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Fibre Reinforced Aerogel Blanket
Introduction & Applications

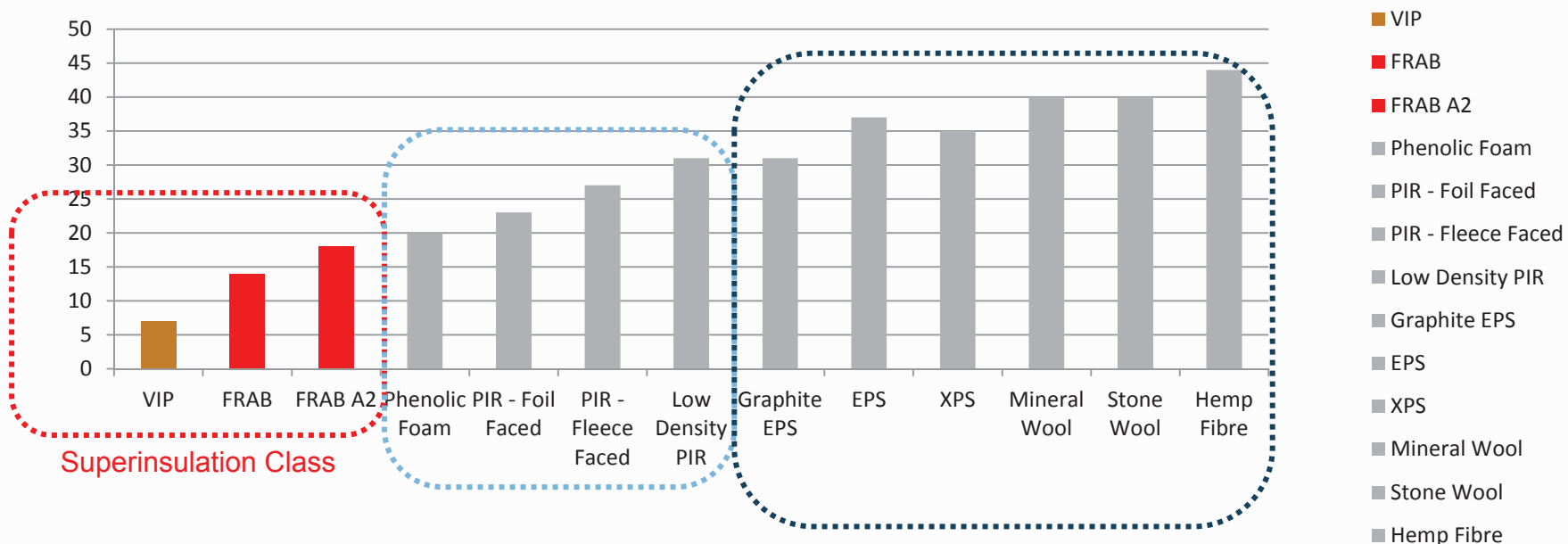
Annex 65 Superinsulating Materials



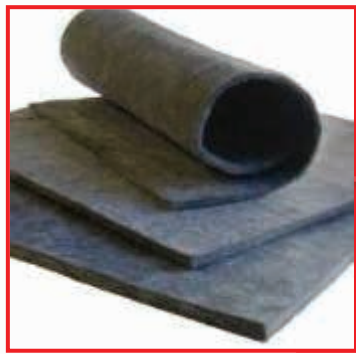
What is a “superinsulating” material?

- In practice – a vacuum insulation panel or an aerogel containing product or assembly.
- Aspen Aerogels fall into 2nd category – we manufacture fibre reinforced aerogel blankets (FRABs)

Lambda Declared mW/mK



Aspen Aerogels



1930s

Aerogels invented

1993

Aerogels for spacesuits

1995

Aspen makes fiber-reinforced aerogels

1997

Aspen Aerogels born

1999

2001

Aerogels offshore

2003

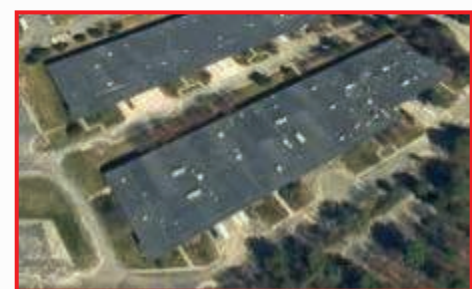
Plant 1 opens

2005

Construction Applications

2007

Plant 2 opens



10 MM sqft capacity



100 MM sqft capacity



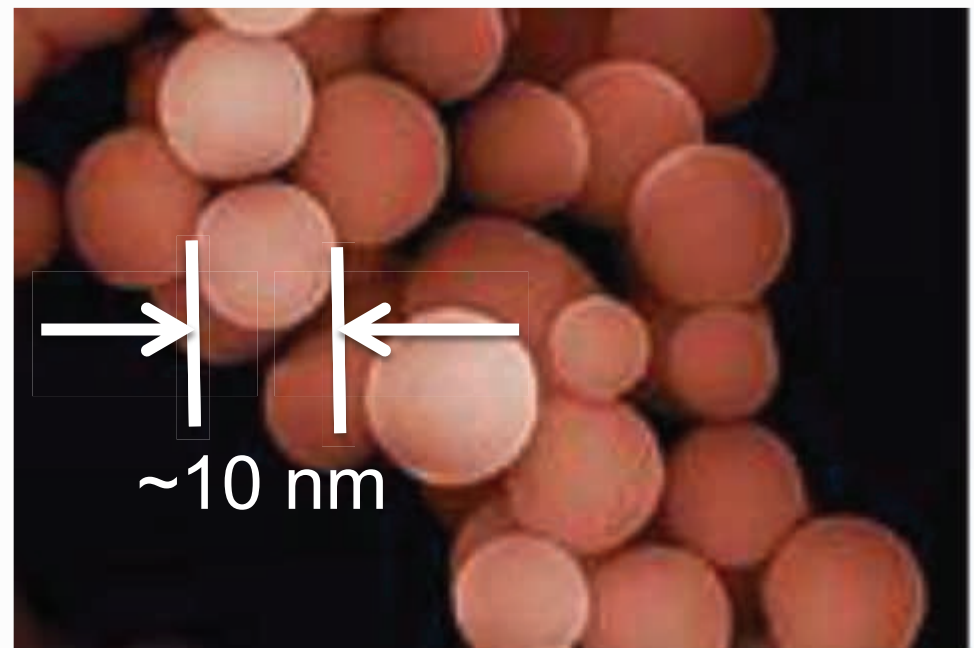
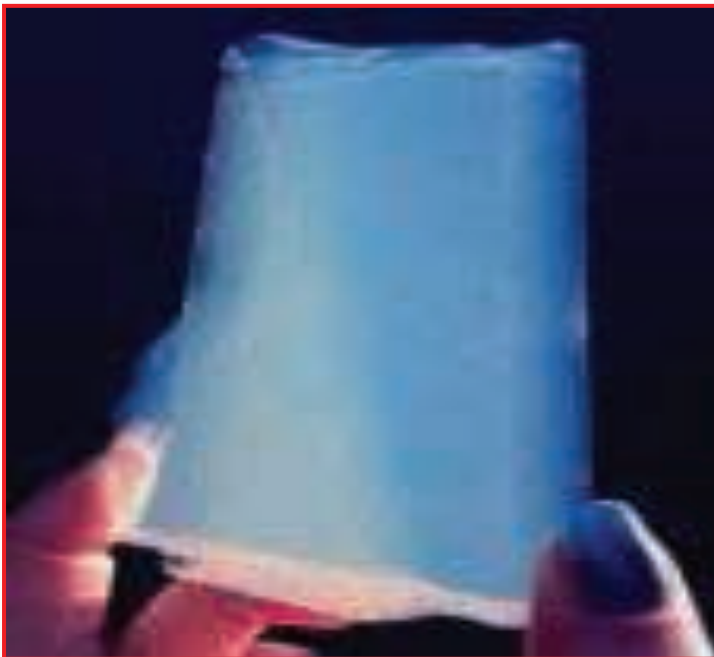
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Physical Properties

