterproofing in any way.
  - After use, clean tools with water and, if the product has already dried, we advise you to use white spirit or hot water to remove it.
  - The product is subject to freezing; store at temperatures >+5°C.

**CERTIFICATIONS**

- Istituto Giordano certification
- FIRE REACTION CLASSIFICATION REPORT (EU): B_sof(2)
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**CLASSIFICATION**

- Fire resistance classification in accordance with UNI EN 13501-5:2016
- RAPPORTO DI CLASSIFICAZIONE N. 341629

**DESCRIPTION OF INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS FROM THE FACE EXPOSED TO FIRE**

- **Surface density**: 16 kg/m², so that it can be applied: to old and new bituminous coverings, on any kind of thermal insulation of density ≥16 kg/m²; on wooden substrates; on concrete substrates; on metal substrates; on bituminous substrates; etc.
- **Thickness**: 0.5 mm, 1.5 mm.
- **Surface roughness**: 0.7, 650.[/latex]
- **Color**: White, white, white, black.
- **Material**: Reflective white paint resistant to fire, applicable to both sides of a glass veil. (Test report No. 341628 del 28/04/2017)

**METROPOLE SCALE SAVINGS (MILLIONS)$**

- The graph shows the potential urban energy saving in some large US cities if the roofs of the residential and commercial buildings were painted with paints such as WHITE REFLEX.
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### Duration over time

Solar reflectance tends to diminish over time due to the deposition of dust and dirt onto the white surface. Measurements taken at laboratories of research institutes indicate a fall in the solar reflectance of WHITE REFLEX of about 10% after two years of exposure to the open air. These results are in line with studies conducted at authoritative research institutes:

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Test conditions: temperature 23±2°C, 50±5% R.H. and air velocity in test area <0.2 m/s. These parameters may vary based on the specific conditions of the worksite.

### PACKAGING

- 20-kg Bucket

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