

FIFTY YEARS OF FIRSTS

PIONEERING INNOVATIONS AND SINGULAR EVENTS SPANNING A HALF-CENTURY THAT HAVE SHAPED THE WORLD'S SINGLE-PLY ROOFING INDUSTRY.

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YEARS

Sarnafil®

PROVEN MEMBRANE
PERFORMANCE



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1958

The Company is Formed

The company's first production facility and offices are established in Europe. Initial products include yard goods for upholsters and industrial curtains, in addition to roofing membranes.

1961

Spread Coating for Membranes

The first spread coating manufacturing equipment for producing roofing and waterproofing membranes is perfected by the company. It produces a stress-free, reinforced and homogeneous product.

1962

Sarnafil® is Born

Company chemists develop the world's first fabric-reinforced thermoplastic membrane for roofing, trademarked Sarnafil. This tear-resistant membrane revolutionizes the single-ply roofing industry.

1964

Recognition on a World-Stage

The first large-scale installation of Sarnafil membranes took place on tent-like pavilions at Expo 64 in Switzerland, giving building professionals from around the world their first look at Sarnafil.

1965

A Membrane for Adhered Applications

The industry's first fiberglass mat-reinforced roofing membrane is developed especially for adhered roofing applications and called G410. Today it still has the best dimensional stability of any single-ply membrane.

1966

Waterproofing Tunnels

Sarnafil membrane is first used for tunnel waterproofing at the Gei Tunnel in Switzerland. Many millions of square feet of Sarnafil membrane now waterproof tunnels around the world.

1966

Better Welds, Faster Installations

The company introduces the industry's first automatic hot-air seam welder. Today's Sarnamatic welder is still considered the best means for ensuring watertight integrity and reliability.

1969

The First Vegetated Green Roof

The first Sarnafil vegetated green roof is installed at a commercial spa in Bad Zurzach, Switzerland. This sustainable, regenerative roof landscape is still in service today, 45 years later.

1976

Sarnafil Comes to North America

The Oakville Public Library located in Southern Ontario, is the **first building to receive a Sarnafil roof in Canada**. The same year, the First Methodist Church located in Laconia, NH was installed. It is still in place today.

1978

Greening Up the USA

The first vegetated Sarnafil green roof in North America is installed at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, NH. A special waterproofing membrane is utilized for sub-grade environments.

1979

Colour for Design Creativity

The company introduces the first color single-ply membranes in the industry. A unique manufacturing process permanently builds colours into the membrane, with no recoating required.

1979

Lacquer Coating Makes a Difference

The company was the first and is still the only thermoplastic membrane manufacturer to apply an acrylic lacquer coating to finished membrane surfaces, enhancing reflectivity and aesthetics.

1985

Formulating Industry Standards

The company chairs the first ASTM standard for PVC membranes and was the leader in getting approval for the first single-ply consensus, called the ASTM D4434.

1987

First with Feltback

The company becomes the first thermoplastic membrane manufacturer to produce a feltbacked membrane. It adheres exceptionally well to substrates and can eliminate the need for recovery boards.



In 1962, the world's first thermoplastic membrane reinforced with fabric.



Tent-like pavilions covered with Sarnafil at Expo 64 in Switzerland.



Swiss tunnel work in 1966 was the first such Sarnafil application.



The first Sarnafil green roof was installed in 1969 and is still in place.



Canada's Skydome roof system was installed in 1989 and is still in service.



The EnergySmart Roof has a history of high performance and longevity.



The Decor Roof System looks like metal, but protects like Sarnafil.



Sika Sarnafil's recycling program has received numerous awards.

1989

The First Retractable Stadium Roof

The world's first fully-retractable stadium roof was constructed atop the Skydome in Canada. Now the Rogers Centre, this facility still sports the original Sarnafil membrane, 25 years later.

1994

Recycling Production Waste

The company first diverts membrane production trimmings and scrap from landfills, recycling the material to produce the Sarnatread Roof Walkway Mat.

