

# VaporBlock® Plus™

UNDERSLAB VAPOR RETARDER / GAS BARRIER

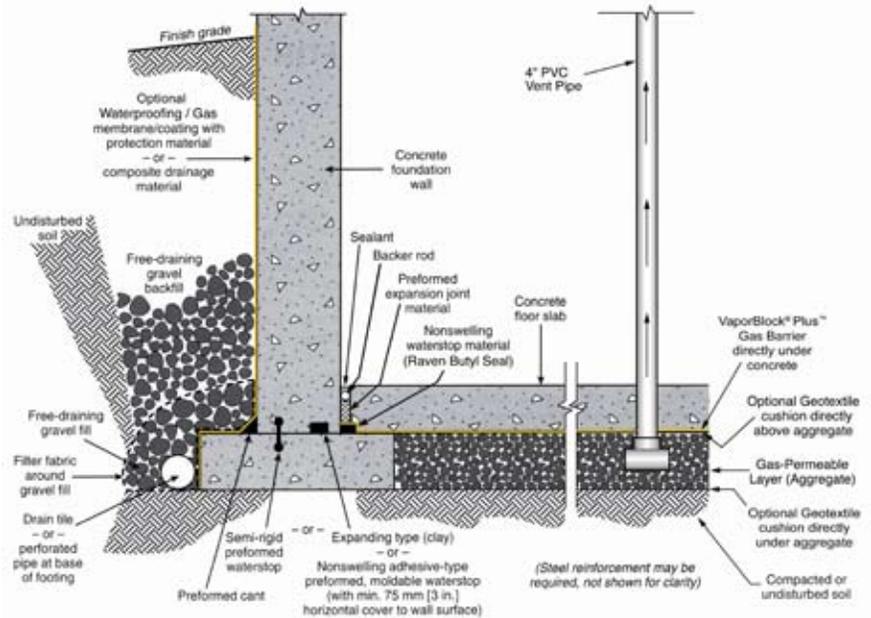
## INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

**Please Note:** Read these instructions thoroughly before installation to ensure proper use of VaporBlock® Plus™. ASTM E 1465, ASTM E 2121 and, ASTM E 1643 also provide valuable information regarding the installation of vapor / gas barriers. When installing this product, contractors shall conform to all applicable local, state and federal regulations and laws pertaining to residential and commercial building construction.

- When VaporBlock Plus gas barrier is used as part of an active control system for radon or other gas, a ventilation system will be required.
- If designed as a passive system, it is recommended to install a ventilation system that could be converted to an active system if needed.

**Materials List:**

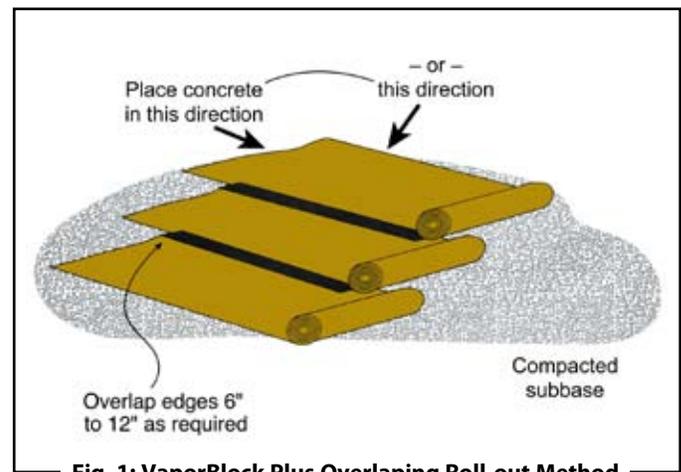
- VaporBlock® Plus™ Vapor / Gas Barrier
- VaporBond Plus 4" Foil Seaming Tape
- Butyl Seal 2-Sided Tape
- VaporBoot Plus Pipe Boots 12/Box (recommended)
- VaporBoot Tape (optional)



