

# TL-0031 — Compatibility of Other Primers and Surface Treatments with BITUTHENE<sup>®</sup> Membranes Technical Letter

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BITUTHENE<sup>®</sup> waterproofing membranes are specifically formulated to perform as a system with BITUTHENE<sup>®</sup> accessory products, for example the BITUTHENE<sup>®</sup> System 4000 Surface Conditioner and the BITUTHENE<sup>®</sup> family of primers. Extensive research and development efforts have been undertaken to assure that all components of the BITUTHENE<sup>®</sup> waterproofing systems are chemically compatible when used according to GCP printed instructions and recommendations.

Use of non GCP primers and surface treatments along with BITUTHENE<sup>®</sup> membranes is not recommended by GCP.

Use of these may result in field compatibility problems during and after the BITUTHENE<sup>®</sup> membrane installation, to include but not limited to:

- Use of competitive primers with BITUTHENE<sup>®</sup> Membranes have been observed to cause the membrane to gradually peel off a vertical wall, even though the initial adhesion of the membrane to the primed wall appeared to be excellent.
- Long term compatibility problems may occur.
- Chemicals within other primers and surface treatments may attack the rubberized asphalt adhesive of the BITUTHENE<sup>®</sup> Membrane and lower the adhesion of the membrane to the structure, jeopardizing the performance of the waterproofing system.

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