



# Kooltherm® Quick Guide



Building a better Kingdom together.

Fibre-free  
Core

  
**Kingspan®**

Low Energy –  
Low Carbon Buildings

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

# Contents

	Page
About Kingspan Insulation	4
Product Range	5
Building Regulations / Standards	6
Pitched Roofs	8
Insulation at Rafter Level – Choice of Build-Up	8
Ventilated & Unventilated	10
Masonry Walls	21
Cavity Wall Insulation	21
Partial Fill Cavity Wall Insulation	24
Cavity Closer Insulated Extrusions for Closing Wall Cavities at Openings	27
Plaster Dab Bonded & Mechanically Fixed Insulated Plasterboard	29
Insulated Render & Ventilated Cladding Systems	38
Timber Frame Systems	43
Insulation between Studs with & without Insulated Sheathing	43
Rainscreen & Masonry Façades	48
Insulation for Rainscreen Cladding Systems & Masonry Façades	48
Floors	51
Solid Concrete & Suspended Ground Floor	51
Structural Ceilings (Soffits)	58
Glossary	61

# About Kingspan Insulation

Kingspan Insulation Ltd is a market leading manufacturer of optimum, premium and high performance rigid insulation products and insulated systems for building fabric and building services applications.

Kingspan Insulation has a long-term commitment to sustainability and responsibility, aiming to adopt and apply best practice sustainability principles by considering environmental, social and economic factors in all operations. Full details of how Kingspan Insulation implements these commitments can be found at [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk/sustainability](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk/sustainability).

Kingspan Insulation considers it a matter of social responsibility to be open and honest about the environmental impact of the manufacture of its products, and a full Environmental Profile based on Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) is the preferred tool to achieve this. The majority of Kingspan Insulation's **Kooltherm**® and **Therma**™ products have been assigned a Green Guide rating of A+ or A, and the latest certified results are available on the Kingspan Insulation website.

A key area of sustainability reporting is the raw material supply chains, which can have an all-too-easy-to-ignore impact on a business' sustainability performance. The ultimate goal is to source raw materials responsibly. To ensure this all **Kooltherm**®, **KoolDuct**® and **Therma**™ insulation products and cavity closers manufactured at Kingspan Insulation's Pembroke and Sherburn-in-Elmet manufacturing facilities are certified to BES 6001 (Framework Standard for the Responsible Sourcing of Construction Products) 'Excellent'. All **TEK**® and **OPTIM-R** insulation product manufactured at Kingspan Insulation's Pembroke and Sherburn-in-Elmet manufacturing facilities are certified to BES 6001 (Framework Standard for the Responsible Sourcing of Construction Products) 'Very Good'. The products are also manufactured under a management system certified to ISO 9001: 2008, ISO 14001: 2004, BS OHSAS 18001: 2007 and ISO 50001: 2011.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

# Product Range

## *Kingspan* **OPTIM-R**

- Optimum performance next generation insulation solution.
- Design (aged) thermal conductivity of 0.007 W/m-K.
- Provides an insulating performance that is up to five times better than commonly used insulation materials.
- High levels of thermal efficiency with minimal thickness.
- Ideal for constructions where depth or space for insulation is limited.
- Available in a range of sizes and thicknesses.
- Suitable for use in a variety of OEM applications.
- The first Vacuum Insulation Panel (VIP) in the world to gain a BDA Agrément®.

## *Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K-range Products

- With a fibre-free rigid thermoset phenolic core and thermal conductivity of 0.018 – 0.023 W/m-K these are the most thermally efficient insulation products commonly used.
- The thinnest commonly used insulation products for any specific U-value.
- Each product achieves the required fire performance for its intended application.
- Manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) and low Global Warming Potential (GWP).

## *Kingspan* **Therma**™ Range Products

- With a fibre-free rigid thermoset PIR insulation core and a thermal conductivity of 0.022–0.028 W/m-K these are amongst the more thermally efficient insulation products commonly used.
- Each product achieves the required fire performance for its intended application.
- Manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) and low Global Warming Potential (GWP).

## *Kingspan* **Styrozone**® Range Products

- Fibre-free rigid extruded polystyrene insulation (XPS) has the necessary compressive strength to make it the product of choice for specialist applications such as heavy duty flooring, car park decks and inverted roofing.
- Each product achieves the required fire performance for its intended application.
- Manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP).

## **All Products**

- Unaffected by air infiltration – a problem that can be experienced with mineral fibre and which can reduce thermal performance.
- Safe and easy to install.
- If installed correctly, can provide reliable long-term thermal performance over the lifetime of the building.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

# Building Regulations / Standards

## England & Wales

The 2013 Editions of Approved Documents L to the Building Regulations 2010 for England came into effect on April 6, 2014 and all plans submitted for Building Control approval need to comply with these new requirements.

The 2014 Editions of Approved Documents L to the Building Regulations 2010 for Wales came into effect on July 31, 2014 and all plans submitted for Building Control approval need to comply with these new requirements.

### New Buildings (ADL1A & ADL2A)

The main requirement of Approved Documents L1A and L2A, for both England & Wales, is that buildings meet defined CO<sub>2</sub> emissions targets. For England only, there is also a requirement to meet a fabric energy efficiency requirement for ADL1A. For Wales, more stringent limiting fabric targets are instead set. The roof, wall and floor U-values required will depend on the design of the building, orientation, heating system etc. To ease the process, Kingspan Insulation has undertaken analysis to give the 'best starting point' U-values, for specifiers to work from in getting their designs to comply. They will be almost exactly what is required for some buildings and short of what is required for others. These 'best starting point' U-values are shown below.

### Existing Buildings (ADL1B & ADL2B)

Approved Documents L1B and L2B, for both England & Wales, give specific U-value requirements for newly constructed elements and retained / refurbished elements. They apply to all works, regardless of whether the works relate to an extension, conversion or renovation. These suggested U-values are shown below.

Suggested / Required U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K) for Different Elements in Various Scenarios					
Element	New Buildings Best Starting Point		Existing Buildings Extension, Conversion & Renovation Of All Buildings		
	Dwellings	Buildings Other Than Dwellings	New Elements		Refurbishment / Retained Elements
			England	Wales	
Lofts	0.11	0.14	0.16	0.15 <sup>1</sup> / 0.15 <sup>2</sup>	0.16
All other roofs	0.11	0.14	0.18	0.15 <sup>1</sup> / 0.18 <sup>2</sup>	0.18
Walls	0.16	0.22	0.28	0.21 <sup>1</sup> / 0.26 <sup>2</sup>	0.55 <sup>3</sup> / 0.30 <sup>4</sup>
Floors	0.11	0.18	0.22	0.18 <sup>1</sup> / 0.22 <sup>2</sup>	0.25

<sup>1</sup> Buildings essentially domestic in character e.g. student accommodation, care homes, and similar uses where occupancy levels and internal gains are essentially domestic in character  
<sup>2</sup> All other non-domestic buildings  
<sup>3</sup> Cavity insulation  
<sup>4</sup> External / internal insulation



Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

## Scotland

The new 2015 Editions of Technical Handbooks: Section 6 to the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2011 came into effect on October 1, 2015.

### New Buildings

The main requirement of Technical Handbooks: Section 6 is that buildings meet a defined CO<sub>2</sub> emissions target. For domestic, this target is generated by a set of notional buildings, which also offer a simplified elemental approach to compliance. If a building is constructed in accordance with the parameter values that define the notional building, then it will automatically comply with the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions target. 'Best starting point' U-values for roofs, walls and floors are shown below. For non-domestic, the approach is the same as that described above for ADL2A and 'best starting point' U-values are shown below.

### Existing Buildings

Technical Handbooks Section 6 gives specific area-weighted average U-value requirements for newly constructed elements and altered / refurbished elements. They apply to most works\*, regardless of whether the works relate to an extension, renovation, or conversion e.g. of a whole unheated building, loft or garage. For existing dwellings, there are differing requirements for newly constructed elements, depending upon the thermal efficiency of the existing building\*. The required U-values are shown below.

Suggested / Required U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K) for Different Elements in Various Scenarios						
Element	New Buildings Best Starting Point		Existing Buildings			
	Domestic	Non-Domestic	Refurbishment & Extensions			Conversion of Heated Buildings
			Domestic*		Non-Domestic	
			A	B		
Lofts	0.10	0.14	0.11	0.15	0.15	0.25
All other roofs	0.10	0.14	0.13	0.18	0.15	0.25
Walls	0.15	0.18	0.17	0.22	0.25	0.30
Floors	0.13	0.15	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.25

\*Column A is for extensions where the existing dwelling's walls and roof U-values are worse than 0.70 W/m<sup>2</sup>·K in the walls and worse than 0.25 W/m<sup>2</sup>·K in the ceiling. Column B is for other extensions, upgraded existing thermal elements, non-exempt conservatories and conversion of unheated buildings.



Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

# Pitched Roofs

## INSULATION AT RAFTER LEVEL - CHOICE OF BUILD-UP

### Unventilated and Ventilated Constructions

There is generally a choice between unventilated and ventilated constructions, except in the case of refurbishment / loft conversions. In these instances, unless the whole roof is to be stripped or unless there is a breathable sarking membrane already in situ, it is impossible to use an unventilated roof, because a breathable sarking membrane cannot be installed.

### Position of Insulation

Dependent on the designed U-value of the construction and the available rafter depth and headroom, different approaches can be taken.

In most cases, approaches with layers of insulation between and over rafters are likely to yield very tall fascia boards and so, generally, between and under rafter insulation approaches are probably more desirable. The exception to the rule is when very low U-values are required, in which case headroom may become an issue for between and under rafter solutions, so between and over rafter solutions may be more practical.