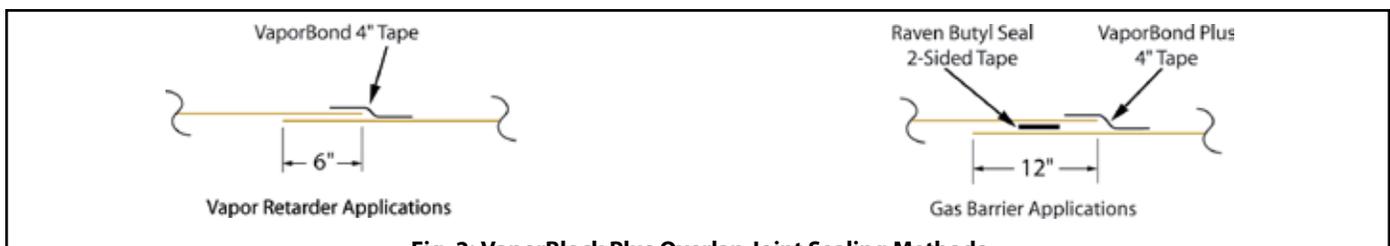
**Elements of a moisture/gas-resistant floor system. General illustration only.**  
(Note: This example shows multiple options for waterstop placement.)

## VAPORBLOCK® PLUS™ PLACEMENT

- 1.1. Level and tamp or roll granular base as specified. A base for a gas-reduction system may require a 4" to 6" gas permeable layer of clean coarse aggregate as specified by your architectural or structural drawings after installation of the recommended gas collection system. In this situation, a cushion layer consisting of a non-woven geotextile fabric placed directly under VaporBlock® Plus™ will help protect the barrier from damage due to possible sharp coarse aggregate.
- 1.2. Unroll VaporBlock Plus running the longest dimension parallel with the direction of the pour and pull open all folds to full width. (Fig. 1)
- 1.3. Lap VaporBlock Plus over the footings and seal with Raven Butyl Seal tape at the footing-wall connection. Prime concrete surfaces and assure they are dry and clean prior to applying Raven Butyl Seal Tape. Apply even and firm pressure with a rubber roller. Overlap joints a minimum of 6" and seal overlap with Raven VaporBond Tape. When used as a gas



**Fig. 1: VaporBlock Plus Overlapping Roll-out Method**



**Fig. 2: VaporBlock Plus Overlap Joint Sealing Methods**

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# SINGLE PENETRATION PIPE BOOT INSTALLATION

barrier, overlap joints a minimum of 12" and seal in-between overlap with 2-sided Raven Butyl Seal Tape. Then seal with VaporBond Plus Tape centered on the overlap seam. (Fig. 2)

- 1.4. Seal around all plumbing, conduit, support columns or other penetrations that come through the **VaporBlock Plus** membrane. Pipes four inches or smaller can be sealed with Raven VaporBoot Plus preformed pipe boots. VaporBoot Plus preformed pipe boots are formed in steps for 1", 2", 3" and 4" PVC pipe or IPS size and are sold in units of 12 per box (Fig. 3 & 5).

Pipe boots may also be fabricated from excess **VaporBlock Plus** membrane (Fig. 4 & 6) and sealed with VaporBoot Tape or VaporBond Plus Tape (sold separately).

*Reminder Note: All holes or penetrations through the membrane will need a patch cut to a minimum of 12" from the opening in all directions.*

To fabricate pipe boots from **VaporBlock Plus** excess material (see Fig. 4 & 6 for A-F):

- A) Cut a square large enough to overlap 12" in all directions.
- B) Mark where to cut opening on the center of the square and cut four to eight slices about 3/8" less than the diameter of the pipe.
- C) Force the square over the pipe leaving the tightly stretched cut area around the bottom of the pipe with approximately a 1/2" of the boot material running vertically up the pipe. (no more than a 1/2" of stretched boot material is recommended)
- D) Once boot is positioned, seal the perimeter to the membrane by applying 2-sided Raven Butyl Seal Tape in between the two layers. Secure boot down firmly over the membrane taking care not to have any large folds or creases.
- E) Use VaporBoot Tape or VaporBond Plus Tape to secure the boot to the pipe.

VaporBoot Tape (option) – fold tape in half lengthwise, remove half of the release liner and wrap around the pipe allowing 1" extra for overlap sealing. Peel off the second half of the release liner and work the tape outward gradually forming a complete seal.

VaporBond Plus Tape (option) - Tape completely around pipe overlapping the to get a tight seal against the pipe.