Silica Aerogel

Silica Aerogel

- Silica Aerogel contains 95 - 97% air
- Not vacuum based, do not require blowing agents
- Air is trapped within the nanometer scale cells
- Very convoluted silica matrix
- Extremely Hydrophobic by design



Aspen Aerogels – “Mission Critical” applications

-200° C to +200° C

- Cryogenic
- LNG
- Petrochemical
- Industrial



-100° C to +200° C

- Building & Construction
- Clothing
- Appliances
- Services



+650° C

- Industrial
- Hot Process
- Fire Protection
- District heating
- Appliances
- Transport



Aspen Aerogels – FRAB in Extreme Environments



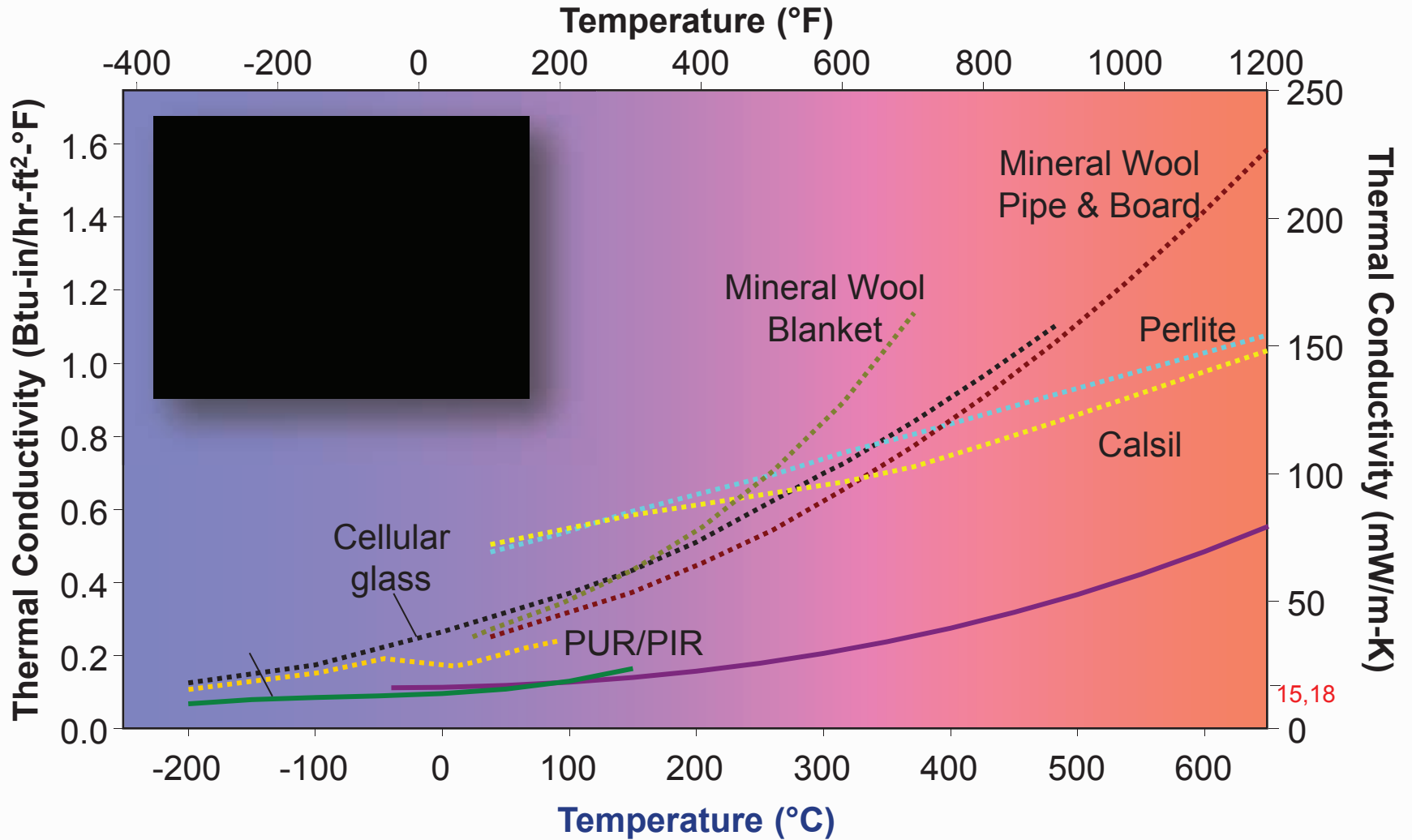
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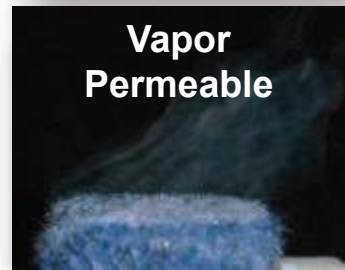


Thermal Conductivity Comparison



Unique Property set

- Lambda 15mW/mK to 18mW/mK
- 2, 5mm & 10mm blanket thicknesses
- Excellent Vapour permeability ($\mu = 5$), Extremely Hydrophobic
 - withstand hydrostatic Head test to 80cm
- Euro Fire class C or A2
- Will not promote mould growth, first class indoor air quality test result
- Good impact sound absorption, up to 20% light transmission
- Data set available for hygro-thermal simulation software
- European Technical Approval – 11_0471



Start with the basics - Spaceloft

Property	Spaceloft Classic	Spaceloft A2
5mm Thickness	Yes	No
10mm Thickness	Yes	Yes
Euro Fire Class	C-s1,d0	A2-s1, d0
Thermal Conductivity	0.014 W/mK	0.018 W/mK
Specific Heat Capacity @ 40° C	1000 J/kg.K	1000 J/kg.K
Bulk Density	150 kgs / m ³	150 kgs / m ³
Color	White Grey	White
		Unit
Porosity	91.6	%
Water Vapour Diffusion Resistance μ (23-0/50)	4.7	-
Water Vapour Diffusion Resistance μ (23-50/93)	4.8	-
Water Absorption Coefficient (4h)	0.025	kg/m ² vh
Water Absorption Coefficient (24h)	0.01	kg/m ² vh