### Unventilated Roof - Ventilation Considerations

Unventilated roof approaches create a warm pitched roof space which does not require cross ventilation. Research suggests that sealing an unventilated roof yields a more energy efficient roof, as the impacts of ventilation and incidental infiltrating cold air can be minimised. Therefore, if creating an unventilated roof, it is preferable to fully seal all joints in the breathable sarking membrane. Any water vapour reaching the breathable sarking membrane escapes without condensing. There is then adequate air movement beneath the tiles to dissipate this water vapour to the outside atmosphere. Tape for sealing joints in the breathable sarking membrane should be specified in accordance with the recommendations of the breathable membrane manufacturer.

The requirement for a vapour control layer and / or under-tile ventilation should be assessed to BS 5250: 2011 (Code of practice for control of condensation in buildings).

### Ventilated Roof - Ventilation Considerations

In these cases the Building Regulations / Standards require a 50 mm ventilation air gap between the insulation and the sarking felt, so as to avoid condensation.

The requirement for a vapour control layer should be assessed to BS 5250: 2002.

### Vapour Control Layer

If required, the vapour resistance of the roof lining can be increased by the use of a vapour check plasterboard\*, the use of **Kingspan Kooltherm® K118 Insulated Plasterboard**, which contains an integral vapour control layer\*, the use of a layer of polythene sheeting\*, or by the application of two coats of Gyproc Drywall Sealer.

\* With appropriate detailing at joints, penetrations and roof perimeters.

## Breathable Sarking Membrane

BS 5250: 2002 recommends that low resistance breathable sarking membranes for use in unventilated systems must not have a vapour resistance that exceeds 0.25 MN.s/g, e.g. *Kingspan nilvent*®.

## Position of Breathable Sarking Membrane

The sealing of breathable sarking membrane joints with tape is considerably easier to achieve if the membrane is installed on a continuous surface.

In these cases the breathable sarking membrane is installed over or under the counter-battens (which provide a channel for water drainage) or, in situations with a sarking board under a natural slated roof, the breathable sarking membrane is installed directly under the slates (as neither tile battens nor counter-battens are used).

Generally, when a continuous surface is available, it will prove easier to install the breathable sarking membrane in horizontal runs, whilst still enabling easy sealing between runs.

In roofs with no continuous surface, it is preferable, though more difficult, to install the breathable sarking membrane in vertical runs with junctions between runs sealed by counter-battens placed over the laps in rafter positions. The breathable sarking membrane is installed taut as the counter-batten provides a space for water drainage.

## Recommended Solutions for New Build / Re-roofing

The ideal solution for new build or re-roofing projects is, therefore, between and under rafter insulation with a continuous surface for the breathable sarking membrane so that it can be installed in horizontal runs under counter-battens with laps sealed with tape.

The next best solution is, therefore, insulation with no continuous surface for the breathable sarking membrane, and the breathable sarking membrane installed in vertical runs with laps sealed under counter-battens.

# Pitched Roofs

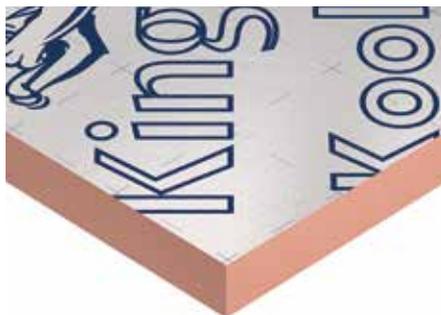
## VENTILATED & UNVENTILATED

### *Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K7 Pitched Roof Board

*Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K7 Pitched Roof Board has a rigid thermoset phenolic insulation core faced on both sides with a low emissivity composite foil.

*Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K7 Pitched Roof Board is suitable for use:

- as rafter level insulation, or between ceiling joists for tiled or slated pitched warm roof spaces;
- in roof voids; and
- in cold flat and cold pitched roofs.



**Fibre-free**  
 **Core**

#### **Product details:**

- Thermal Conductivity –  
0.023 W/m·K (insulant thickness 15 – 24 mm)  
0.021 W/m·K (insulant thickness 25 – 44 mm)  
0.020 W/m·K (insulant thickness ≥ 45 mm)
- Compressive Strength – typically exceeds 125 kPa at 10% compression, when tested to BS EN 826: 2013 (Thermal insulating products for building applications. Determination of compression behaviour)
- Board Size – 1.2 x 2.4 m
- Thicknesses – 25 – 160 mm (speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked sizes)
- BRE 2008 Green Guide Summary Rating – A+

#### **Product benefits:**

- Easy to handle and install
- Fibre-free core
- Ideal for new build and refurbishment
- Manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero ODP and low GWP
- BBA certified

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

## Installation Details - Full Fill Between & Under Rafter Insulation (Unventilated)

### Between Rafters

- Where the insulation between rafters fully fills the rafter depth, simply install the correct thickness of insulation, trimmed to suit rafter spacings, in such a manner that it is flush with the bottom and top of the rafters.
- If the between rafter insulation is to be fitted from the outside, install the insulation with the use of timber 'stop' battens.
- Timber 'stop' battens should be the correct size so the insulation is flush with the top surfaces of the rafters.
- The timber 'stop' battens are driven into the upper surface of each rafter at one-metre intervals up the roof slope.
- The timber 'stop' battens then support lengths of insulation, trimmed to suit rafter spacings, and placed between the rafters.

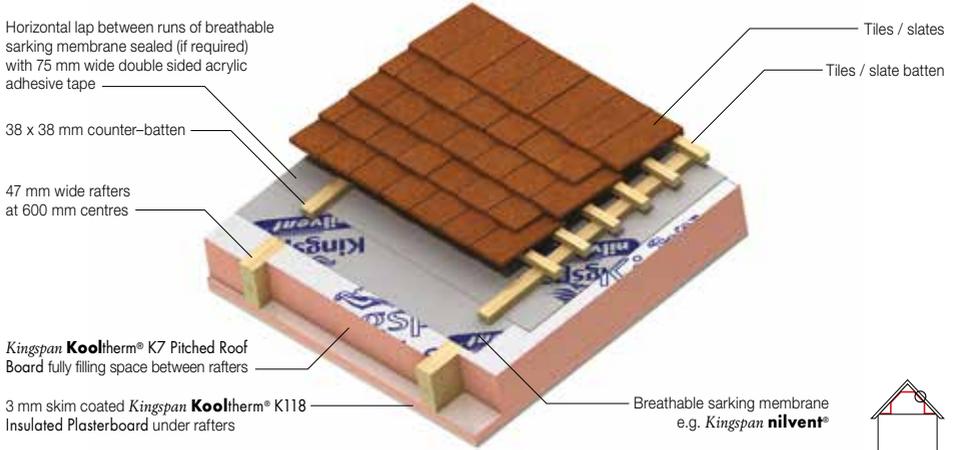
### To Timber Joists or Rafters

- Sheets of *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard may be used to line ceilings.
- Sheets must always be placed with the long edge running across the joists or rafters, and all edges must be supported.
- Where joints between sheets of insulated plasterboard are unsupported by the timber joists / rafters, timber noggins should be installed.
- Each sheet of insulated plasterboard should lap joists / rafters / noggins by 19 mm (min.) at sheet joints.
- Sheets should be fixed using either drywall screws at 230 mm centres, or large-headed galvanized clout nails placed at 150 mm centres.
- Each sheet of insulated plasterboard should be lightly butted, with fixings located no less than 10 mm from the bound edges of the sheet. Fixings should be long enough to allow a minimum 25 mm penetration of the timber.
- Fixings should be driven straight, with the heads embedded just below the surface of the plasterboard.
- Care should be taken not to overdrive nails / screws.
- The perimeter of the *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard should be sealed with a flexible sealant or equivalent.

# Pitched Roofs

## VENTILATED & UNVENTILATED

### Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)					
	U-values					
	0.10	0.11	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.25
Plaster skim	3	3	3	3	3	3
Kingspan <b>Kooltherm</b> ® K118 Insulated Plasterboard	82.5	72.5	37.5	32.5	32.5	n/a
Kingspan <b>Kooltherm</b> ® K7 Pitched Roof Board between 150 mm timber rafters	150	150	150	150	120	90
Kingspan <b>nilvent</b> ®	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Counter-batten cavity	38	38	38	38	38	38
Tiles / slates on battens	30	30	30	30	30	30

Calculations assume rafters at 600 mm centres.

NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

## Installation Details - Partial Fill Between & Under Rafter Insulation (Unventilated)

### Between Rafters

- *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K7 Pitched Roof Board installed between rafters must be flush with the bottom of the rafters in order to prevent the risk of air movement between the board and the ceiling.
- Install the insulation, trimmed to suit rafter spacings, with the aid of treated softwood battens nailed to the side of the rafters to provide a 'stop' above the insulation.
- The battens should be in the appropriate position to ensure the insulation is flush with the bottom of the rafters.
- An additional restraint to the insulation boards will be provided by *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard fixed to the inside face of the rafters.

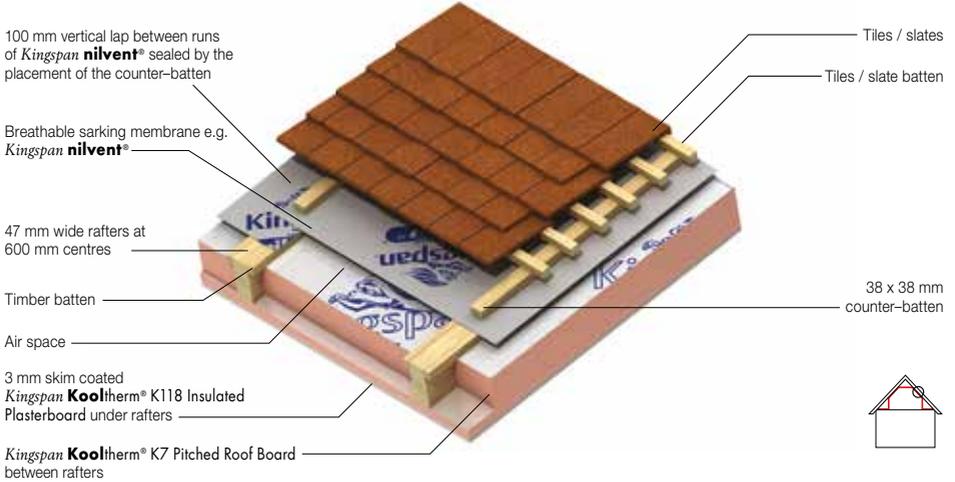
### To Timber Joists or Rafters

- Sheets of *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard may be used to line ceilings.
- Sheets must always be placed with the long edge running across the joists or rafters, and all edges must be supported.
- Where joints between sheets of insulated plasterboard are unsupported by the timber joists / rafters, timber noggins should be installed.
- Each sheet of insulated plasterboard should lap joists / rafters / noggins by 19 mm (min.) at sheet joints.
- Sheets should be fixed using either drywall screws at 230 mm centres, or large-headed galvanized clout nails placed at 150 mm centres.
- Each sheet of insulated plasterboard should be lightly butted, with fixings located no less than 10 mm from the bound edges of the sheet. Fixings should be long enough to allow a minimum 25 mm penetration of the timber.
- Fixings should be driven straight, with the heads embedded just below the surface of the plasterboard.
- Care should be taken not to overdrive nails / screws.
- The perimeter of the *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard should be sealed with a flexible sealant or equivalent.

