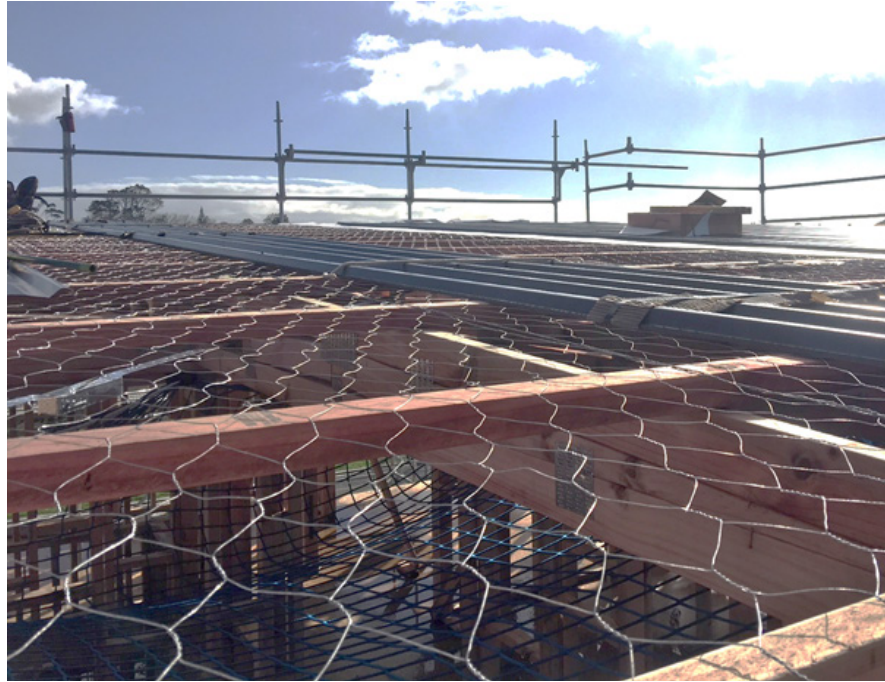




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THERMAKRAFT AUSNET HEXAGONAL WIRE MESH

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Product

- 1.1 Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh is a galvanised steel wire mesh for use on timber and steel framing to support roof underlays. Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh can also be used to support foils and insulation. The mesh is manufactured from 1 mm diameter galvanised steel wire forming a nominal 50 mm and 75 mm hexagonal mesh.

Scope

- 2.1 Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh has been appraised as a roof underlay support, and also a foil and insulation support on buildings within the following scope:
 - the scope limitations of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 1.1 with regards to building height and floor plan area; and
 - with a roof pitch not less than 3°; and
 - with profiled metal roof cladding; and
 - with masonry tile roof cladding; and
 - with metal tile roof cladding; and
 - situated in NZS 3604 Wind Zones up to, and including, Extra High.

Building Regulations

New Zealand Building Code (NZBC)

- 3.1 In the opinion of BRANZ, Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh, if designed, used, installed and maintained in accordance with the statements and conditions of this Appraisal, will meet or contribute to meeting the following provisions of the NZBC:

Clause B2 DURABILITY: Performance B2.3.1 [a], 50 years, B2.3.1[b] 15 years and B2.3.2. Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh meets these requirements. See Paragraphs 9.1-9.3.

Clause E2 EXTERNAL MOISTURE: Performance E2.3.2. Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh will contribute to meeting this requirement. See Paragraphs 10.1 and 10.2.

Clause F2 HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS: Performance F2.3.1. Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh meets this requirement and will not present a health hazard to people.



Technical Specification

- 4.1 Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh is manufactured from 1 mm diameter galvanised steel wire forming a nominal 50 mm and 75 mm hexagonal mesh. Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh is supplied in rolls 2 m wide x 25 and 50 m long.

Accessories

- 4.2 Accessories used with Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh supplied by the building contractor:
- **Fixings for timber frame** – stainless steel staples, galvanised flat head clouts or fencing batten staples that are at least 25 mm in length.
 - **Fixings for steel frame** – Class 4 to AS 3566.2 requirements or stainless steel self-tapping screws.

Handling and Storage

- 5.1 Handling and storage of the product, whether on or off site, is under the control of the installer. The rolls must be protected from damage and weather. They must be stored on end, under cover, in clean, dry conditions and must not be crushed.

Technical Literature

- 6.1 Refer to the Appraisals listing on the BRANZ website for details of the current Technical Literature for Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh. The Technical Literature must be read in conjunction with this Appraisal. All aspects of design, use, installation and maintenance contained in the Technical Literature and within the scope of this Appraisal must be followed.

Design Information

General

- 7.1 Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh is intended for use as a roof underlay support to limit the entry of wind into the roof cavity, and to assist in the moisture management of the roof cladding system.
- 7.2 Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh is suitable for use at roof pitches 3° and above, over timber or steel framed roof structures. Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh can be installed vertically or horizontally and must span no greater than 1,200 mm in one direction.
- 7.3 Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh is suitable for use as a roof underlay support in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1 Paragraph 8.1.5.1.
- 7.4 Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh may also be suitable for use as a roof underlay support for curved roof assemblies. Curved roof assemblies are not covered by the NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1 and therefore are the subject of specific design and are outside the scope of this Appraisal.
- 7.5 Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh is suitable for use as a support for foil pliable membranes and bulk thermal insulation in accordance with their manufacturer's instructions.
- 7.6 Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh is not suitable for, and must not be used as a safety mesh.