- F) Complete the process by taping over the boot perimeter edge with VaporBond Plus Tape to create a monolithic membrane between the surface of the slab and gas/moisture sources below and at the slab perimeter. (Fig. 4 & 6)

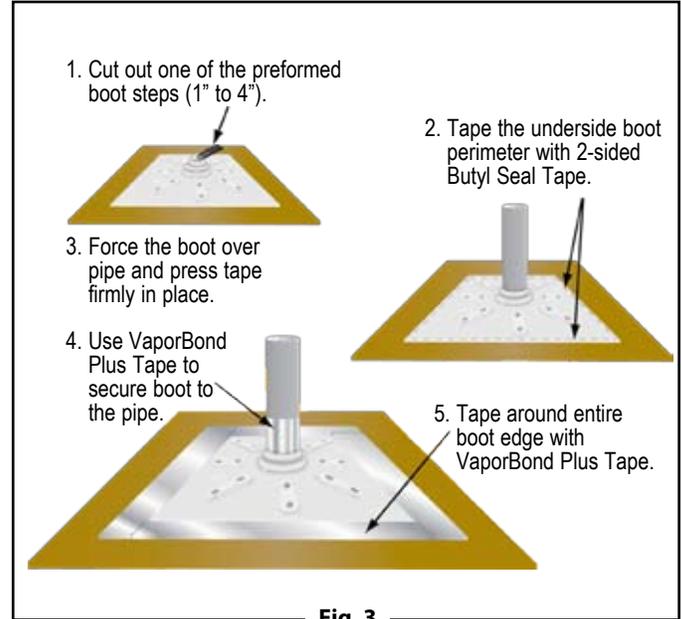


Fig. 3

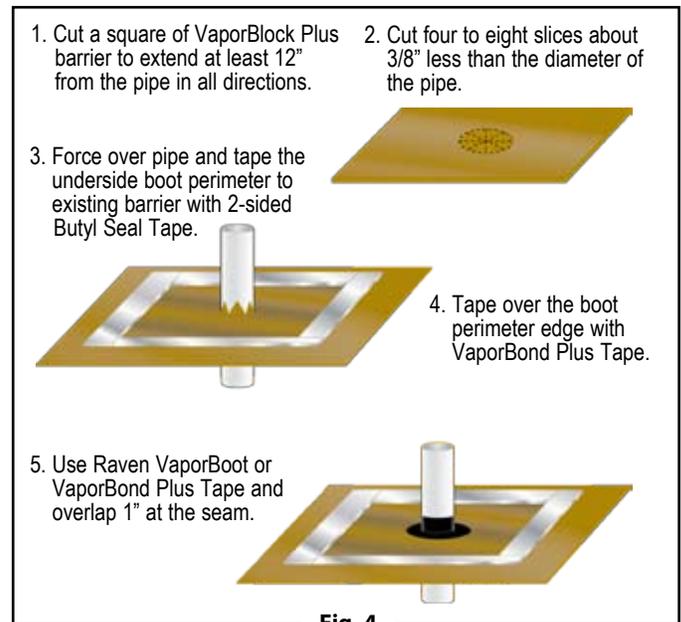


Fig. 4

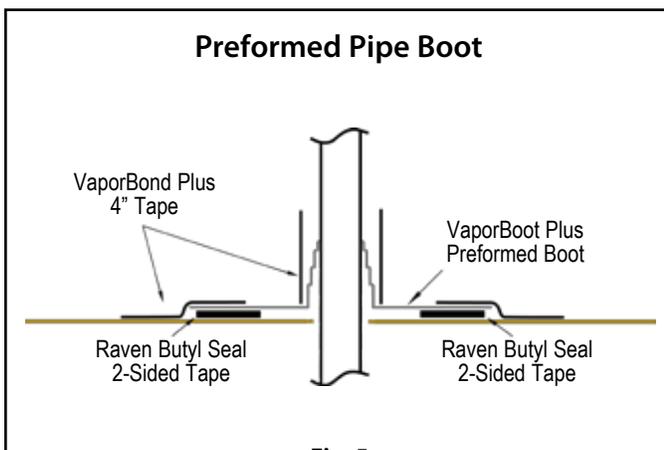


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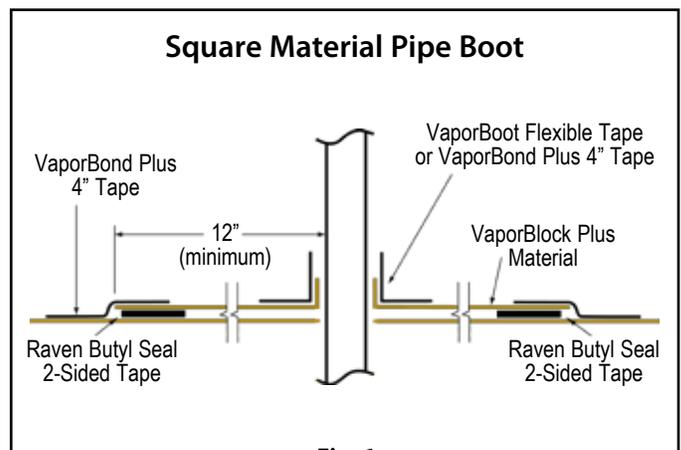