# Pitched Roofs

## VENTILATED & UNVENTILATED

### Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)					
	U-values					
	0.10	0.11	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.25
Plaster skim	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>Kingspan Kootherm® K118 Insulated Plasterboard</b>	82.5	72.5	42.5	37.5	32.5	n/a*
<b>Kingspan Kootherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board</b> between timber rafters	150	125	125	125	125	90
Timber rafter cavity	0	25	25	25	25	60
<b>Kingspan nilvent®</b>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Counter-batten cavity	38	38	38	38	38	38
Tiles / slates on battens	30	30	30	30	30	30

Calculations assume 150 mm rafters at 600 mm centres.

\*Standard plasterboard & vapour control layer.

NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

## Installation Details - Between & Over Rafter Insulation (Unventilated)

### Between Rafters

- If *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K7 Pitched Roof Board is to be installed between and over rafters, the between rafter layer must be flush with the top of the rafters in order to prevent the risk of air movement between the two layers of insulation boards.
- If the between rafter insulation is to be fitted from the outside, install the insulation with the use of timber 'stop' battens.
- The timber 'stop' battens should be the correct size so the insulation is flush with the top surface of the rafters.
- The timber 'stop' battens are driven into the upper surface of each rafter at one-metre intervals up the roof slope.
- The timber 'stop' battens then support lengths of insulation, trimmed to suit rafter spacings, and placed between the rafters.
- Insulation can be installed from the inside with the use of timber 'stop' battens.
- Push insulation, trimmed to suit rafter spacings, between the rafters so they are flush with the top surface of the rafters.
- Side-treated softwood battens should be nailed to the rafters to hold the boards in place.

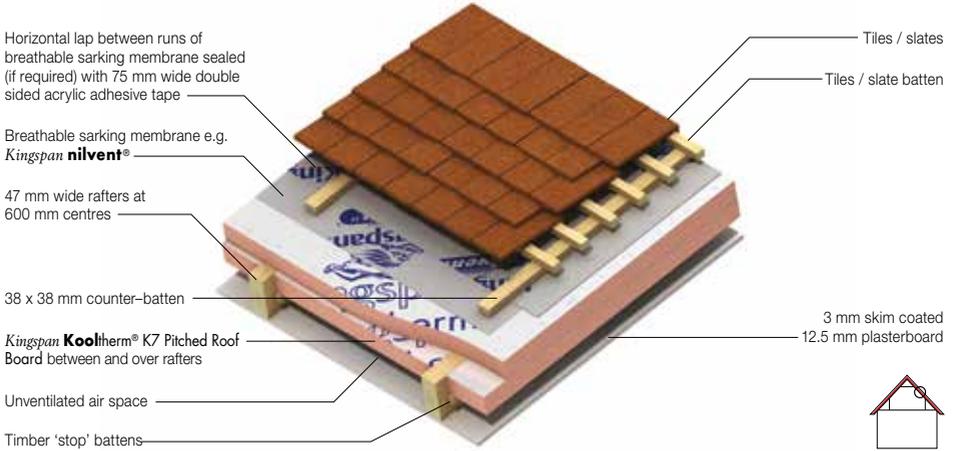
### Over Rafters

- A preservative treated 'stop' rail should be secured to the rafters at the eaves.
- *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K7 Pitched Roof Board may be laid either across or down the line of the rafters and should be laid lightly butted and preferably break bonded.
- All board joints running from eaves to ridge must occur over rafters.
- Ensure continuity of insulation at the ridge of the roof.
- There is no necessity to tape board joints.
- If there is no sarking board, lay 38 x 38 mm treated softwood counter-battens in line with the rafters and secure these by fixing through both the counter-battens and the insulation boards.
- If a sarking board is overlaid, secure the sarking board and insulation boards to the rafters by fixing through both the sarking board and the insulation.
- Approved fixings should be applied at centres appropriate to the design of the roof and location of the building.

# Pitched Roofs

## VENTILATED & UNVENTILATED

### Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)					
	U-values					
	0.10	0.11	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.25
Plaster skim	3	3	3	3	3	3
Plasterboard	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Vapour control layer	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
<b>Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board</b> between timber rafters	90	100	70	60	60	40
<b>Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board</b> fixed above rafters	120	100	70	70	60	40
<b>Kingspan nilvent®</b>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Counter-batten cavity	38	38	38	38	38	38
Tiles / slates on battens	30	30	30	30	30	30

Calculations assume 100 mm rafters at 600 mm centres.  
 NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

## Installation Details - Dwarf Wall Insulation (Ventilated & Unventilated)

### Between Dwarf Wall Stud Insulation

- *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K7 Pitched Roof Board installed between studs must be flush with the inside surface of the studs and the plasterboard / insulated plasterboard wall finish in order to prevent the risk of air movement between the boards and the plasterboard / insulated plasterboard.
- Treated softwood battens should be nailed to the side of the studs to provide a 'stop' and prevent the insulation boards moving within the stud cavity.
- This 'stop' should be positioned such that the insulation boards finish flush with the inside surface of the studs.
- If the insulation boards are thicker than the timber studs, fix appropriately sized treated softwood battens to the back of the studs and fix timber 'stop' straps diagonally to the battens in an appropriate pattern to hold the insulation boards in place. Each board must be restrained by a minimum of two diagonal straps.
- Insulation boards may be temporarily held in place with large headed clout nails fixed through the 'stop' battens / straps.
- The boards will be further restrained by the plasterboard / insulated plasterboard lining fixed to the inside face of the timbers.

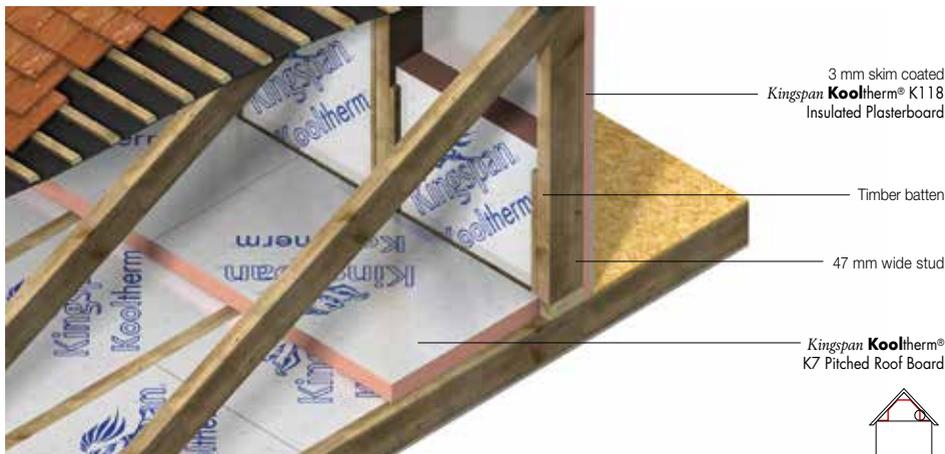
### Inside Dwarf Wall Studs Insulation

- Please see fixing details on page 44.

# Pitched Roofs

## VENTILATED & UNVENTILATED

### Typical Construction & U-values



#### Ventilated

Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)									
	U-values									
	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.21	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.30
Plaster skim	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Kingspan Kooltherm® K118 Insulated Plasterboard	62.5	52.5	42.5	42.5	32.5	32.5	32.5	32.5	n/a*	32.5
Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board between timber studs	100	100	110	100	100	90	70	60	100	50
Ventilated loft void	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Sarking felt	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Tiles / slates on battens	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30

Stud depth to suit thickness of insulation. Bridging effect of the studs has been taken to be 15%.

\*Standard plasterboard & vapour control layer.

NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

#### Unventilated

Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)									
	U-values									
	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.21	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.30
Plaster skim	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Kingspan Kooltherm® K118 Insulated Plasterboard	57.5	52.5	42.5	37.5	32.5	32.5	n/a*	n/a*	n/a*	n/a*
Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board between timber studs	100	100	100	100	85	80	100	95	85	80
Unventilated loft void	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Kingspan nilvent®	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Tiles / slates on battens	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30

Stud depth to suit thickness of insulation. Bridging effect of the studs has been taken to be 15%.

\*Standard plasterboard & vapour control layer.

NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

## Installation Details - Partial Fill Between & Under Rafter Insulation (Ventilated)

### Between Rafters

- *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K7 Pitched Roof Board installed between rafters must be flush with the bottom of the rafters in order to prevent the risk of air movement between the board and the ceiling.
- Install the insulation, trimmed to suit rafter spacings, with the aid of treated softwood battens nailed to the side of the rafters to provide a 'stop' above the insulation.
- The battens should be in the appropriate position to ensure the insulation is flush with the bottom of the rafters.
- An additional restraint to the insulation boards will be provided by *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard fixed to the inside face of the rafters.