Add Hygrothermal Properties

Measurement results Standard properties

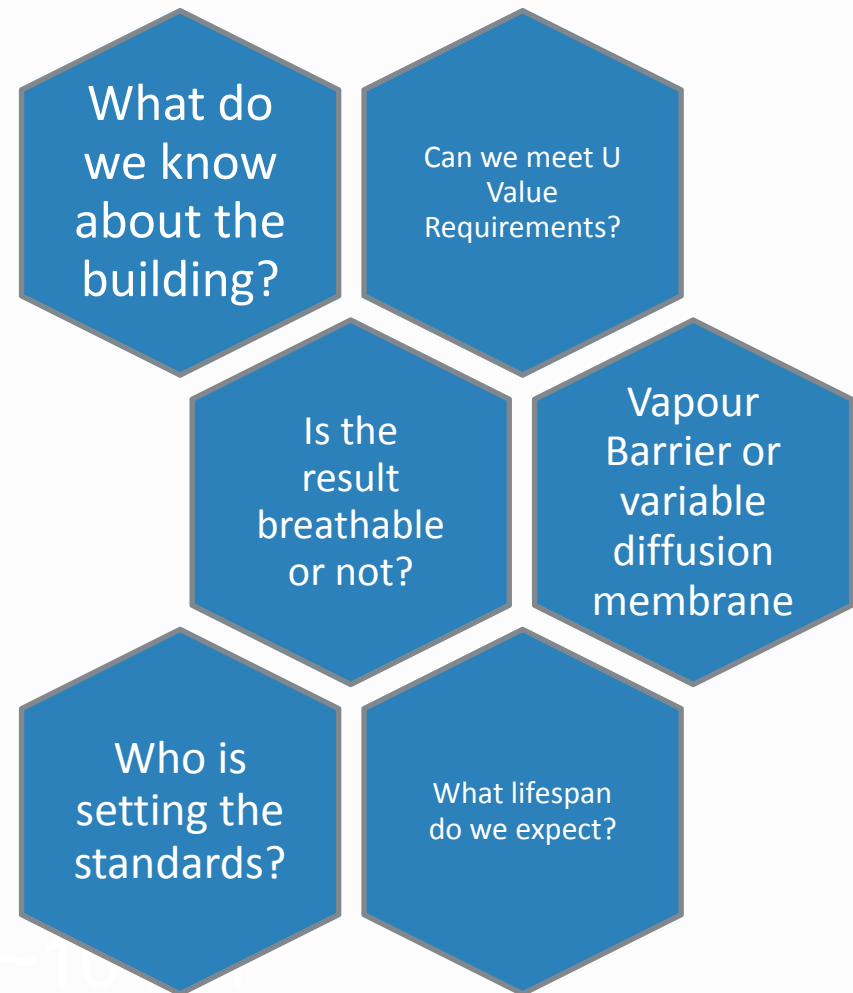
Property	Unit	
Bulk density	kg/m ³	146
True density	kg/m ³	1778,5
Porosity	[%]	91,6
Water vapour diffusion resistance factor μ (23-0/50)	-	4,7
Water vapour diffusion resistance factor μ (23-50/93)	-	4,8
Water absorption coefficient (4h)	kg/m ² ·h	0,025
Water absorption coefficient (24h)	kg/m ² ·h	0,01

Measurement results Sorption moisture content

Relative humidity	Moisture content [kg/m ³]
0	0
50	4,72
65	5,3
80	6,6
93	10,6
97	11,5
99	15,9
99,5	19,3
99,9	29,6
99,95	35,3
99,99	51,9
100	213

Risk Assessment Based Selection

- Do the project stakeholders understand the impact of the proposed upgrades?
- Do they want to know!
- Is the proposed upgrade solution fit for purpose?
- Is it achievable with the conditions on site?
- Does it address the risk of damage to (a) the building and (b) health of human users?
- Will a simulation / analysis help?
- How reliable is the other material information?



Result = WUFI Material File (xml)

Layer Name: Spaceloft grey Thicken. [m]: .01

Material Data Info

Layer/Material Name: Spaceloft grey

Basic Values

Bulk density [kg/m ³]	146,0
Porosity [m ³ /m ³]	0,92
Specific Heat Capacity, Dry [J/kgK]	1000,0
Thermal Conductivity, Dry, 10°C [W/mK]	0,014
Water Vapour Diffusion Resistance Factor [-]	4,7

Hygrothermal Functions

Moisture Storage Function

- Liquid Transport Coefficient, Suction
- Liquid Transport Coefficient, Redistribution
- Water Vapour Diffusion Resistance Factor, moisture-depend
- Thermal Conductivity, moisture-dependent
- Thermal Conductivity, temperature-dependent
- Enthalpy, temperature-dependent

Approximation Parameters

Temp-dep. Thermal Cond. Supplement [W/mK ²]	0,0002
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Typical Built-In Moisture [kg/m³]: 6,6

Layer thickness [m]: .01

Color: [dropdown]

Graph Edit Table from File...

Approximate

No.	RH [-]	Water Content [kg/m ³]
1	0,0	0,0
2	0,5	4,72
3	0,65	5,3
4	0,8	6,6
5	0,93	10,6
6	0,97	11,5
7	0,99	15,9

Buttons: New, Delete, Copy, Insert

Buttons: Paste into Material Database, Import..., Export..., OK, Abort, Help

FRAB in Construction – where?



Roof



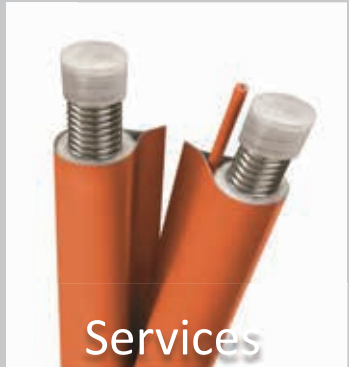
Multi Family



Internal Heritage



Domestic



Services



Commercial



City Living

FRAB in Construction – why?



Preserve living space in small properties



Maximise Gross Internal Area for investors



Realise unrivalled U value improvements



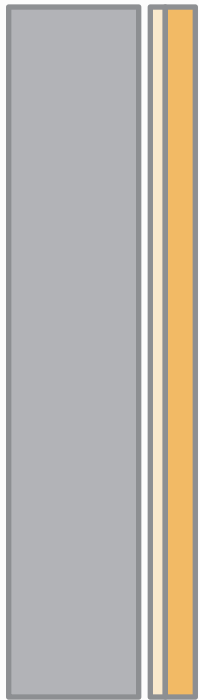
Complete building envelope solutions

Incremental Improvement

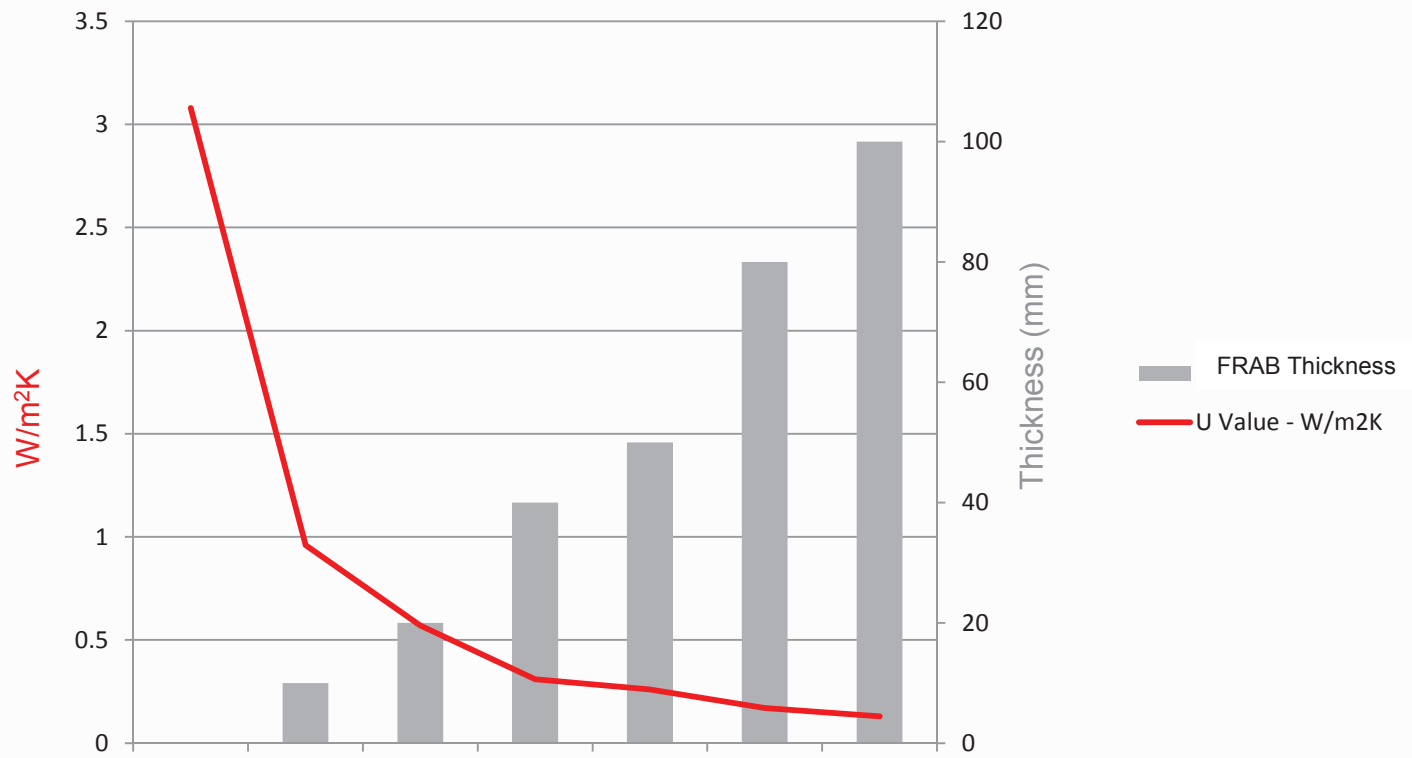
Solid Wall – Performance Improvement

■ Solid wall – mass concrete construction


10mm FRAB + 9.5mm
plasterboard)



