KORE External Insulation System

Key Features

- Meets and exceeds buildings regulations
- Suitable for passive house construction
- Installed by insulation experts
- Suitable for use with composite external insulation systems
- Thermal mass benefits from concrete construction

Application & Description

Application

KORE External Insulation, together with a composite system, is fixed to the external face of external wall constructions. The product is designed for application on cavity walls, solid walls, hollow block walls, and timber frame walls*. The product is suitable for use on existing buildings and for new buildings.

Product Name Guide

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Description

KORE External is a high performance expanded polystyrene (EPS) insulation board that is used in conjunction with a composite external thermal insulation system. The product consists of rigid boards cut from moulded blocks of EPS. The blocks are aged for four to six weeks to ensure the product is delivered to site to the exacting tolerances required for external insulation products. KORE External products are available in two grades of material, silver and white, and a range of thicknesses. Our KORE External Plinth board is manufactured to a very high density, EPS200, specifically to insulate the plinth below the damp proof course. EPS200 has very low water absorption properties making it an ideal solution at plinth level.
Typical Construction & U-Value Calculations

Calculation Assumptions

All U-value calculations are in accordance with BS EN ISO 6946:2007. Unless stated otherwise inner blocks have a thermal conductivity of 1.13W/mK. Internal finishes unless otherwise stated taken as 12.5mm standard plasterboard with 3mm plaster skim on dabs. Conventional surface resistance; direction of heat flow taken as horizontal. Where applicable air layer is taken as unventilated. Unventilated air layer emissivity surfaces were given due consideration. Corrections for air layers and mechanical fasteners penetrating the insulation layer were considered. A correction factor was applied to calculations for existing buildings. These calculations should act as a guide only. Please contact our technical team for a detailed U-value calculation and condensation risk analysis.

Detail 1: Cavity Wall Construction - Retrofit Block Inner and Outer Leaf, Plasterboard and Skim Internal Finish, Cavity Empty Unventilated, External Insulation Application

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1. KORE External Insulation adhered to wall with adhesive mortar, and external rendering system consisting of a high polymer base coat, reinforcing mesh, silicone primer and silicone render
2. Existing 20mm external render
3. 250mm cavity wall - 100mm concrete block outer leaf, 50mm cavity, and 100mm concrete block inner leaf
4. 50mm unventilated cavity
5. Wall ties to manufacturers specifications and details
6. Existing 13mm internal render
7. Skirting-seal gap between skirting board and the floor using a flexible sealant
8. Screed to concrete flooring manufacturers specifications and details
9. Hollowcore slab to concrete flooring manufacturers specifications and details
10. 50mm x 50mm timber battens fixed to underside of slab
11. 12.5mm plasterboard fixed to battens below hollowcore slab with 12.5mm gypsum render over
12. Airtight membrane draped around end of hollowcore slab during installation and sealed on inside
Typical Construction & U-Value Calculations

Detail 2: Solid Blockwork Wall - Solid Block Wall, Plasterboard and Skim Internal Finish, External Insulation Application

1. Junctions to be taped with airtight tape to ensure air tightness levels are achieved
2. 50mm KORE Floor Perimeter insulation with min U-value of 0.75 W/m²k
3. Autoclaved aerated concrete (AAC) block to be used to ensure thermal break is maintained. (maximum thermal conductivity of 0.20 W/mk) AAC block to be suitable for use in foundations in all conditions. Block to be installed so to avoid any effect of moisture on thermal conductivity
4. Radon membrane to be lapped over AAC block and sealed to radon barrier below with radon resisting sealing tape to avoid rising moisture
5. Concrete floor to engineers specifications and details
6. 150mm KORE Floor insulation
7. Radon barrier laid to manufacturers specifications and details
8. 50mm sand blinding
9. Compacted hardcore
10. Foundations and rising walls to Structural Engineers specifications and details
11. Ensure KORE External insulation is installed to 200mm minimum below top of floor level
12. 215mm solid concrete block wall with KORE External insulation
13. KORE External insulation adhered to wall with adhesive mortar and external rendering system consisting of a high polymer base coat, reinforcing mesh, silicone primer and silicone render
14. 15mm internal sand cement render (internal includes airtight parge coat
15. Galvanised steel base rail with expansion fixings
16. Footpath

### New Buildings

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### Plasterboard, Solid Blockwork, Insulation, Render

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- Radon membrane to be lapped over AAC block and sealed to radon barrier below with radon resisting sealing tape to avoid rising moisture
- Concrete floor to engineers specifications and details
- 150mm KORE Floor insulation
- Radon barrier laid to manufacturers specifications and details
- 50mm sand blinding
- Compacted hardcore
- Foundations and rising walls to Structural Engineers specifications and details
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- KORE External insulation adhered to wall with adhesive mortar and external rendering system consisting of a high polymer base coat, reinforcing mesh, silicone primer and silicone render
- 15mm internal sand cement render (internal includes airtight parge coat
- Galvanised steel base rail with expansion fixings
- Footpath
**Typical Construction & U-Value Calculations**