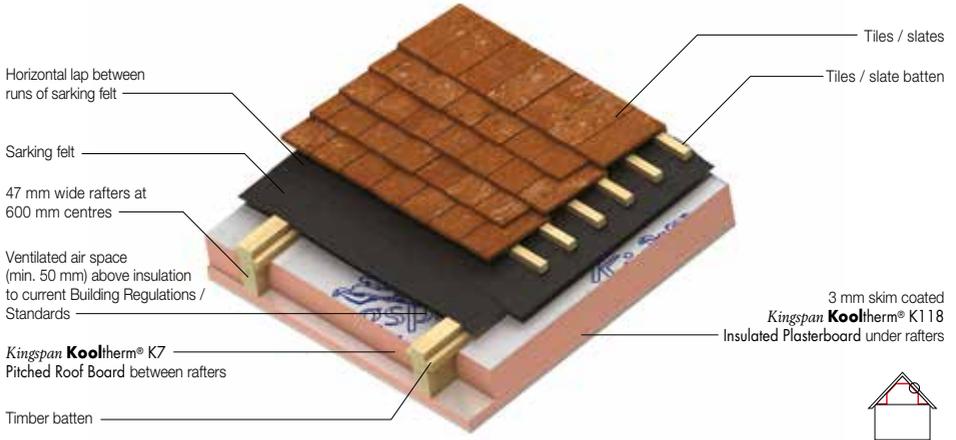
### To Timber Joists or Rafters

- Sheets of *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard may be used to line ceilings.
- Sheets must always be placed with the long edge running across the joists or rafters, and all edges must be supported.
- Where joints between sheets of insulated plasterboard are unsupported by the timber joists / rafters, timber noggins should be installed.
- Each sheet of insulated plasterboard should lap joists / rafters / noggins by 19 mm (min.) at sheet joints.
- Sheets should be fixed using either drywall screws at 230 mm centres, or large-headed galvanized clout nails placed at 150 mm centres.
- Each sheet of insulated plasterboard should be lightly butted, with fixings located no less than 10 mm from the bound edges of the sheet. Fixings should be long enough to allow a minimum 25 mm penetration of the timber.
- Fixings should be driven straight, with the heads embedded just below the surface of the plasterboard.
- Care should be taken not to overdrive nails / screws.
- The perimeter of the *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard should be sealed with a flexible sealant or equivalent.

# Pitched Roofs

## VENTILATED & UNVENTILATED

### Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)					
	U-values					
	0.10	0.11	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.25
Plaster skim	3	3	3	3	3	3
Kingspan <b>Kooltherm</b> ® K118 Insulated Plasterboard	82.5	82.5	62.5	57.5	52.5	32.5
Kingspan <b>Kooltherm</b> ® K7 Pitched Roof Board between timber rafters	150	120	100	100	100	70
Ventilated rafter cavity	50	50	50	50	50	50
Sarking felt	2	2	2	2	2	2
Tiles / slates on battens	30	30	30	30	30	30

NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

# Masonry Walls

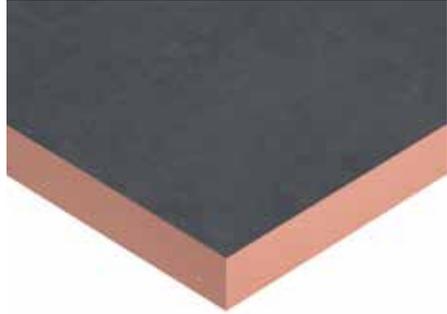
## CAVITY WALL INSULATION

### *Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K106 Cavity Board

*Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K106 Cavity Board has a rigid thermoset phenolic insulation core faced on one side with a low emissivity composite foil, and faced on the other side with a water-tight, vapour-open polypropylene fleece.

*Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K106 Cavity Board is suitable for use:

- as cavity insulation with a residual 10 mm cavity; and
- with insulated plasterboard on the inner leaf.



#### **Product details:**

- Thermal Conductivity – 0.018 W/m-K
- Compressive Strength – typically exceeds 100 kPa at 10% compression, when tested to BS EN 826: 2013 (Thermal insulating products for building applications. Determination of compression behaviour)
- Board Size – 1.2 x 0.45 m
- Thicknesses – 50 – 115 mm (speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked sizes)

#### **Product benefits:**

- Resists moisture penetration by allowing a clear cavity to be maintained
- Easy to handle and install
- Boards are designed to fit easily with standard brick and block dimensions
- Board sizes allow the insertion of wall ties at appropriate spacing
- Manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero ODP and low GWP
- BBA certified

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

# Masonry Walls

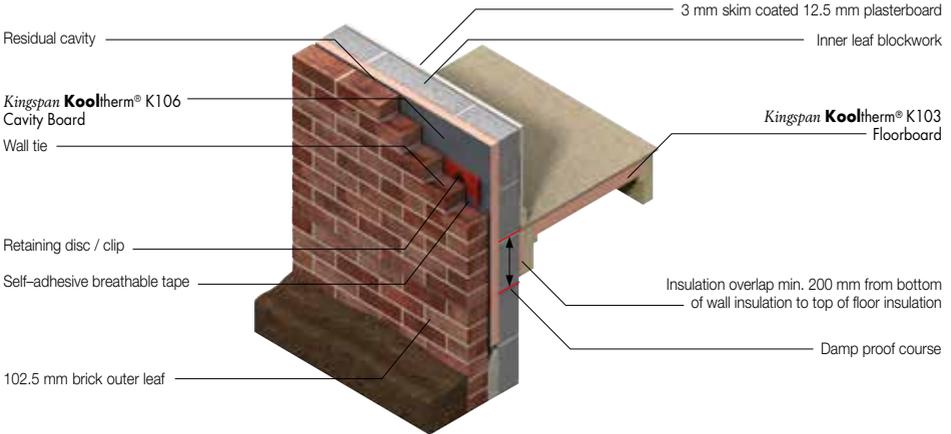
## CAVITY WALL INSULATION

### Installation Details

#### Cavity Insulation

- *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K106 Cavity Board is normally held in position by the wall ties used to tie the two skins of masonry together.
- Wall ties should include a retaining disc / clip of a thickness no greater than 10 mm.
- For a solid concrete ground floor the first row of wall ties are installed in the inner leaf at 600 mm horizontal centres a minimum of one course of blockwork below the damp proof course, or 150 mm below the top surface of the ground floor perimeter insulation upstand, whichever is the lower.
- For a suspended timber floor the first row of wall ties are installed in the inner leaf at 600 mm horizontal centres a minimum of 200 mm below the top surface of the ground floor perimeter insulation upstand.
- Continue constructing the inner leaf up to the next wall tie course (450 mm above the first – usually two block courses).
- The next course of wall ties is positioned no greater than 900 mm horizontal centres.
- The next course of blockwork is installed to secure the ties.
- The first row of insulation boards should now be installed between the two rows of wall ties, ensuring each insulation board is retained tight against the inner leaf and joints are lightly butted.
- Each board should be secured at a minimum of three points. Additional ties may also be required to satisfy the structural requirements of BS EN 845-1: 2013, BS EN 1996-1-3: 2005, PD 6697: 2010 and / or to ensure adequate retention of boards or cut pieces.
- *Wraptite*, a self-adhesive breathable tape, no less than 100 mm wide, should be applied to all horizontal and vertical joints, board edges and abutting junction interfaces e.g. *Kingspan Kooltherm*® Cavity Closer. The seal must be maintained at protrusion locations e.g. wall ties.
- To ensure successful adhesion, all surfaces to receive tape should be made clean and dry prior to application. A gentle pressure may also be exerted during application.
- The outer leaf is then built up to the level of the top of the boards and the process is repeated.
- When insulating a gable, insulation boards should be continued 200 mm beyond the height of the top storey ceiling and a cavity tray installed above the insulation.
- After raising each section of inner leaf, before installation of the insulation board, excess mortar should be removed and mortar droppings cleaned from exposed edges of the installed installation boards.
- To protect board edges and to maintain a clear cavity, it is recommended that a draw cavity timber e.g. a piece of plywood or OSB of a thickness no greater than 10 mm, is used.

## Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)										
	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.21	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.30	0.55
Plaster skim	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Plasterboard	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Plaster dabs cavity	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Blockwork	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
<i>Kingspan Kooltherm</i> <sup>®</sup> K106 Cavity Board	105	100	90	85	70	65	60	55	50	45	20
Cavity	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Brickwork	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5

Calculations assume inner leaf blockwork of medium density (0.51 W/m·K).

NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

# Masonry Walls

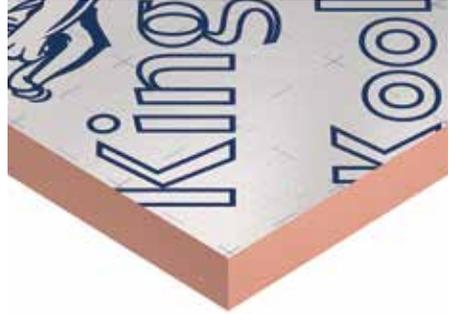
## PARTIAL FILL CAVITY WALL INSULATION

### *Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K108 Cavity Board

*Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K108 Cavity Board has a rigid thermoset phenolic insulation core faced on both sides with a low emissivity composite foil.

*Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K108 Cavity Board is suitable for use:

- as partial fill insulation in cavity walls; and
- with insulated plasterboard on the inner leaf.