220 mm
Concrete



Internal Wall Insulation

- Project Stone Cottage Renovation
- Location England
- Bldg. Type Traditional Stone
- Application Internal insulation, 40mm
- Benefit U value from 2,1 to 0,3 in 40mm
- Achieves code 




Internal Wall Insulation

- Project Renovation
- Location Italy
- Bldg. Type House
- Application Internal Wall
- Benefit Energy Saving, Space Saving



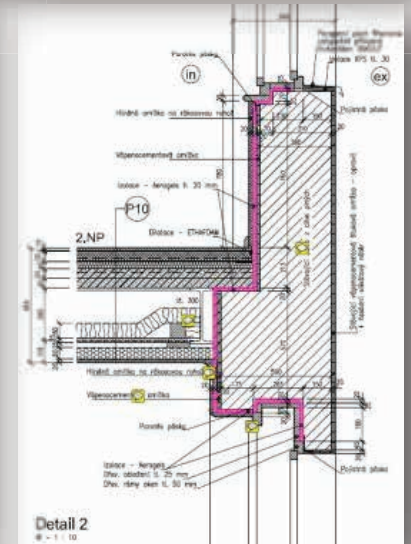
Internal Wall Insulation - Heritage

- Project Renovation
- Location Watford, UK
- Bldg. Type Commercial Demonstrator
- Application Internal Wall –
80mm,10mm
- Benefit Passive House
performance, heritage,
breathable, thermal
bridge treatments
- Achieves code 



Internal Wall Insulation - Heritage

- Project: Renovation
- Location: Podebrady, Czech Rep.
- Bldg. Type: Commercial, Dwelling
- Application: Internal Wall – 20mm,10mm
- Benefit: Heritage protected, breathable, thermal bridge treatments, challenging environment



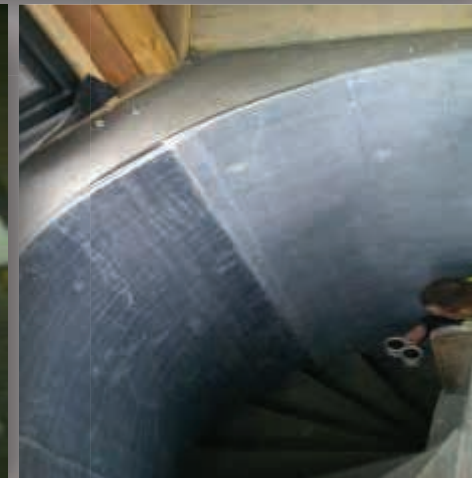
NEW



assessment available

Internal Wall Insulation - Heritage

- Project Renovation
- Location Glasgow, Scotland
- Bldg. Type Single Family Dwelling
- Application Internal Wall – 30mm
- Benefit Space saving in concrete stairwell, preserves means of escape
- Achieves code 



Internal Wall Insulation with Lime Plaster

- Project Renovation
- Location London, UK
- Bldg. Type Heritage protected Brick House
- Application Internal Wall Insulation with historic plaster finish
- Benefit Energy saving, space saving vapour open wall construction



Internal Wall Insulation - Dublin

- Project Decouple thermal mass
- Location Dublin, Ireland
- Bldg. Type Multi Family Dwelling
- Application Internal Wall, Reveals, Floors, returns, wardrobe liner – 10mm
- Benefit Deliver comfort, eliminate condensation, reduce energy costs in recently built apartment scheme Restore occupants confidence & reduce vacancy levels.



Internal Wall Insulation - Dublin

- Site visit detected several problems
- Interviewed home owners
- Design a FRAB based solution for walls, floors, heat bridges – including some surprise ones
- Balance comfort, energy performance and impact on living space
- Solution accepted – average 2% loss of floor area
- Stakeholders extremely pleased with result
- On-going project





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External Insulation

Applications

Case Studies

Installation Tips

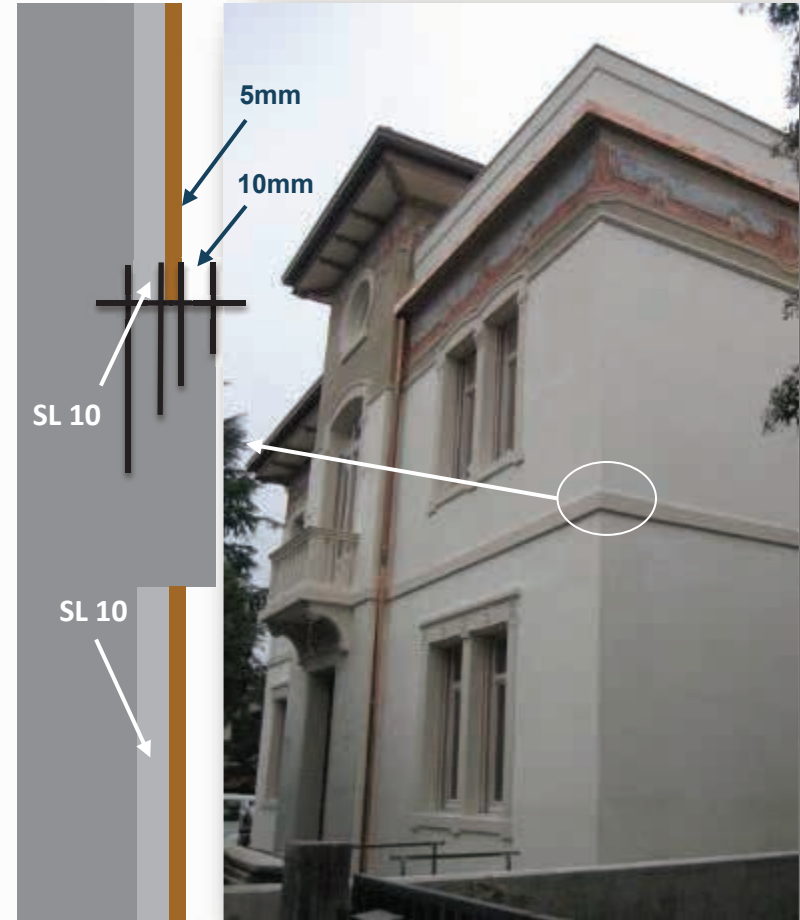
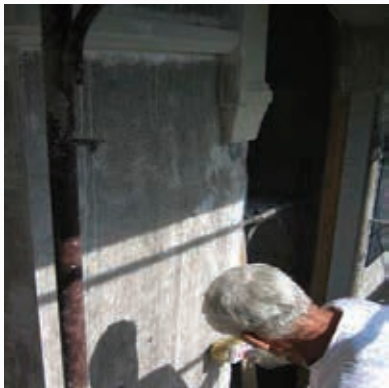
External Wall Insulation - Heritage