Fig. 6

# MULTIPLE PENETRATION PIPE BOOT INSTALLATION

1.5. For side-by-side multiple penetrations;

- A) Cut a patch large enough to overlap 12" in all directions (Fig. 7) of penetrations.
- B) Mark where to cut openings and cut four to eight slices about 3/8" less than the diameter of the penetration for each.
- C) Slide patch material over penetration to achieve a tight fit.
- D) Once patch is positioned, seal the perimeter to the membrane by applying 2-sided Raven Butyl Seal Tape in-between the two layers. (Fig. 8)
- E) After applying Raven Butyl Seal Tape between the patch and membrane, tape around each of the penetrations and the patch with VaporBond Plus 4" foil tape. (Fig. 9) For additional protection apply an acceptable polyurethane elastomeric sealant around the penetrations. (Fig. 10)

1.6. Holes or openings through **VaporBlock Plus** are to be repaired by cutting a piece of **VaporBlock Plus** 12" larger in all directions from the opening. Seal the patch to the barrier with 2-sided Raven Butyl Seal Tape and seal the edges of the patch with VaporBond Plus Tape.

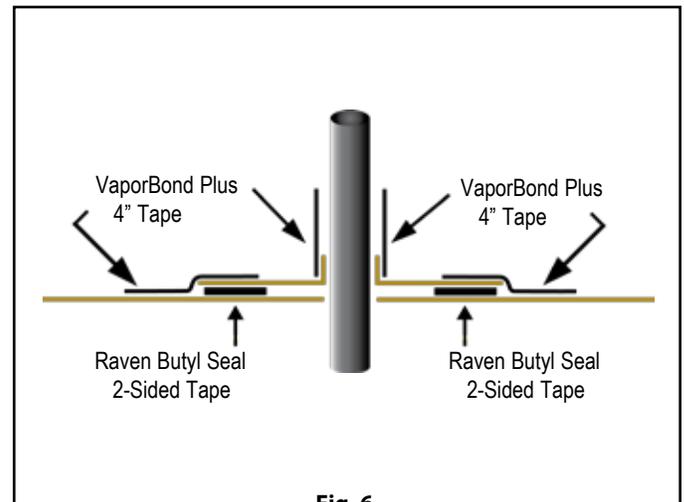


Fig. 6

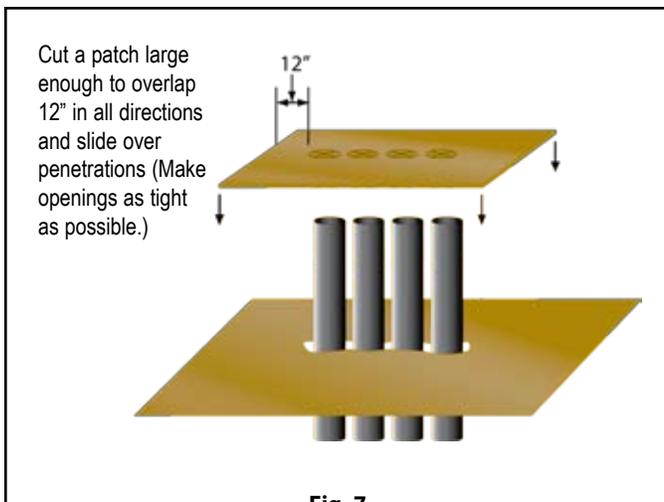


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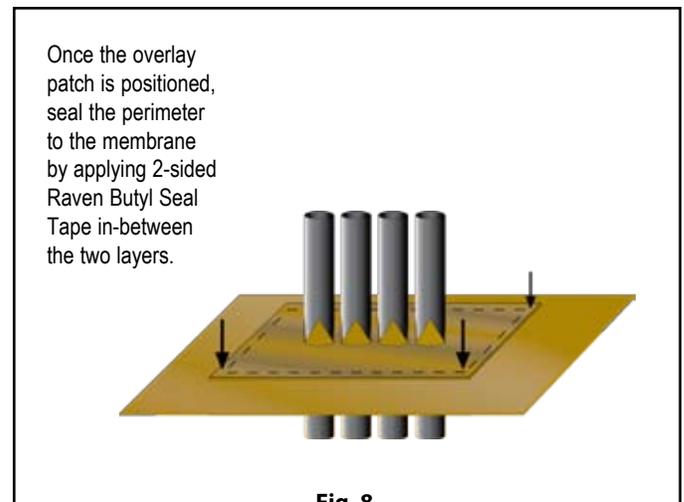


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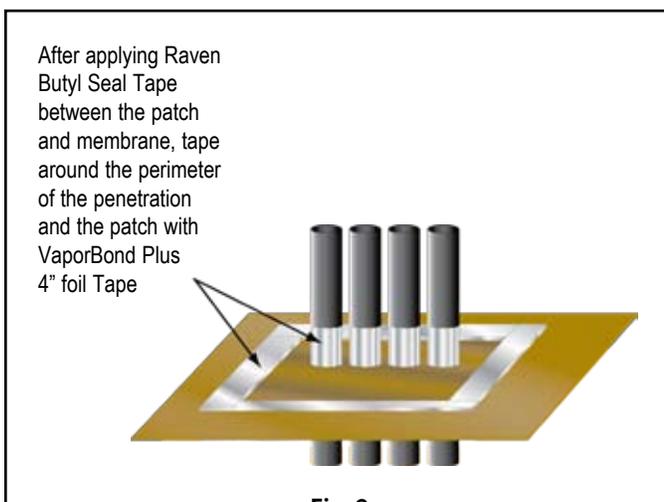


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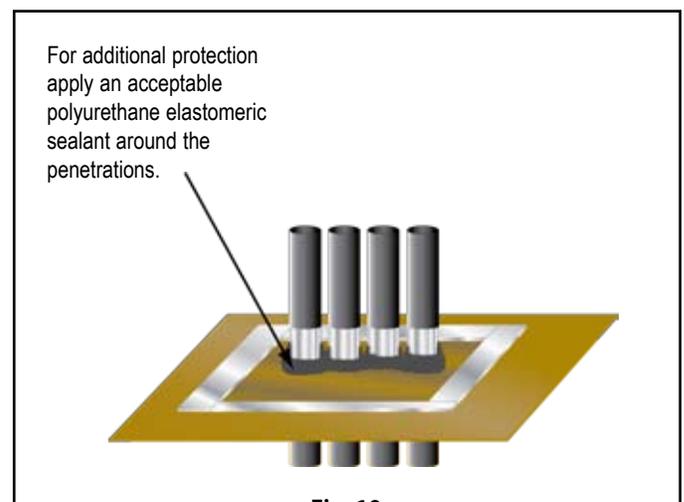


Fig. 10