**Fibre-free**  
 **Core**

#### **Product details:**

- Thermal Conductivity – 0.018 W/m·K
- Compressive Strength – typically exceeds 100 kPa at 10% compression, when tested to BS EN 826: 2013 (Thermal insulating products for building applications. Determination of compression behaviour)
- Board Size – 1.2 x 0.45 m
- Thicknesses – 20 – 150 mm (speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked sizes)

#### **Product benefits:**

- Resists moisture penetration by allowing a clear cavity to be maintained
- Low emissivity foil facings significantly increase the thermal performance of the cavity
- Meets NHBC technical requirements when used with a 50 mm residual cavity
- Easy to handle and install
- Boards are designed to fit easily with standard brick and block dimensions
- Board sizes allow the insertion of wall ties at appropriate spacing
- Manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero ODP and low GWP
- BBA certified

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

## Installation Details - Cavity Insulation

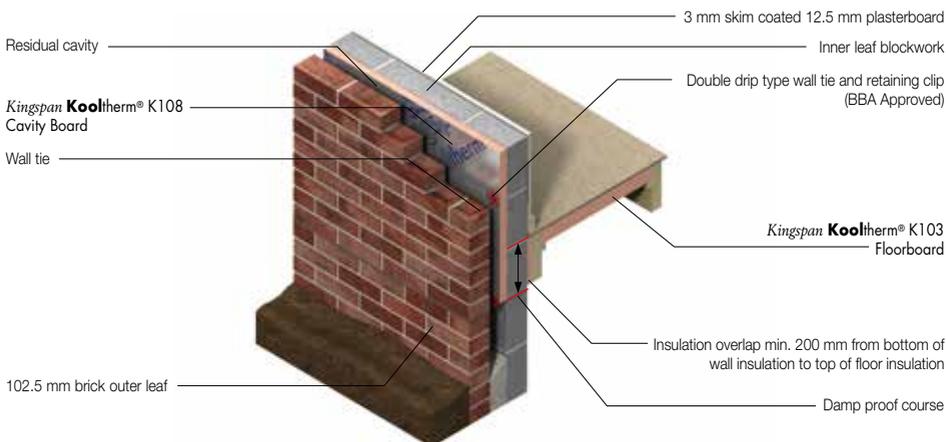
### Cavity Insulation

- *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K108 Cavity Board is normally held in position by the wall ties used to tie the two skins of masonry together.
- Wall ties should include a retaining disc / clip and be of the double drip type, installed drip downward.
- For solid concrete ground floors, the first row of wall ties are installed in the inner leaf at 600 mm horizontal centres a minimum of one course of blockwork below the damp proof course or 150 mm below the top surface of the ground floor perimeter insulation upstand, whichever is the lower.
- For a suspended timber floor, the first row of wall ties are installed in the inner leaf at 600 mm horizontal centres, a minimum of 200 mm below the top surface of the ground floor perimeter insulation upstand.
- Continue constructing the inner leaf up to the next wall tie course (450 mm above the first – usually 2 block courses).
- The next course of wall ties is positioned at the usual 900 mm horizontal centres.
- The next course of blockwork is installed to secure the ties.
- The first row of insulation boards should now be installed between the two rows of wall ties, ensuring each insulation board is retained tight against the inner leaf and joints are lightly butted.
- Each board should be secured at a minimum of three points. Additional ties may also be required to satisfy the structural requirements of BS EN 845-1: 2013, BS EN 1996-1-3: 2005, PD 6697: 2010 and / or to ensure adequate retention of boards or cut pieces.
- The outer leaf is then built up to the level of the top of the boards and the process is repeated.
- When insulating a gable, insulation boards should be continued 250 mm beyond the height of the top storey ceiling and a cavity tray installed above the insulation.

# Masonry Walls

## PARTIAL FILL CAVITY WALL INSULATION

### Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)										
	U-values										
	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.21	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.30	0.55
Plaster skim	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Plasterboard	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Plaster dabs cavity	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Blockwork	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
<b>Kingspan Kooltherm® K108 Cavity Board</b>	100	90	85	75	60	60	50	45	40	35	20
Cavity	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Brickwork	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5

Calculations assume inner leaf blockwork of medium density (0.51 W/m·K).

NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

# Masonry Walls

## CAVITY CLOSER INSULATED EXTRUSIONS FOR CLOSING WALL CAVITIES AT OPENINGS

### *Kingspan* **Kooltherm**<sup>®</sup> Cavity Closer & **Kooltherm**<sup>®</sup> Cavity Closer **PLUS**

*Kingspan* **Kooltherm**<sup>®</sup> Cavity Closer & *Kingspan* **Kooltherm**<sup>®</sup> Cavity Closer **PLUS** are suitable for use with:

- timber window and door frames;
- metal window and door frames; and
- PVC window and door frames.



**Fibre-free**  
 **Core**

#### **Product details:**

- Thermal Conductivity – 0.022 W/m-K
- Section Length – 2.4 m
- Widths Available – 50 – 150 mm (sections can be joined to suit cavity widths up to 300 mm)
- BRE 2008 Green Guide Summary Rating – A +

#### **Product benefits:**

- Simplified construction – avoids the need for cut bricks, blocks or special reveal blocks
- Reduces thermal bridging, condensation risk and mould growth
- Improves weather resistance by forming an integral DPC
- Can be fitted with door / window frames as a combined unit
- Easy to handle and install
- Fibre-free core
- Manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero ODP and low GWP

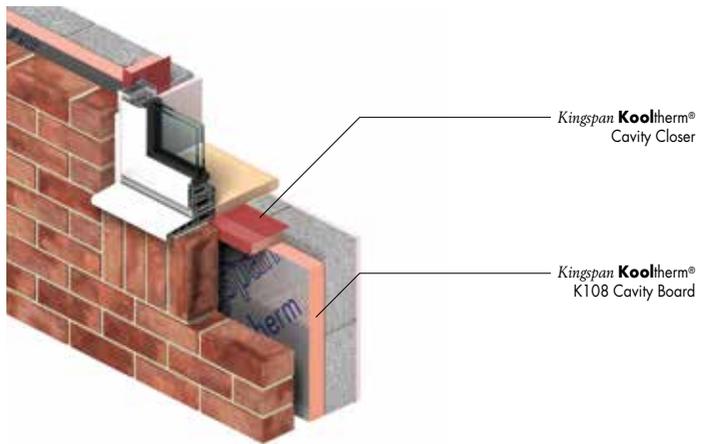
Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

# Masonry Walls

## CAVITY CLOSER INSULATED EXTRUSIONS FOR CLOSING WALL CAVITIES AT OPENINGS

### Installation Details

- Construct the opening as normal.
- Cut out and clear away masonry / mortar that closes / protrudes into the cavity and insert lengths of *Kingspan Kooltherm® Cavity Closer*.
- The fixing flange should always overlap the inner leaf masonry by 15 mm (min.), be tight to the masonry and securely fixed with a suitable masonry fixing through the holes provided in the fixing flange.
- *Kingspan Kooltherm® Cavity Closer* should fit tightly into the cavity opening and no gaps should be left between the closer and either wall leaf.
- An appropriate lintel and damp proof course is incorporated at the head.
- Where an insulated lintel is used a head closer section will not be required and the jamb sections of the closer will butt up against the lintel. If required, a *Kingspan Kooltherm® Cavity Closer* section can be used at the head where a separate lintel is used for each leaf.



# Masonry Walls

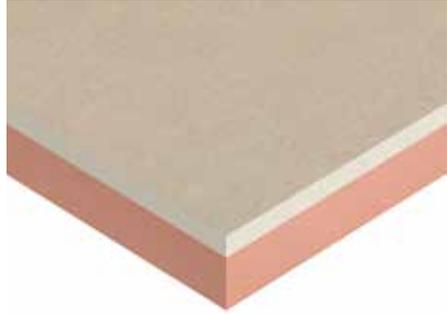
## PLASTER DAB BONDED & MECHANICALLY FIXED INSULATED PLASTERBOARD

### *Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K118 Insulated Plasterboard

*Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K118 Insulated Plasterboard has a rigid thermoset phenolic insulation core with 12.5 mm plasterboard bonded to its front surface and a low emissivity composite foil facing on its reverse surface.

*Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K118 Insulated Plasterboard is suitable for use:

- mechanically fixed applications;
- adhesively bonded applications; and
- for new build, retrofit and refurbishment.



**Fibre-free**  
 **Core**

#### **Product details:**

- Thermal Conductivity – 0.018 W/m-K
- Compressive Strength – typically exceeds 100 kPa at 10% compression, when tested to BS EN 826: 2013 (Thermal insulating products for building applications. Determination of compression behaviour)
- Board Size – 1.2 x 2.4 m
- Thicknesses – 20 – 80 mm\* (speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked sizes)

*\*Thicknesses excludes 12.5 mm plasterboard component.*

#### **Product benefits:**

- Class 0 fire rating
- Insulation, dry-lining and vapour control in one board
- Allows quick response heating
- Easy to handle and install
- Manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero ODP and low GWP
- BBA certified