- Project Renovation
- Location Switzerland
- Bldg. Type Private Dwelling
- Application External Wall 20mm,10mm
- Benefit Heritage protected, breathable
thermal bridge treatments



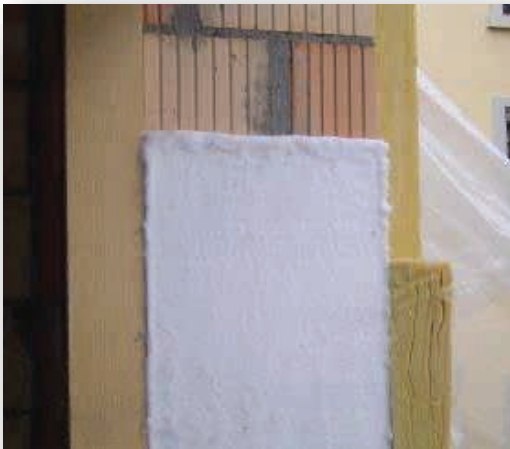
External Wall Insulation - Heritage

- Project: Renovation
- Location: Venice, Italy
- Bldg. Type: Private Dwelling
- Application: External Wall – 10mm
- Benefit: Heritage protected, breathable thermal bridge treatments
approx 50% heat loss reduction



External Wall Insulation

- Project Renovation
- Location Switzerland
- Bldg. Type Commercial, solid concrete
- Application External Wall – 10mm
- Benefit Space saving, thermal bridge treatments, continuous façade lines





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Floor, Balcony, Terrace Insulation

Applications
Case Studies

Floor & Balcony Insulation

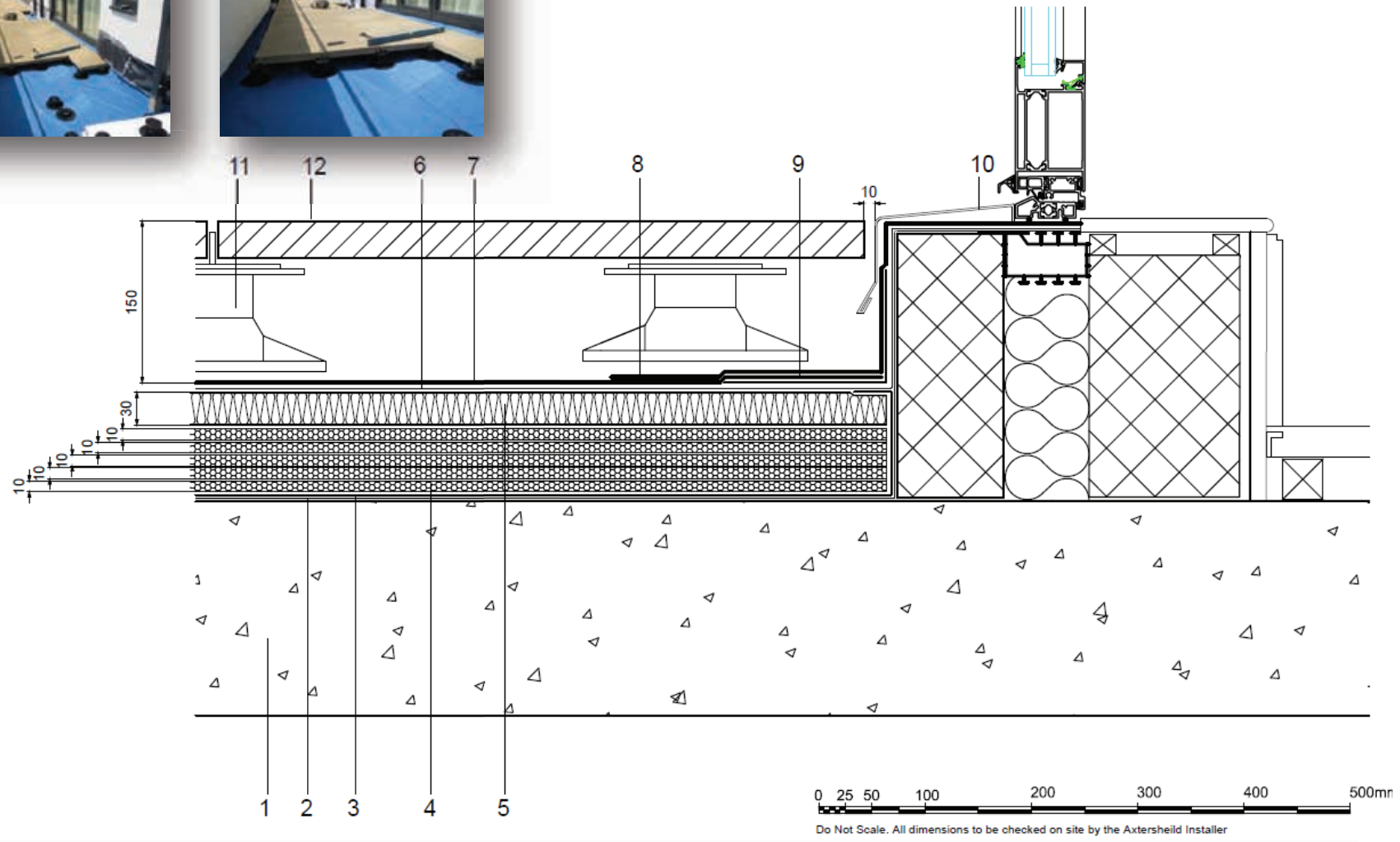
- Thin section facilitates non-disruptive upgrades
- Suitable for domestic compressive loadings
- Compatible with most floor finishes, under-floor heating systems
- Fast Installation in roll or pre-fabricated board format
- Thin section maintains safety levels and reduces water ingress risk on balconies



Terrace Insulation



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Roof Insulation

Dormer
Pitched
Flat

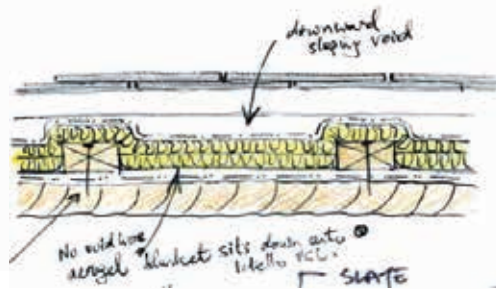
Pitched Roof Insulation - Heritage

- Project Renovation
- Location Dublin, Ireland
- Bldg. Type Government, historic stone
- Application 20mm Pitched roof insulation

- Benefit Energy saving, space saving vapour open to allow roof elements to breathe



Figure 1 – inside view of existing roof



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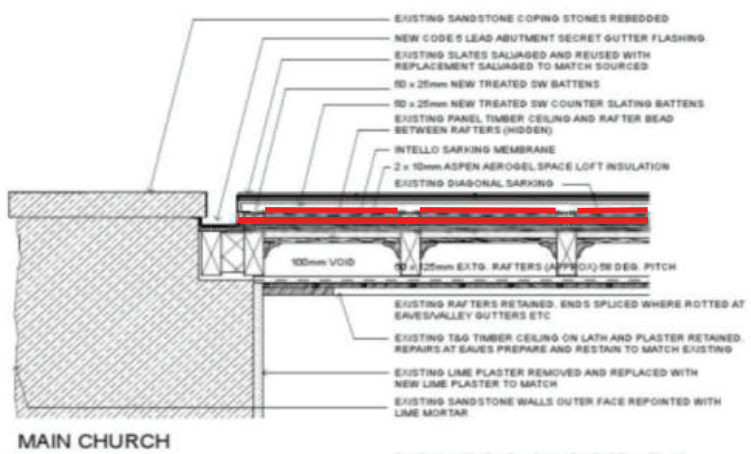
 **WUFI**[®]
assessment available

Request for analysis

Client wishes to assess performance of Aspen Aerogel as roof insulation in warm-roof buildup between a timber ceiling deck and battens of a vaulted Victorian courthouse building in the south suburbs of Dublin. Roof buildup to be absolutely minimised. Building to be intensely used by small number of people with a lot of electronics.

