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 for new buildings.

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.

Product Name Guide

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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.

Definitions

fRSI-Value Definition

The fRSI-value is a ratio of the difference in internal temperature and minimum surface temperature to the difference in internal and external temperatures. Internal and external temperatures are applied to the relevant surfaces of the model, and the software calculates the heat flow through the materials and bridging elements, to determine the heat energy loss from inside to outside, and the surface temperatures on the inner surfaces of the building. It is then determined if the fRSI-value is above or below the limits set out in IP 106 and Technical Guidance Document Part L 2011. fRSI-value must be above 0.75 at the coldest point (must be above 15 degrees Celsius) on any internal face of the junction modelled for residential areas.

Psi Value Definition

The Psi-value represents the extra heat flow through the linear thermal bridge over and above that through the adjoining plane elements. If a Psi-value does not meet the default value outlined in TGDL tables it is still possible to calculate a Thermal Bridging Factor (y value) that is better than default, by means of manual (y value) calculation. The Thermal Bridging Factor (y value) is a parameter that is inputted in the BER calculation and takes into account the Psi-values of all heat loss junctions, the lengths over which the Psi-values apply and the total thermal envelope area of the building.

Thermal Modelling

All thermal modelling has been carried out by Evolusion Innovation on behalf of KORE Insulation. Evolusion Innovation are NSAI certified to thermally model junction details and calculate their linear thermal transmittance. Evolusion's thermal modellers are also included on the NSAI registrar of approved thermal modellers. All modelling is carried out in accordance with EN ISO 6946 as well as EN ISO 10211-1 and BR 497.
Typical Construction & U-Value Calculations

EWI_06: 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. 35mm KORE EPS70 Silver Floor Perimeter Insulation with minimum R-value of 1.0 m²k/W
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 parging coat
15. Galvanised steel base rail with expansion fixings
16. Footpath

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EWI_06: Psi Calculation

Method B = 0.114 W/m.K

EWI_06: fRsi Calculation

\[ f_{RSI} = 0.90 > 0.75 \]
**Typical Construction & U-Value Calculations**

**EWI_17: Solid Blockwork Wall (Intermediate Floor Detail) - Solid Block Wall, Plasterboard and Skim Internal Finish, External Insulation Application**

1. 215mm solid concrete block wall
2. 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.
3. 15mm internal sand cement render (internal includes airtight parget coat).
5. Screed to concrete flooring manufacturers specifications and details.
6. Hollowcore slab to concrete flooring manufacturers specifications and details.
7. Service duct formed beneath slab
8. 12.5mm plasterboard ceiling with gypsum render
9. Airtight membrane draped around end of hollowcore slab during installation and sealed on inside face of blockwork.

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**EWI_17: Psi Calculation**

**EWI_17: fRsi Calculation**

$$f_{Rsi} = 0.96 > 0.75$$
Typical Construction & U-Value Calculations

EWI_18: Solid Blockwork Wall (Timber Intermediate Floor Detail) - Solid Block Wall, Plasterboard and Skim Internal Finish, External Insulation Application

1. 215mm solid concrete block wall
2. 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.
3. 15mm internal sand cement render (internal includes airtight parge coat).
5. Galvanised steel joist hanger to manufactures specification and details, joist hanger to be installed with allowance for sand cement airtight parge coat behind flange to ensure continuity of air barrier through floor zone.
6. Floor joist
7. 12.5mm plasterboard fixed to underside of floor joists and gypsum render.

Plasterboard, Solid Blockwork, Insulation, Render

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EWI_18: Psi Calculation

EWI_18: fRsi Calculation

\[ f_{Rsi} = 0.95 > 0.75 \]
1. Gutter
2. Tilting fillet/felt support to prevent ponding of felt at eaves level
3. Ventilated soffit
4. Tiled/slated roof
5. Roof felt
6. Ensure gap between wall plate and proprietary eaves vent is completely filled with insulation having a min R-value across the insulation thickness of 1.2 m²K/W
7. Eaves ventilator to provide 25mm (min) unobstructed air passage over insulation
8. Slate/tiling battens
9. Mineral Fibre Wool or similar type insulation layered between ceiling joists in compliance with TGD - Part L
10. KORE Key insulated plaster board with gypsum render and vapour control layer behind
11. 100mm x 75mm wallplate on continuous mortar bed, wall plate to be secured down to wall by restraint straps nailed to wall. Strap at least 750mm long, 450mm of which should be over blockwork.
12. Airtight tape applied to wall ceiling junction 15mm internal sand cement render
13. Internal includes airtight parge coat
14. 215mm solid concrete block wall
15. 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.

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### EWI_34: Psi Calculation

![Psi Calculation Diagram]

### EWI_34: fRsi Calculation

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\frac{1}{f_{Rsi}} = 0.95 > 0.75
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Typical Construction & U-Value Calculations

EWI_52 Solid Blockwork Wall (Ventilated Gable Detail) - Solid Block Wall, Plasterboard and Skim Internal Finish, External Insulation Application

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1. Dry verge system fitted to manufactures specifications and details
2. Tiled/slatted roof
3. Slating/tiling batten
4. Breathable insulation to be fitted over top of wall within gable ladder, ensure insulation continuity throughout junction
5. Ventilated soffit
6. Ensure full depth of insulation between and under rafters extends to wall. Pack gap between rafter and wall with compressible insulation
7. Breathable roofing felt
8. KORE Lock insulation between ceiling joists in accordance with TGD - Part L
9. Vapour control membrane
10. KORE Key insulated plaster board with gypsum render
11. 215mm solid concrete block wall
12. 15mm internal sand cement render (internal includes airtight parge coat)
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

EWI_52: Psi Calculation

EWI_52: fRsi Calculation

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f_{RSI} = 0.90 > 0.75
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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 (2019)
• Part L - Conservation of Fuel and Energy - Buildings other than Dwellings (2019)

Environmental

Expanded Polystyrene is BRE Green Guide A+ Rated. KORE Insulation has acquired an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) for their Expanded Polystyrene range.

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

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.

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.
On Site

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.
Product and Technical Details

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/m³
KORE External EPS70 White: 15kg/m³
KORE External EPS200 White: 30kg/m³

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: 0.033 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: 1200mm x 600mm

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.

KORE External EPS200: In accordance with IS EN 13163:2012 and EN 1603, dimensional stability under constant laboratory 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.

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

Bending Strength

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

KORE External EPS200: In accordance with IS EN 13163:2012 and EN 12089, bending strength, BS250.

Tensile Strength

KORE External EPS70: In accordance with IS EN 13163:2012 and EN 1607, tensile strength perpendicular to the surface, TR120.

KORE External EPS200: In accordance with IS EN 13163:2012 and EN 1607, tensile strength perpendicular to the surface, TR170.

Certification

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

Standards

KORE Fill Bonded Bead is manufactured to:
1) ISO 14001:2015 - Environmental Management Systems
2) ISO 9001:2015 - Quality Management Systems
3) ISO 45001:2018 – Occupational Health & Safety Management System
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
- BIM Files

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 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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