Structure

- 8.1 Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh is suitable for use in all Wind Zones of NZS 3604 up to, and including, Extra High.



Durability

- 9.1 Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh meets code compliance with NZBC Clause B2.3.1 [a], not less than 50 years for roof underlay support used where the roof cladding durability requirement or expected serviceable life is not less than 50 years, e.g. under masonry roof tile cladding, and code compliance with NZBC Clause B2.3.1 [b], 15 years for roof underlays used where the roof cladding durability requirement is 15 years.

Serviceable Life

- 9.2 Provided the roof cladding is maintained in accordance with the cladding manufacturer's instructions and the roof cladding remains weather resistant, Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh is expected to have a serviceable life equal to that of the roof cladding.
- 9.3 For applications in commercial and industrial buildings where the wire mesh is exposed, the serviceable life will be dependent on the interior environment.

External Moisture

- 10.1 Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh is appraised for use under roof underlays and claddings that meet the requirements of the NZBC, such as those covered by NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1.
- 10.2 Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh, when installed in accordance with the Technical Literature and this Appraisal, will assist in the total cladding system's compliance with NZBC Clause E2.

Installation Information

Installation Skill Level Requirements

- 11.1 Installation must always be carried out in accordance with the Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh Technical Literature and this Appraisal by, or under the supervision of, a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP) with the relevant Licence Class.

System Installation

Underlay Installation

- 12.1 When used as an underlay support, Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh must be run continuously across roof rafters, top truss chords or across purlins and be fixed in place. Joining between cut lengths of mesh along roof rafters, truss chords or purlins must NOT be carried out as sharp cut wire edges can pierce or puncture the roof underlay.
- 12.2 The installation direction of Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh must be the same as the underlay direction. For example, if the underlay is installed from the top point of the roof to the lowest point [vertically] then the AUSNET hexagonal mesh will need to follow the same direction.
- 12.3 When used as an underlay support for profiled metal cladding systems, Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh is located over the purlins.
- 12.4 When used as an underlay support for masonry or metal tile cladding systems, Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh is located under the tile battens, over the rafter or roof truss.
- 12.5 When used as a support for foil or insulation, the placement of Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh is in accordance with the instructions of the foil or insulation supplier.
- 12.6 To fix Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh onto timber framing, stainless steel staples, galvanised flat head clouts or fencing batten staples that are at least 25 mm long in length are used.
- 12.7 To fix Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh onto steel framing, Class 4 or stainless steel self-tapping screws are used. Note, the self-tapping screw must project through the steel frame by at least 10 mm.
- 12.8 Adequate fixing must be used to fully support the mesh. The fixing location must NOT be directly through the mesh's wire twist points as this can result in damaging the steel wire.



Inspections

- 12.9 The Technical Literature must be referred to during the inspection of Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh installations.

Basis of Appraisal

The following is a summary of the technical investigations carried out:

Tests

- 13.1 Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh has been tested in accordance with Appendix E of AS/NZS 4534: 2006 to determine the coating mass for the steel wire in grams per square metre.

Other Investigations

- 14.1 A durability opinion has been provided by BRANZ technical experts.
14.2 The practicability of installation of Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh has been assessed by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.
14.3 The Technical Literature, including installation instructions, has been examined by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.

Quality

- 15.1 The manufacture of Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh has been examined by BRANZ, the details of the methods adopted for quality control and the quality of the materials used, have been obtained and found to be satisfactory.
15.2 The quality of supply to the market is the responsibility of Thermakraft Limited.
15.3 Building designers are responsible for the design of the building, and for the incorporation of the wire mesh into their design in accordance with the instructions of Thermakraft Limited.
15.4 Quality of installation is the responsibility of the installer in accordance with the instructions of Thermakraft Limited.

Sources of Information

- AS 1397: 2011 Continuous hot-dip metallic coated steel sheet and strip-Coatings of zinc and zinc alloyed with aluminium and magnesium.
- AS/NZS 3566.2: 2002 Self-drilling screws for the building and construction industries Part 2: Corrosion resistance requirements.
- AS/NZS 4534: 2006 Zinc and zinc/aluminium-alloy coatings on steel wire.
- NZS 3604: 2011 Timber-framed buildings.
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Record of Amendments – Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods and handbooks.
- The Building Regulations 1992.

Amendments

Amendment No. 1, dated 26 June 2020.

This Appraisal has been amended to include a nominal 50 mm hexagonal mesh.



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In the opinion of BRANZ, **Thermakraft AUSNET Hexagonal Wire Mesh** is fit for purpose and will comply with the Building Code to the extent specified in this Appraisal provided it is used, designed, installed and maintained as set out in this Appraisal.

The Appraisal is issued only to **Thermakraft Limited**, and is valid until further notice, subject to the Conditions of Appraisal.

Conditions of Appraisal

1. This Appraisal:
 - a) relates only to the product as described herein;
 - b) must be read, considered and used in full together with the Technical Literature;
 - c) does not address any Legislation, Regulations, Codes or Standards, not specifically named herein;
 - d) is copyright of BRANZ.
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For BRANZ

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Chief Executive

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