Pitched Roof Insulation - Heritage

- Project Renovation
- Location Belfast, Northern Ireland
- Bldg. Type Historic stone church
- Application 20mm Pitched roof insulation
- Benefit Energy saving, space saving vapour open to allow roof elements to breathe



Pitched Roof Insulation - Heritage



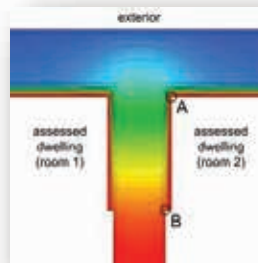


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Heat Bridge Treatments & OEM

Thermal Bridging Applications

- Internal or External
- Straight or curved sections
- Pre-cut or fabricate onsite
- Adhesive and / or mechanical fix
- Window & Door reveals
- Dormer & Roof Windows
- Partition Wall Returns
- Door & Window Components
- Service pipe & duct work

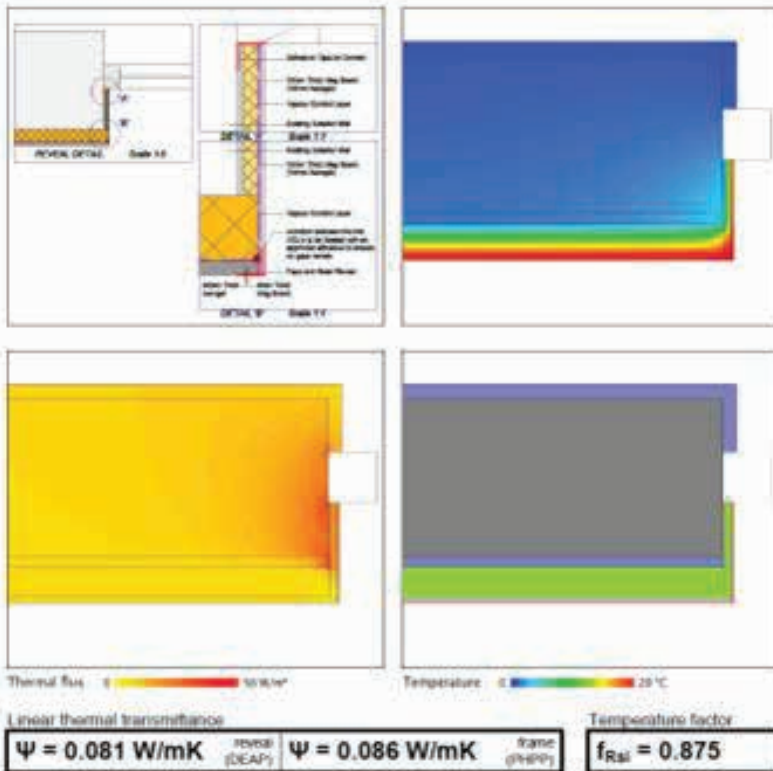


Heat Bridge Insulation - Reveals

- Thin reveals do not interfere with window function
- Maintain temperature factors above condensation limits

Description

9mm thick magnesium silicate board on 40mm aerogel insulation on existing wall (retain lime or cement internal plaster but strip off any gypsum). 18mm thick board on reveal (10mm aerogel insulation between 3mm magnesium silicate boards).



This detail has been assessed in accordance with the procedure in BRE IP 1/06 'Assessing the effects of thermal bridging at junctions and around openings' and the guidance in BRE report BR 497 'Conventions for calculating linear thermal transmittance and temperature factors' in accordance with Appendix D of Technical Guidance Document L (2007) of the Irish Building Regulations. The calculations have been carried out analysing a 2D numerical model through conduction heat-transfer analysis based on the finite-element method performing to the standard indicated by IS EN ISO 10211.

Perimeter Insulation

- Project New Build
- Location Basel, Switzerland
- Bldg. Type Commercial
- Application 30mm concrete column insulation
- Benefit lower ψ values, space saving solution



Thermal Bridging Insulation

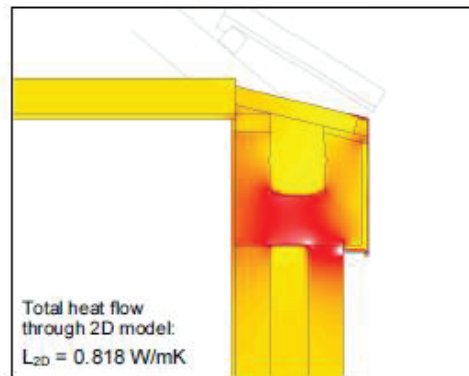
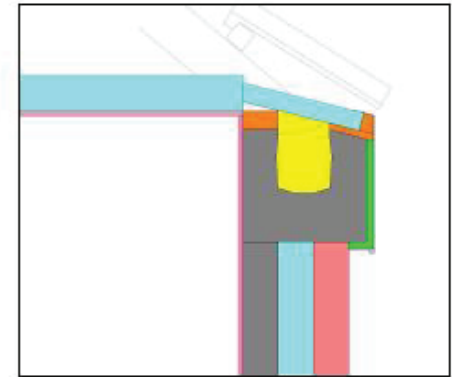
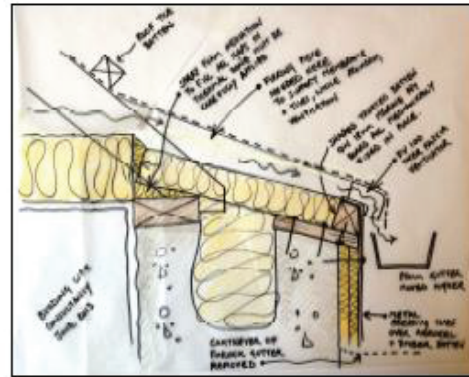
- Project: Renovation
- Location: Norwich
- Bldg. Type: Family Dwelling
- Application: 10mm & 20mm heat bridge at Finlock guttering
- Benefit: Energy saving, condensation control, external solution

Thermal Bridge Assessment of Junction

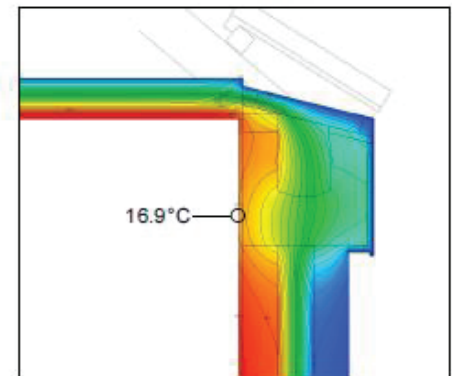
EAVES JUNCTION: full-fill cavity, 20mm Spaceloft + batten

Description

Roof eaves detail at junction of a fully filled cavity wall and roof insulated at ceiling level with rigid PIR. Existing Finlock gutter filled with mineral wool, capped with a 50mm sheet of PIR insulation, and cladded on the outside with 20mm Spaceloft insulation fitted into powder coated aluminium flashing.