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

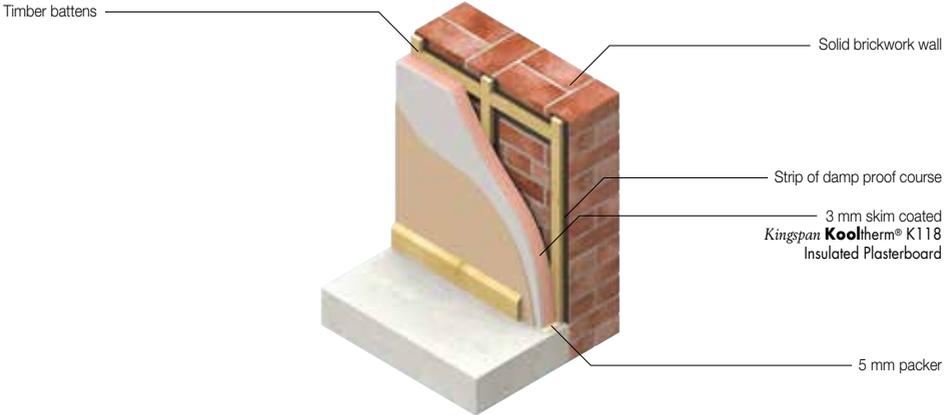
# Masonry Walls

## PLASTER DAB BONDED & MECHANICALLY FIXED INSULATED PLASTERBOARD

### Installation Details - Mechanically Fixing to Timber Framing Studs / Battens

- This method may be used on timber frame constructions or on dry, stable constructions capable of supporting battens and associated fixings. Timber battens can be packed out using proprietary shims to correct alignment and provide a space to accommodate services.
- Guidelines should be marked out at maximum 600 mm centres to indicate the positioning of the vertical battens.
- Vertical timber framing studs / battens should be set at maximum 600 mm horizontal centres, around the perimeter of the walls, at floor and ceiling, and around any openings and services which penetrate the system.
- If fixing to battens, they should be mechanically fixed to the wall, and comprise 25 x 47 mm (min.) treated softwood, backed with a strip of damp proof course (DPC).
- Each sheet of *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard should lap timber framing studs / battens / noggins by 19 mm (min.) at sheet joints.
- Battens should be fixed approximately 75 mm from the ends of each timber batten and positioned at a maximum 600 mm apart.
- Where joints between sheets of insulated plasterboard are unsupported by the timber framing studs / battens, timber noggins should be installed.
- Each sheet of insulated plasterboard should be lightly butted, with fixings located no less than 10 mm from the bound edges of the sheet.
- *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard should be cut approximately 5 mm short of the floor to ceiling height.
- Sheets of *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard should be located centrally over the timber studs / battens and fixed using either drywall screws at 300 mm centres (or 200 mm at external corners), or large headed galvanised clout nails at 150 mm centres. Each sheet of insulated plasterboard should be lightly butted.
- When installing sheets onto timber, fixings should be long enough to allow minimum 25 mm penetration of the timber frame or minimum 22.5 mm penetration of the timber battens. Fixings should not penetrate through the battens.
- Fixings should be driven straight, with the heads embedded just below the surface of the plasterboard.
- Care should be taken not to overdrive nails / screws.
- The perimeter of the *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard and the 5 mm clearance gap at the base of the wall should be sealed with a flexible sealant or equivalent.

## Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)				
	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.30
Plaster skim	3	3	3	3	3
<i>Kingspan</i> <b>Kooltherm</b> ® K118 Insulated Plasterboard	82.5	72.5	67.5	62.5	57.5
Timber batten cavity	25	25	25	25	25
Brickwork	215	215	215	215	215

Calculations assume timber battens at 600 mm centres and Carbon Steel Fasteners of cross sectional area 4 mm<sup>2</sup> at a density of 16.7 per m<sup>2</sup>.  
 NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

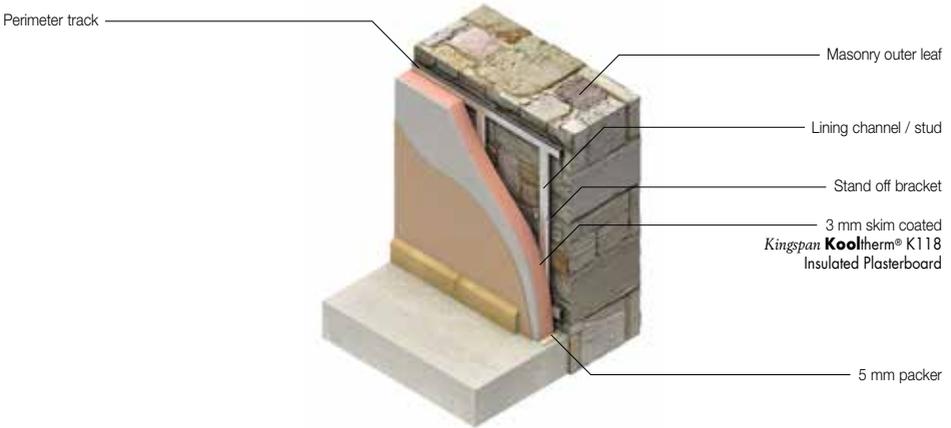
# Masonry Walls

## PLASTER DAB BONDED & MECHANICALLY FIXED INSULATED PLASTERBOARD

### Installation Details - Mechanically Fixing to Metal Wall Liner Systems

- This method may be used on any dry, stable constructions capable of supporting the stand-off brackets, tracks and associated fixings. It can be used to correct substantial substrate irregularities, or where a larger cavity is required to accommodate services.
- Because metal framing systems are proprietary, sitework guidance should be sought from the framing system manufacturer.
- However, in the absence of any other guidance, the instructions laid out below may be followed.
- The maximum undulation on the wall or service protrusion should be measured to determine the required cavity depth.
- Guidelines should be marked out on the floor and ceiling to indicate where the metal tracks will be positioned.
- The metal tracks should be fixed to the floor, ceiling and perimeters at a maximum of 600 mm centres using appropriate fixings for the proprietary system.
- Vertical guidelines should be marked out on the wall at a maximum 600 mm centres to indicate the position of the lining channels. Horizontal marks should also be made at 800 – 900 mm vertical centres (see manufacturers details for specific dimensions) to indicate the fixing points for the individual stand-off brackets. Brackets should be fixed using appropriate fixings.
- The lining channels should be fitted and fixed into the metal tracks at ceiling and floor level at a maximum of 600 mm centres, in line with the stand-off bracket positions, using appropriate fixings for the proprietary system, extending if required.
- Bracket legs on the stand-off brackets should be bent forward. Screws should then be inserted through holes in the brackets and fixed to the lining channels using appropriate fixings, such as 13 mm wafer headed drywall screws or jack point screws. Bracket legs can then be bent back to sit clear of the channel face.
- At internal angles or corner, a lining channel or track should be positioned tight into the corner to provide support for the lining.
- Fixing straps or fixing T's should be used to secure unsupported board joints. Metal channels or tracks should also be positioned around the perimeter of openings to support the board.
- *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard should be cut approximately 5 mm short of the floor to ceiling height.
- *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard should be located centrally over the metal lining channels and fixed using self-tapping drywall screws at 300 mm centres (or 200 mm at external corners). Each sheet of insulated plasterboard should be lightly butted.
- Fixings should be located no less than 10 mm from bound edges of the sheet, and be long enough to allow minimum 10 mm penetration of the metal.
- Fixings should be driven straight, with the heads embedded just below the surface of the plasterboard.
- Care should be taken not to overdrive screws.
- The perimeter of the *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard and the 5 mm clearance gap at the base of the wall should be sealed with a flexible sealant or equivalent.

# Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)			
	U-values			
	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.30
Plaster skim	3	3	3	3
<i>Kingspan Kooltherm</i> <sup>®</sup> K118 Insulated Plasterboard	77.5	72.5	67.5	62.5
Metal frame cavity	25	25	25	25
Sandstone	450	450	450	450

Calculations assume metal studding / channels at 600 mm centres and Carbon Steel Fasteners of cross sectional area 4 mm<sup>2</sup> at a density of 16.7 per m<sup>2</sup>.

NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

# Masonry Walls

## PLASTER DAB BONDED & MECHANICALLY FIXED INSULATED PLASTERBOARD

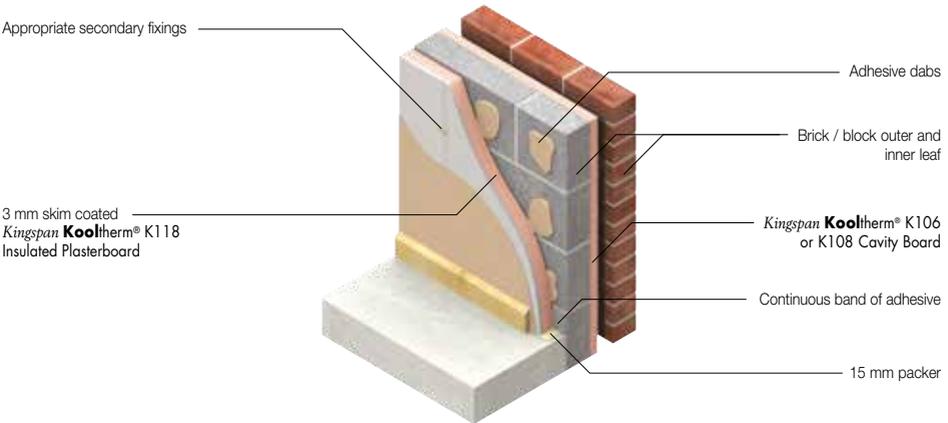
### Installation Details - Drywall Adhesive Dab Bonding

- This method is suitable for use on brick, block or concrete cavity or rendered solid walls, which are dry, stable and free from moisture penetration.
- This method is not suitable for use directly on non-rendered solid masonry walls where there is a risk of moisture penetration, or on timber or steel frame construction.
- The cavity formed by the dabs can be used to incorporate services less than 25 mm in depth. Alternatively, minimum chasing of the background will be required.
- Minor irregularities of the substrate can be corrected within the dab depth. Typically, gypsum based adhesive should be applied in dabs of 10 – 25 mm thickness, therefore the existing substrate should not exceed a 15 mm tolerance from the high spot of the background to either end of the wall.
- A bonding agent may be required on the substrate to reduce suction or improve mechanical key. This should be applied in continuous bands to correspond with the drywall adhesive dab or band locations.
- After establishing the high point, guidelines should be marked out on the floor and ceiling at 1,200 mm horizontal centres to indicate where the edges of the **Kingspan Kooltherm® K118 Insulated Plasterboard** should finish.
- Please refer to the full product literature for details of suitable adhesives.
- The drywall adhesive should be appropriate for use on the intended masonry substrate. Advice should be sought from the plaster / drywall adhesive manufacturer for its recommended system.
- **Kingspan Kooltherm® K118 Insulated Plasterboard** should be cut approximately 15 mm short of the floor to ceiling height.
- Some adhesives will require an additional bonding agent – please refer to the full product literature for further details.
- A continuous band of drywall adhesive is applied around the perimeter of each wall and around any openings or services, in order to support the insulation board, provide an air-tight seal and act as a fire stop.
- The adhesive adjacent to the board joints should be applied approximately 25 mm in from the edge of the boards to avoid bridging the joint.
- Adhesive dabs are generally applied to the background in three vertical rows, but a minimum of 20% of the insulated plasterboard area should be covered with adhesive. Each drywall adhesive dab should be 50 to 75 mm wide and approximately 250 mm long, positioned vertically at approximately 300 mm centres and horizontally at 600 mm centres.
- Sheets of **Kingspan Kooltherm® K118 Insulated Plasterboard** should be positioned with the bottom edge resting on packing strips.
- The boards should be lifted tight to the ceiling using a foot-lifter and supported by the packing strips until the adhesive sets. If the wall height exceeds 2,400 mm, start from the bottom of the wall, working upwards, to allow boards to be held on the lower level of the wall and prevent any boards from sliding down.
- The boards should then be tapped back to align with the predetermined guidelines on the floor and ceiling. The use of a spirit level is recommended to provide a vertical plumb finish.
- The adhesive should set in approximately 1.5 – 3.5 hours. During this time, appropriate secondary fixings must be used in addition to the drywall adhesive. These must be located no less than 15 mm from the edges of the sheet. For guidance on the specification and number of secondary fixings, please refer to the full product literature.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