**Detail 3: Cavity Wall Construction - Block Inner Leaf, Block Outer leaf, Dense Plasterboard Internal Finish, Cavity Empty Unventilated, External Insulation Application**

1. KORE External insulation adhered to wall with adhesive mortar and external rendering system consisting of a high polymer base coat, reinforcing mesh, silicone primer and silicone render
2. 250mm cavity wall - 100mm concrete block outer leaf, 50mm cavity and 100mm concrete block inner leaf
3. Wall ties to manufacturers specifications and details
4. 12.5mm plasterboard fixed on internal face of wall with 12.5mm gypsum render over
5. Skirting-seal gap between skirting board and the floor using a flexible sealant
6. Screed to concrete flooring manufacturers specifications and details
7. Hollowcore slab to concrete flooring manufacturers specifications and details
8. 50mm x 50mm timber battens fixed to underside of slab
9. 12.5mm plasterboard fixed to battens below hollowcore slab with 12.5mm gypsum render over
10. Airtight membrane draped around end of hollowcore slab during installation and sealed on inside

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2. Existing 20mm external render
3. 250mm cavity wall - 100mm concrete block outer leaf, 50mm cavity and 100mm concrete block inner leaf
4. 50mm KORE Fill Bonded Bead insulation
5. Wall ties to manufacturers specifications and details
6. Existing 13mm internal render
7. Skirting seal-gap between skirting board and the floor using a flexible sealant
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Thermal Bridging

TGD Part L of the Irish Building Regulations states that care must be taken to ensure the continuity of insulation and to limit local thermal bridging and that any thermal bridge should not pose a risk of surface or interstitial condensation. KORE have undertaken a complete thermal bridging analysis of KORE External Insulation at all typical junctions. Please contact our team today to request a copy of these results.
Specification Guidelines

Building Standards

KORE External Insulation can satisfy the requirements of the Irish Building Regulations as outlined in:

- Part L - Conservation of Fuel and Energy - Dwellings (2011)

Environmental

Expanded Polystyrene is BRE Green Guide A+ Rated.

Water Vapour Control/Condensation

Consideration must be given to the risk of condensation when designing thermal elements. In accordance with BS 2550:2002 Code of Practice for the control of condensation in buildings, a condensation risk analysis should be carried out. Contact the KORE technical department for further details.

Fire Stops

Current building regulations and standards should be considered in full when detailing fire stops for the building.

Detailed Specification Guide

Full specification guide is available on www.kore-system.com

On Site

Installation Guidelines: Insulated Rendering Systems

It is recommended that the installation guidance from the render system manufacturer be consulted before installing products on site. Specific render systems require specific installation approaches that need due consideration. The guidance outlined below can be used in conjunction with the render system information.

- The surface of the wall to which KORE External insulation is to be mechanically fixed must be free of water repellents, dust, dirt, efflorescence and other harmful contaminant or materials that may interfere with the adhesive bond. Projecting mortar or concrete parts must be removed. A bedding compound can be used to even the surface of the wall before fixing the insulation.
- Mechanically fixed insulation boards should be fixed with a minimum of 5 fixings per board or 7 per m²/sq. It is recommended that the most thermally advanced fixings should be used to fix the insulation board while not compromising on the required pull out strength.
- KORE External insulation boards must be butted tightly together.
- At openings and external corners insulation board edges should be mechanically fixed at a minimum of 300mm centres.
- To minimise the effects of cold bridging, KORE External Plinth Insulation should be installed below the DPC level and where practicable, extend below ground level.
- The insulate thickness and detailing at floor level/below DPC to be in accordance with requirements contained in the appropriate Technical Guidance Document as per relevant Building Regulations.
- Window and door reveals must be insulated to minimise the effects of cold bridging in accordance with the recommendations of the Acceptable Construction Details Document published by DoEHLG, to achieve an R-value of 0.6m²K/W.
- For retrofitting applications care must be taken to reduce thermal bridging at window cill details. The KORE EPS Cill significantly reduces the thermal bridging factor. Contact our team for further details.
Installation Guidelines: Insulated Cladding Systems

It is important to note that the method of installation of KORE External Insulation will depend on the facing or cladding system used on the building. It is recommended that the installation guidance from the cladding system manufacturer be consulted before installing products on site.

- In typical applications the wall is battened either horizontally or vertically, using treated timber.
- The timber is fixed at appropriate centres to provide the necessary support for the cladding or tile battens.
- KORE External insulation is cut to fit tightly between the battens and should be wedged into position. Where an air gap is required between the insulation and the cladding, the insulation board must be pinned in place using corrosion free fixings.
- Next a breathable sarking felt is placed over the insulation. The edges and joints are sealed.
- To satisfy building regulations a second layer of KORE External insulation is fixed over the battens. Where this is the case it is essential to ensure that the cladding system is efficiently fixed back to the main wall to prevent downward drag of cladding. A double counter batten system should be considered. In this case the battens on the main wall must be in the same orientation as the cladding battens.
- The specified cladding system is installed as per the manufacturer’s recommendations and guidelines.