Thermal flux 0 50 W/m²



Temperature 0 20 °C

Linear thermal transmittance

$\Psi = 0.344 \text{ W/mK}$ internal (SAP)

$\Psi = 0.250 \text{ W/mK}$ external (PHPP)

Temperature factor

$f_{Rsi} = 0.845$

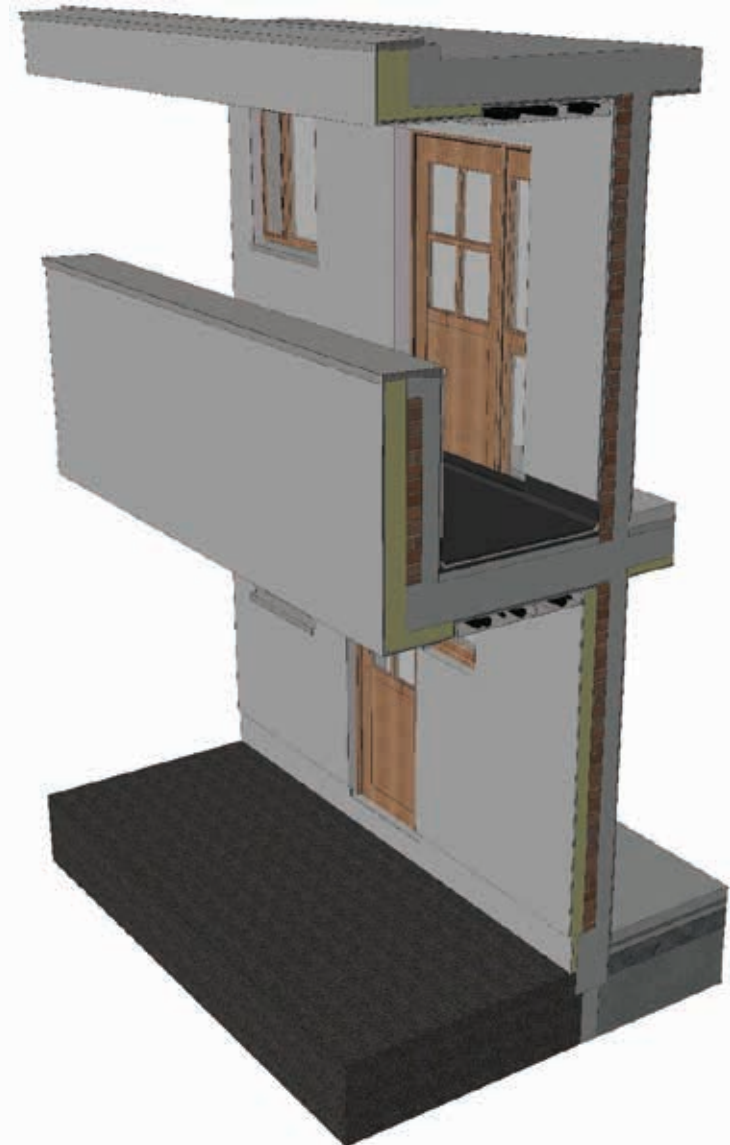
Apartment Thermal Bridge

- Project Renovation
- Location Switzerland
- Bldg. Type Apartment Block
- Application 10mm thermal bridge treatment
- Benefit lower ψ values, space saving solution



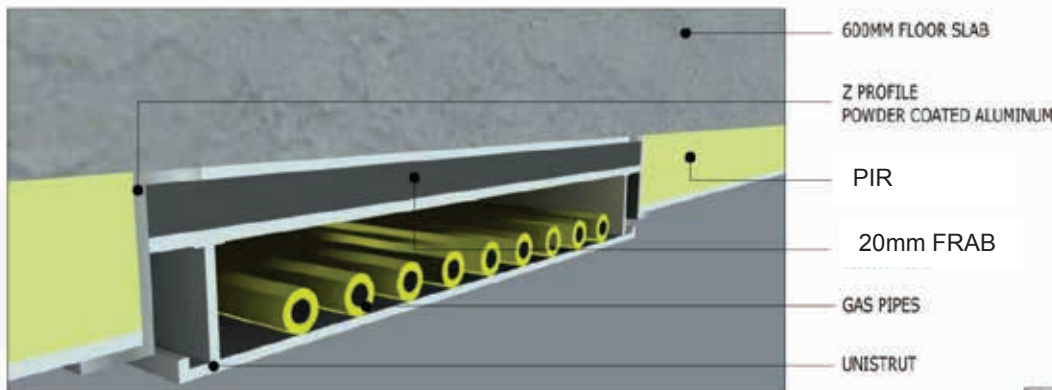
Apartment Thermal Bridges

- Project Renovation
- Location Ireland
- Bldg. Type Apartment Block
- Application 10mm thermal bridge treatment
- Benefit lower ψ values, space saving solution



Apartment Thermal Bridges

- Project Renovation
- Location Ireland
- Bldg. Type Apartment Block
- Application 10mm, 20mm thermal bridge treatment
- Benefit lower ψ values, space saving solution



EWI Thermal Bridge

- Project Renovation
- Location Hillingdon, London
- Bldg. Type Semi Detached
- Application 10mm thermal bridge treatment for soil pipes, RWP, satellite dishes, waste pipes on EWI