- It is recommended that appropriate secondary fixings are positioned in the tapered edge of the sheets so that they are covered when the board is finished (e.g. joints taped and 3 mm skim coating).
- Fixings should be long enough to allow minimum 25 mm penetration into the fair faced masonry.
- Fixings should be driven straight, with the heads embedded just below the surface of the plasterboard.
- Care should be taken not to overdrive screws.
- Each sheet of insulated plasterboard should be lightly butted.
- The perimeter of the *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard and the 15 mm clearance gap at the base of the wall should be sealed with a combination of flexible polyurethane foam and flexible sealant or equivalent.

## Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values ( $W/m^2 \cdot K$ )									
	U-values									
	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.21	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.30
Plaster skim	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<i>Kingspan Kooltherm</i> ® K118 Insulated Plasterboard	52.5	47.5	42.5	32.5	82.5	77.5	67.5	62.5	57.5	52.5
Plaster dabs cavity	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Blockwork	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
<i>Kingspan Kooltherm</i> ® K108 Cavity Board	50	50	50	50	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cavity	50	50	50	50	100	100	100	100	100	100
Brickwork	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5

Calculations assume Carbon Steel Fasteners of cross sectional area  $4 \text{ mm}^2$  at a density of 16.7 per  $\text{m}^2$  and an inner leaf blockwork of medium density ( $0.51 \text{ W/m}\cdot\text{K}$ ).

NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

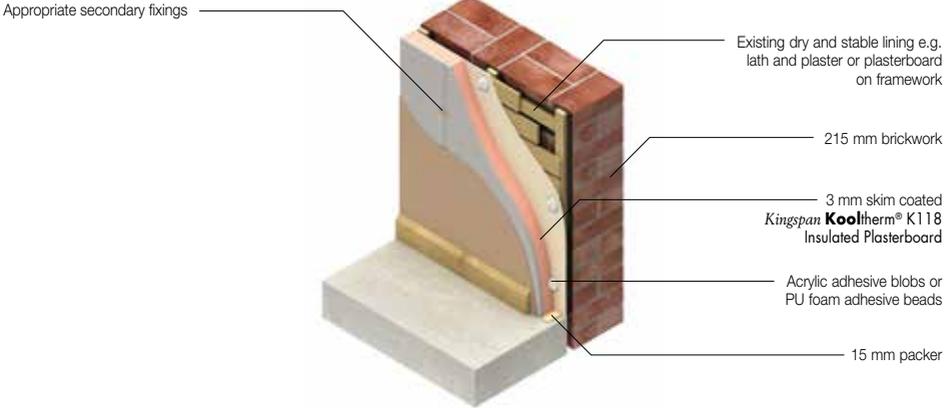
# Masonry Walls

## PLASTER DAB BONDED & MECHANICALLY FIXED INSULATED PLASTERBOARD

### Installation Details - Acrylic Sealant / PU Foam Adhesive Bonding

- This method is suitable for use on flat brick, block or concrete cavity or rendered solid walls, which are dry, stable and free from moisture penetration.
- This method is also suitable for use on linings such as lath and plaster, plaster or plasterboard, providing the existing structure is dry, stable and free from moisture penetration.
- This method is not suitable for use directly on non-rendered solid masonry walls where there is a risk of moisture penetration.
- In order to provide sufficient space for services, the background will need to be chased out, unless the services exist within the wall or are contained within the lining framework cavity. Existing services should be assessed to determine any alterations that may need to be made, for example relocating sockets and switches.
- After establishing the highest point on the substrate, guidelines should be marked out on the floor and ceiling. The existing substrate should be within a 5 mm tolerance when measured with a 2,000 mm straight edge.
- Guidelines should be marked out on the walls at 1,200 mm horizontal centres to indicate where the edges of *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard should finish.
- *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K118 Insulated Plasterboard should be cut approximately 15 mm short of the floor to ceiling height.
- Please refer to the full product literature for details of suitable adhesives.
- Acrylic sealant adhesive should be gun-applied to the wall or back of the board in blobs at 300 mm centres, horizontally and vertically.
- PU foam adhesive should be gun-applied to the wall or back of the board in continuous beads 20 – 25 mm wide. A minimum of 3 vertical beads should be applied per board (unless otherwise stated by the PU foam adhesive manufacturer). A continuous bead of PU foam adhesive should also be applied horizontally at the top and the bottom of the board.
- The adhesive adjacent to the board joints should be applied approximately 25 mm in from the edge of the boards to avoid bridging the joint.
- The boards should be lifted tight to the ceiling using a foot-lifter and supported by the packing strips until the adhesive sets. If the wall height exceeds 2,400 mm, start from the bottom of the wall, working upwards, to allow boards to be held on the lower level of the wall and prevent any boards from sliding down.
- The boards should then be tapped back to align with the predetermined guidelines on the floor and ceiling. The use of a spirit level is recommended to provide a vertical plumb finish.
- Once the adhesive has set, appropriate secondary fixings should be used in addition to the adhesive. For guidance on the specification and number of secondary fixings, please refer to the full product literature.
- Secondary fixings should be applied 15 mm in from the edge of the sheet, after the adhesive has set.

# Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)									
	U-values									
	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.21	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.30
Plaster skim	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>Kingspan Kooltherm® K118 Insulated Plasterboard</b>	122.5	112.5	107.5	102.5	87.5	82.5	77.5	72.5	67.5	62.5
Acrylic sealant / PU foam adhesive	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Lath and plaster	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Timber batten cavity	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Brickwork	215	215	215	215	215	215	215	215	215	215

Calculations assume timber battens at 600 mm centres and Carbon Steel Fasteners of cross sectional area 4 mm<sup>2</sup> at a density of 16.7 per m<sup>2</sup>.  
 NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

# Masonry Walls

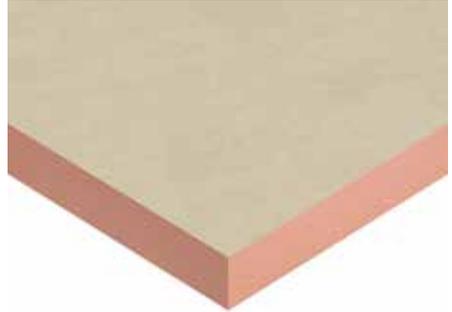
## INSULATED RENDER & VENTILATED CLADDING SYSTEMS

### *Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K5 External Wall Board

*Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K5 External Wall Board has a rigid thermoset phenolic insulation core faced on both sides with a glass tissue based facing.

*Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K5 External Wall Board is suitable for use:

- behind traditional and lightweight polymer modified renders and dry cladding systems; and
- for new build and refurbishment.



#### **Product details:**

- Thermal Conductivity
  - 0.023 W/m·K (insulant thickness 15 – 24 mm)
  - 0.021 W/m·K (insulant thickness 25 – 44 mm)
  - 0.020 W/m·K (insulant thickness  $\geq$  45 mm)
- Compressive Strength – typically exceeds 120 kPa at 10% compression, when tested to BS EN 826: 2013 (Thermal insulating products for building applications. Determination of compression behaviour)
- Board Size – 1.2 x 0.6 m
- Thicknesses – 20 – 120 mm (speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked sizes)
- BRE 2008 Green Guide Summary Rating – A+

#### **Product benefits:**

- Unaffected by air infiltration
- Easy to handle and install
- Manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero ODP and low GWP

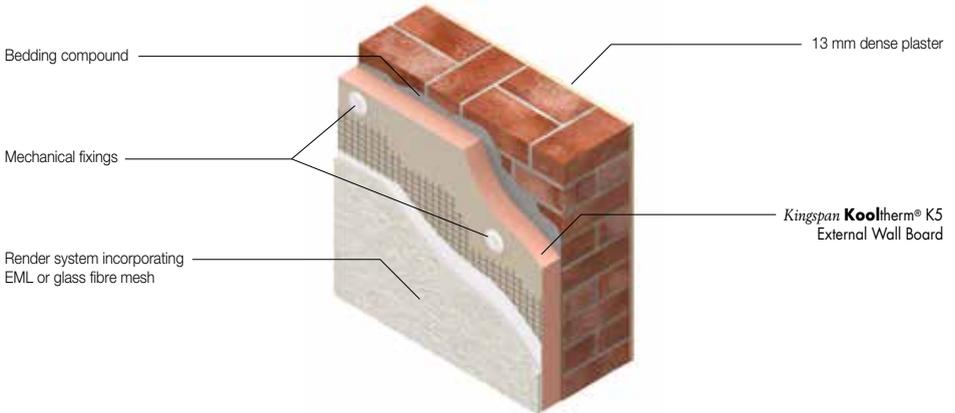
## Installation Details - Insulated Render Systems