Cutting

On-site trimming of boards where necessary to maintain continuity of insulation is easily executed using a fine tooth saw or builder’s knife. Care must be taken to maintain the thickness, flatness and squareness of the board to achieve close butting of joints and continuity of insulation.

Packaging and Storage

KORE External insulation boards must be protected from prolonged exposure to sunlight and should be stored under cover in their original wrapping, not in contact with ground moisture and raised above ground level. Care must be taken to avoid contact with solvents and with materials containing volatile organic components such as tar and newly treated timber.
Properties

Type

KORE External insulation is supplied as EPS70 and EPS200 as defined in IS EN 13163:2012. Reaction to Fire Class E, containing a flame retardant additive. KORE External insulation is aged material.

Density

KORE External EPS70 Silver: 15kg/m$^3$
KORE External EPS70 White: 15kg/m$^3$
KORE External EPS200 White: 30kg/m$^3$

Thermal Conductivity

The thermal conductivity of KORE External insulation products are in accordance with IS EN 13163:2012 and EN 12667 Thermal Performance of building materials and products - determination of thermal resistance by means of guarded hot plate and heat flow meter method.

KORE External EPS70 White: 0.037 W/mK
KORE External EPS70 Silver: 0.031 W/mK
KORE External EPS200 White: 0.032 W/mK

Thermal Resistance

Thermal resistance, known as the R-value, varies with the thickness of the insulation. To calculate the thermal resistance (m².K/W) divide the thickness of the insulation by its thermal conductivity and round down the result to the nearest 0.05.

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Product and Technical Details

**Durability**

The KORE External insulation and KORE External Plinth insulation is rot-proof, water repellent and durable.

**Behaviour in Fire**

When properly installed, the insulation is protected by the cladding or other facing material and will have no adverse effect on either the surface spread of flame or the fire resistance of the wall. Any necessary fire performance is provided by the facing material.

**Dimensions**

Standard Size: 1.200m x 0.600m

Standard Thickness:
- EPS70 White and Silver - 100mm, 120mm, 150mm, 175mm, 200mm, 250mm, 300mm
- EPS200 White - 10mm, 20mm, 30mm, 40mm, 50mm, 60mm, 70mm, 80mm, 90mm, 100mm

**Tolerances**

In accordance with IS EN 13163:2012 and BS EN 13499:2003 the following tolerances apply to KORE External EPS70 Silver, KORE External EPS70 White and KORE External EPS200 White:

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**Dimensional Stability**

KORE External EPS70: In accordance with IS EN 13163:2012 and EN 1603, dimensional stability, DS(N)2, Declared Value ±0.2%.

KORE External EPS200: In accordance with IS EN 13163:2012 and EN 1604, dimensional stability under specified temperature and humidity conditions, (DS200,-)1, Declared Value 1%.

**Compressive Strength**

KORE External EPS70: In accordance with IS EN 13163:2012 and EN 826, compressive strength at 10% deformation, CS(10)70, declared value 82kPa.

KORE External EPS200: In accordance with IS EN 13163:2012 and EN 826, compressive strength at 10% deformation, CS(10)200, declared value 206kPa.

**Bending Strength**

KORE External EPS70: In accordance with IS EN 13163:2012 and EN 12089, bending strength, BS115, declared value ≥115.

KORE External EPS200: In accordance with IS EN 13163:2012 and EN 12089, bending strength, BS200, declared value, ≥200.

**Tensile Strength**

KORE External EPS70: In accordance with IS EN 13163:2012 and EN 1607, tensile strength perpendicular to the surface, TR150, declared value ≥150kPa.

KORE External EPS200: In accordance with IS EN 13163:2012 and EN 1607, tensile strength perpendicular to the surface, TR150, declared value ≥150kPa.

**Certification**

KORE External Insulation should be used in conjunction with an approved NSAI Render System.

**Standards**

Technical Services

Contact our team today for:

- U-value calculations
- Condensation risk analysis
- Determination of exposure zone
- Accredited drawings and details
- Thermal bridging analysis results
- Temperature factor analysis
- Any other project specific requirements

Other Products to Consider

KORE External Insulation can be installed with a wide range of other KORE products, whether new build or retrofitting existing buildings. KORE’s products are suitable for Passive House builds.

- KORE’s Passive Slab Insulated Foundation System
- KORE’s Floor Insulation System
- KORE Lock for Cold and Warm Pitched Roofs
- KORE Loft Insulated Attic Flooring System
- KORE’s Range of Draught Proofing Products
- KORE’s Wall and Roof Ventilation Products
- KORE’s Hot and Cold Water Lagging Jackets
- KORE’s Pipe Insulation

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