- Benefit continuity of insulation layer, faster install, less prone to cracking

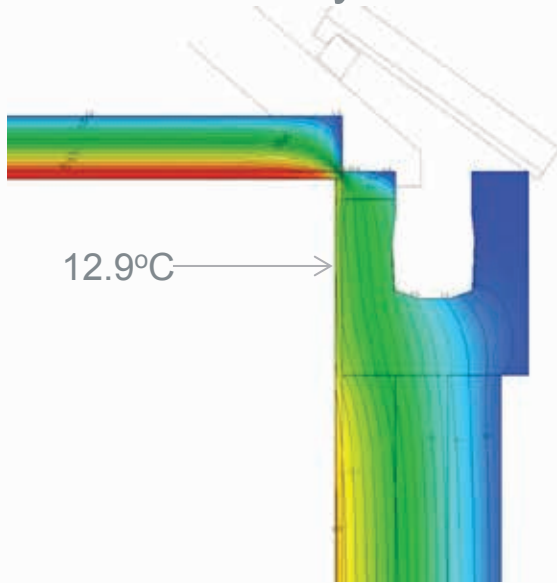


FRAB in EWI risk reduction



Finlock Guttering Thermal Bridge

Full Fill Cavity – Existing



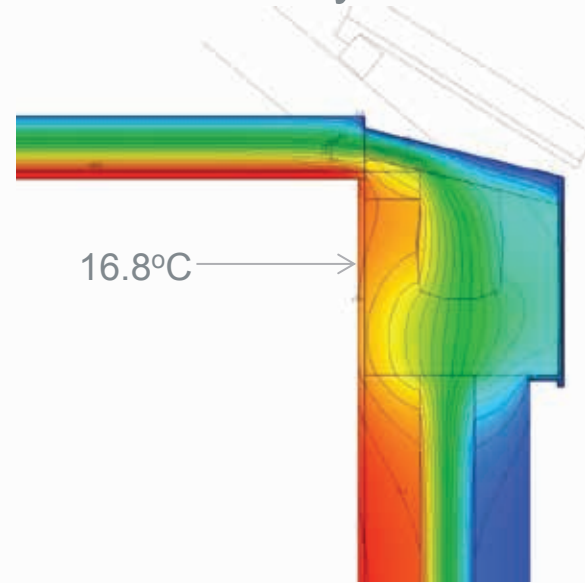
Linear Thermal Transmittance

$$\Psi = 0.998 \text{ W/mK}$$

$$\text{FRsi} = 0.645$$



Full Fill Cavity – With Spaceloft



Linear Thermal Transmittance

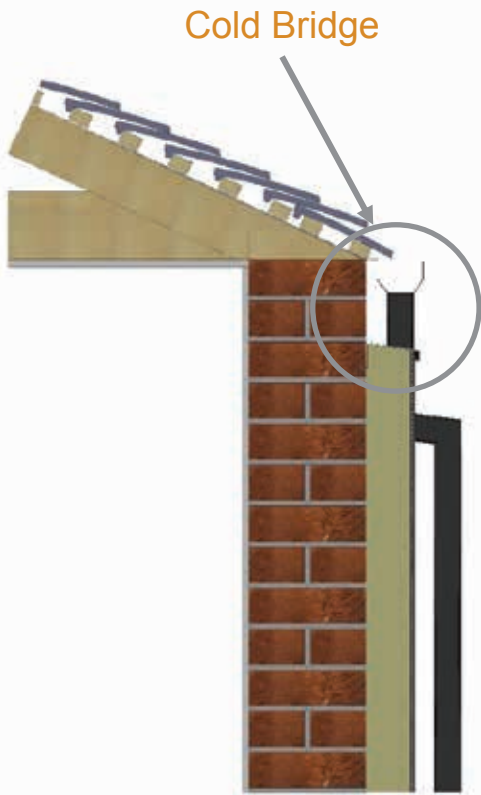
$$\Psi = 0.361 \text{ W/mK}$$

$$\text{FRsi} = 0.840$$

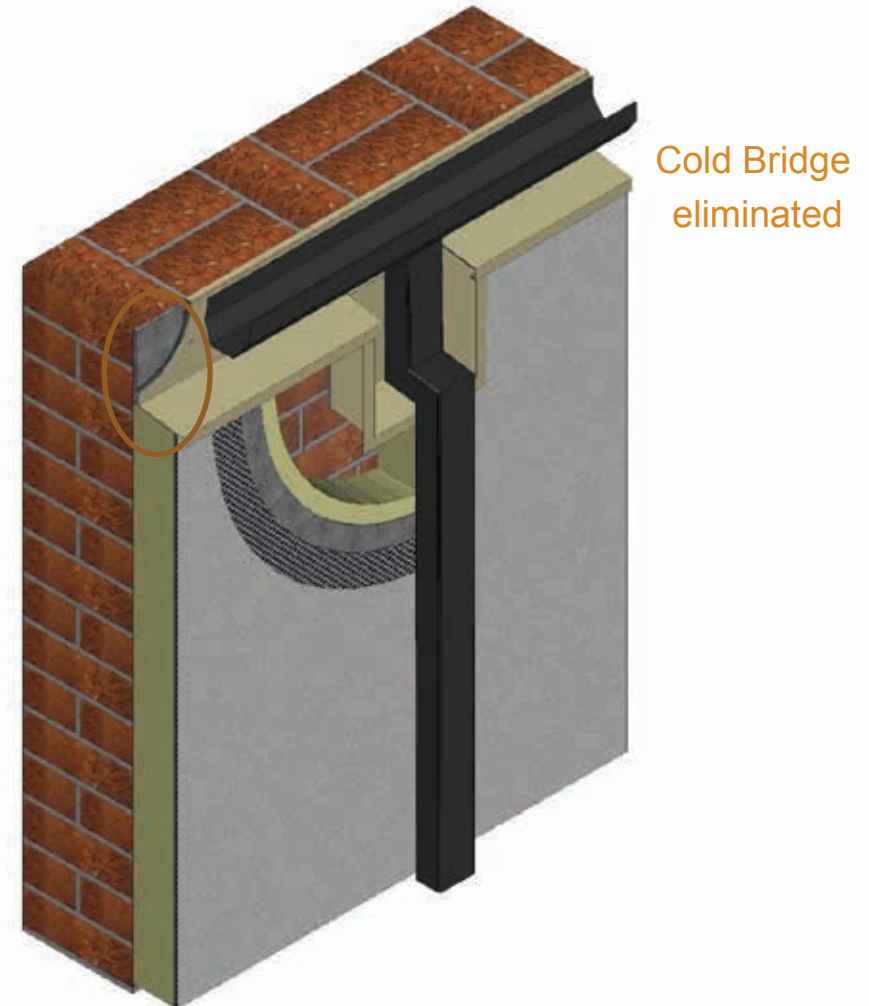
By introducing a Spaceloft layer the linear thermal transmittance is reduced by over **60%** and the internal surface temperature is increased by 3.9°C eliminating the risk of condensation creating a healthy indoor environment. The temperature factor is now above 0.75

Thermal Bridge at soffit

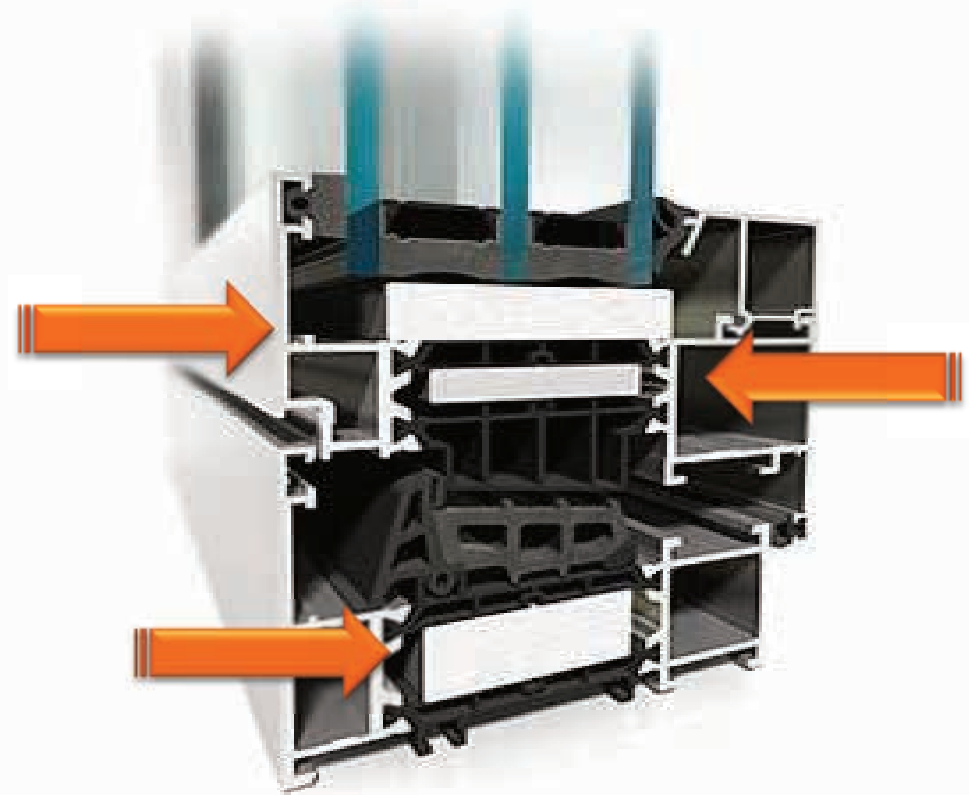
Without Insulated Soffit



With Insulated Soffit



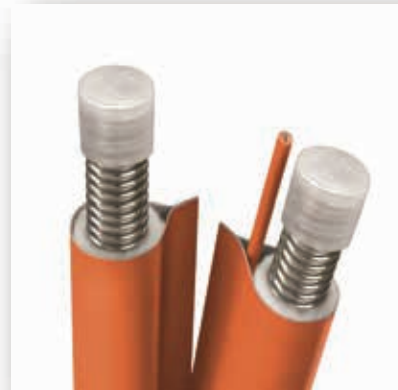
Thermal Breaks in High Performance Windows



Achieve class leading U_w values as low as $0.5 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$

Industry leading Pipe Insulation Applications

- Hot & cold water
- Solar Thermal
- 5 & 10mm Spaceloft variants
- Class leading passive frost protection
- Increases the effectiveness & running costs of trace heating systems



Save Space

- Preserve Living Space
- Maximise property income for investors

Facilitate Innovation & Preserve Heritage

- Technology leaders – lowest practical TC
- Competitive net cost of use – reduced labour & disruption

Easy to Use

- Compatible with existing trades & processing techniques
- Pan Euro complementary / Drop in solution

Certified

- Established competency
- ETA & local certifications in place – trust with decision makers

Safe

- Good Fire performance
- Clean environmental profile



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