## VAPORBLOCK® PLUS™ PROTECTION

- 2.1. When installing reinforcing steel and utilities, in addition to the placement of concrete, take precaution to protect **VaporBlock Plus**. Carelessness during installation can damage the most puncture-resistant membrane. Sheets of plywood cushioned with geotextile fabric temporarily placed on **VaporBlock Plus** provide for additional protection in high traffic areas including concrete buggies.
- 2.2. Use only brick-type or chair-type reinforcing bar supports to protect **VaporBlock Plus** from puncture.
- 2.3. Avoid driving stakes through **VaporBlock Plus**. If this cannot be avoided, each individual hole must be repaired per section 1.6.
- 2.4. If a cushion or blotter layer is required in the design between **VaporBlock Plus** and the slab, additional care should be given if sharp crushed rock is used. Washed rock will provide less chance of damage during placement. Care must be taken to protect blotter layer from precipitation before concrete is placed.



Note: To the best of our knowledge, these are typical installation procedures and are intended as guidelines only. Architectural or structural drawings must be reviewed and followed as well on a project basis. NO WARRANTIES ARE MADE AS TO THE FITNESS FOR A SPECIFIC USE OR MERCHANTABILITY OF PRODUCTS OR GUIDELINES REFERRED TO, no guarantee of satisfactory results from reliance upon contained information or recommendations and we disclaim all liability for resulting loss or damage.



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