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# SBS MODIFIED BITUMEN MEMBRANES POLYMER CONTENT

Occasionally, some specifiers specify the percentage of polymer that must be contained in an SBS membrane. These prescriptive specifications are generally not used because they do not address the more important properties of the roofing membrane such as its durability, longevity, toughness, strength, granule retention, etc..

However, if these prescriptive specifications occur, this bulletin will confirm that for IKO's base sheets and cap sheets, the modified bitumen coating contains in excess of 12% polymer. It should be noted that IKO is the only manufacturer in Canada to use polymer-modified coating bitumen **and** polymer-modified saturant bitumen for the polyester reinforcement. Some manufacturers may use 12% polymer in the coating bitumen, but use an oxidized asphalt for the saturant bitumen. In these cases, the overall polymer content will be significantly reduced.

For additional information on IKO's complete line of high quality commercial roofing products, including our modified bitumen membranes, please visit us on the web at [www.iko.com](http://www.iko.com).

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