1998

The EnergySmart Roof®

This eco-friendly system features a highly reflective white Sarnafil membrane and heat-welded seams. It offers watertight protection and unsurpassed longevity while promoting energy efficiency.

1999

Partnering with the EPA

Sarnafil was a Charter Partner in the EPA's ENERGY STAR® Roof Products Program. This partnership promotes the environmental and economic benefits of reflective roofing.

1999

Looks Like Metal, Protects Like Sarnafil

The Décor Roof System is introduced. Patented systems realistically simulate the look of standing seam metal roofs while providing the watertight protection heat-welded Sarnafil roofing systems are noted for.

2000

Rated Number One

Sarnafil membranes are listed first in a Simpson Gumpertz & Heger study examining the physical properties and performance capabilities of the 15 most widely used thermoplastic roof membranes.

2000

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Study

The EnergySmart Roof reduces cooling requirements by 14 percent in a direct side-by-side comparison with dark EPDM roofing in a two-year EPA-sponsored study on a large Texas retail store.

2001

More of a Good Thing

The company makes a capital investment in manufacturing and Sarnafil PVC membranes are available for the first time in 10-foot widths to promote installation efficiencies.

2005

Large-Scale Recycling Program

A national recycling program for older vinyl roofing membrane is introduced by Sika Sarnafil. More than 25 million pounds of vinyl destined for landfills has been reprocessed into new roofing products.

2005

First in Eco-Efficiency

Sarnafil was first in eco-efficiency in a life-cycle analysis of low slope roofing membranes conducted by the independent organization Carbotech AG of Basel, Switzerland.

2007

A Self-Adhered Waterproofing Membrane

Company introduces the Sarnafil G476 SA. Popular waterproofing membrane is now available in a self-adhered format, enhancing adhesion and installation productivity. Foam adhesive composite conforms to irregular surfaces.

2008

British Board of Agrément

Sarnafil membrane receives BBA certificate stating "... the durability of Sarnafil membranes, when used in accordance with the relevant BBA certificates, should have a life in excess of 35 years."

2008

RhinoBond Induction Welding

Sarnafil is the first single-ply membrane available with RhinoBond, a penetration-free attachment system that improves wind uplift resistance and streamlines the installation process.

2010

Certified Recycled Content

Sika Sarnafil was the first and is still the only commercial roofing company in the U.S. to receive certification from UL Environment relating to recycled content of its roofing membrane products.

SIKA SOLUTIONS FROM ROOF TO FOUNDATIONS

Roofing Systems



Sarnafil®
Sikaplan®
Sikalastic®

Concrete Production



Sika® ViscoCrete®
Sika® Retarder®
Sika® AER^{CA}

Joint Sealing



Sikaflex®
Sikasil®
Sikadur® Combiflex

Grouting and Anchoring



SikaGrout®
Sikadur®
Sika AnchorFix®

Concrete Repair & Protection



Sika® MonoTop®
SikaTop®, SikaRepair®
Sikagard®

Structural Strengthening



Sikadur®, Sika® CarboDur®
SikaWrap®
Sika® CarboShear

Floor & Wall Systems



Sikafloor®
Sikagard®
Sikagard® Duroplast

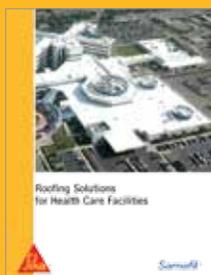
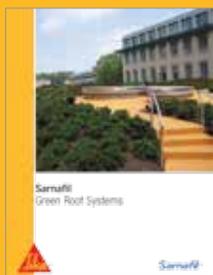
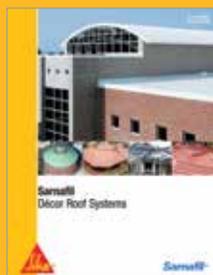
Waterproofing Systems



SikaProof®, SikaFuko®
Sika® Greenstreak®
SikaSwell®, SikaFix®

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