- Because insulated render systems are proprietary and utilise different mechanisms for attaching insulation to the wall structure, sitework guidance should be sought from the render system manufacturer. However, in the absence of any other guidance, the instructions laid out below may be followed.
- The external masonry wall should be clean, flat, and free from protrusions.
- Where an uneven surface remains, it is recommended that a bedding compound can be applied prior to fixing the insulation boards.
- External wall insulation should start 150 / 200\* mm below the top surface of the ground floor insulation / perimeter insulation upstand (whichever is higher) for a concrete floor, or 200 mm below the top surface of the ground floor insulation / perimeter insulation upstand (whichever is higher) for a suspended timber floor.  
*\*150 mm applies to Scotland and 200 mm applies to England & Wales*
- Insulation boards should be installed break-bonded, with joints lightly butted.
- Care should be taken to install the specified thickness of insulation around reveals.
- Boards of **Kingspan Kooltherm® K5 External Wall Board** are mechanically fixed to the exterior of masonry external walls, preferably using thermally broken telescopic tube fasteners.
- A minimum of 5 fixings are required to secure an insulation board to the masonry wall.
- Board edges at openings and external corners should be fixed with fasteners at minimum 300 mm centres.
- Fasteners at board edges must be located > 50 mm, and < 150 mm, from edges and corners of the board, and not overlap board joints.
- The requirement for additional fixings is dependent on the render system being applied and the type of fixing being used.
- Wherever possible, care should be taken to avoid cold bridging when attaching services and ancillaries to the exterior of the building.
- Depending on the render finish being applied, advice must be sought from the render manufacturer on the EML / glass fibre mesh and bedding mortar to be applied.
- In refurbishment projects, sill extenders and flashings should be used around openings, with care taken to avoid cold bridging.

# Masonry Walls

## INSULATED RENDER & VENTILATED CLADDING SYSTEMS

### Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)									
	U-values									
	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.21	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.30
Dense plaster	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Brickwork	215	215	215	215	215	215	215	215	215	215
<i>Kingspan Kooltherm</i> <sup>®</sup> K5 External Wall Board	120	60+55	55+50	100	85	80	70	65	60	55
Polymer render	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

*These calculations assume the use of telescopic tube fasteners with a thermal conductivity of 1.00 W/m·K or less, the effect of which is insignificant. NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.*

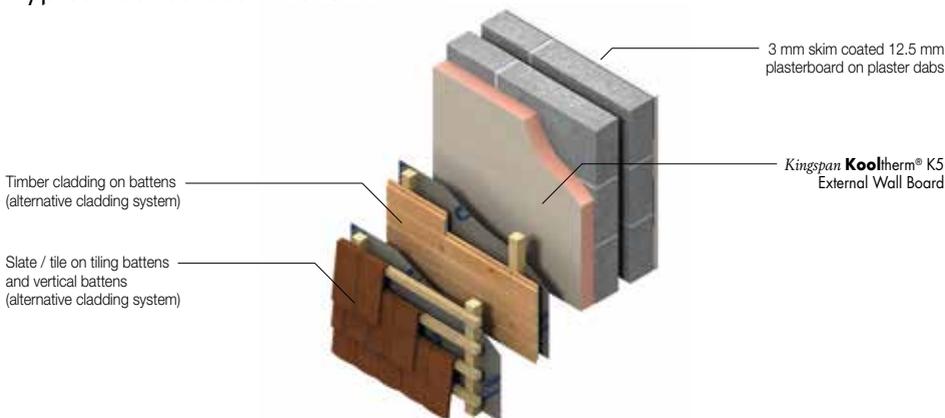
## Installation Details - Insulated Ventilated Cladding Systems

- Boards of **Kingspan Kooltherm® K5 External Wall Board** should be temporarily fastened to the external masonry wall using mechanical fixings or a bedding compound.
- External wall insulation should start 150 / 200\* mm below the top surface of the ground floor insulation / perimeter insulation upstand (whichever is higher) for a concrete floor, or 200 mm below the top surface of the ground floor insulation / perimeter insulation upstand (whichever is higher) for a suspended timber floor.  
*\*150 mm applies to Scotland and 200 mm applies to England & Wales*
- Insulation boards should be installed break-bonded, with joints lightly butted.
- Care should be taken to install the specified thickness of insulation around reveals.
- A breathable membrane e.g. **Kingspan nilvent®**, is installed over the insulation and temporarily stapled or pinned in place.
- Minimum 38 mm x 38 mm vertical treated softwood timber battens are fixed, through the breathable membrane and insulation, to the masonry wall.
- When selecting the type of fixing and fixing frequency for the vertical battens, consideration must be given to the weight of cladding to be fixed to them, the design of the wall, and wind loading.
- *If the cladding system is to be tile / slate hanging*, horizontal tiling battens can then be fixed to the vertical battens.
- Horizontal tiling battens and the tile / slate cladding that is to be fixed to them should be installed in accordance with the tile / slate cladding manufacturers recommendations.
- Alternatively, timber cladding can be fixed directly to the vertical battens.
- *If the cladding system is to be finished with render*, the render carrier (e.g. calcium silicate board, expanded metal lath) can be fixed directly to the vertical battens.
- The dry cladding system should be secured in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Wherever possible, care should be taken to avoid cold bridging when attaching services and ancillaries to the exterior of the building.
- In refurbishment projects, sill extenders and flashings should be used around openings, with care taken to avoid cold bridging.

# Masonry Walls

## INSULATED RENDER & VENTILATED CLADDING SYSTEMS

### Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> -K)									
	U-values									
	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.21	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.30
Plaster skim	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Plasterboard	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Plaster dab cavity	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Blockwork	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Cavity	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Blockwork	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
<b>Kingspan Kooltherm® K5 External Wall Board</b>	50 + 60	50 + 55	100	90	75	70	60	55	50	45
<b>Kingspan nilvent®</b>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Timber batten cavity	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Timber cladding	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12

Calculations assume an inner leaf blockwork of medium density (0.51 W/m-K).

NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

# Timber Frame Systems

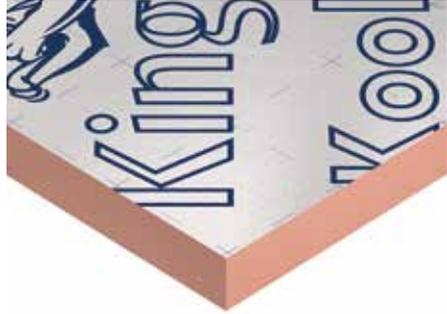
## INSULATION BETWEEN STUDS, WITH & WITHOUT INSULATED SHEATHING

### *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K12 Framing Board

*Kingspan Kooltherm*® K12 Framing Board has a rigid thermoset phenolic insulation core faced on both sides with a low emissivity composite foil.

*Kingspan Kooltherm*® K12 Framing Board is suitable for use:

- in timber and steel framing systems;
- with insulated plasterboard; and
- for new build and refurbishment.



**Fibre-free**  
 **Core**

#### **Product details:**

- Thermal Conductivity
  - 0.023 W/m·K (insulant thickness 15 – 24 mm)
  - 0.021 W/m·K (insulant thickness 25 – 44 mm)
  - 0.020 W/m·K (insulated thickness  $\geq$  45 mm)
- Compressive Strength – typically exceeds 100 kPa at 10% compression, when tested to BS EN 826: 2013 (Thermal insulating products for building applications. Determination of compression behaviour)
- Board Size – 1.2 x 2.4 m
- Thicknesses – 25 – 160 mm (speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked sizes)
- BRE 2008 Green Guide Summary Rating – A+

#### **Product benefits:**

- Can be used between studs or as an insulating sheathing
- Suitable for use with timber frame and steel frame wall constructions
- Easy to handle and install
- Ideal for new build or refurbishment
- Fibre-free core
- Manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero ODP and low GWP
- BBA certified

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

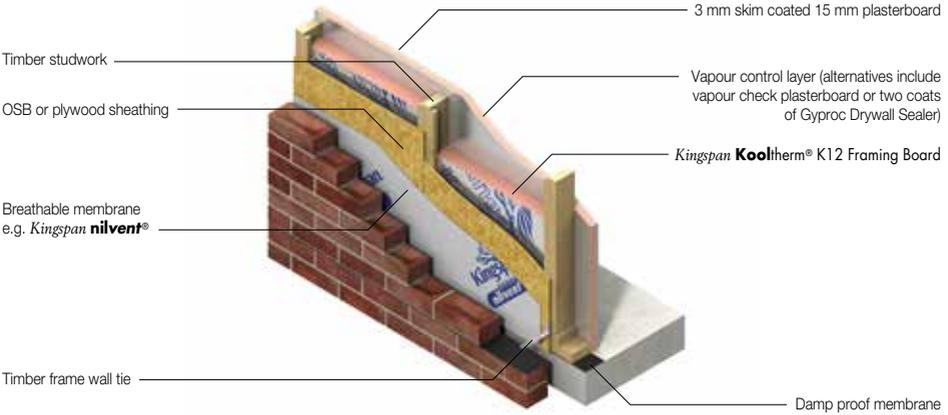
# Timber Frame Systems

## INSULATION BETWEEN STUDS, WITH & WITHOUT INSULATED SHEATHING

### Installation Details - Insulation between Studs

- *If the insulation boards are to be fitted so that they are flush with the inside surface of the timber studs*, treated softwood battens should be nailed to the side of the studs, to provide a 'stop' to prevent the insulation boards from moving within the stud cavity.
- This 'stop' should be positioned to allow the insulation boards to finish flush with the inside surface of the studs.
- Insulation boards may be temporarily held to the 'stop' battens with large headed clout nails.
- The boards will be further restrained by the plasterboard lining, fixed to the inside face of the studs.
- *If the insulation boards are to be fitted so that they are flush with the outside surface of the timber studs*, tight up against the pre-installed OSB or plywood sheathing, insulation boards must be cut and fitted in the spaces between the studs.
- Once the boards are fitted in place, treated softwood battens should be nailed to the side of the studs, to provide a 'stop' to prevent the insulation boards from moving within the stud cavity.
- In all cases, measure the distance between studs before cutting *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K12 Framing Board to size, as spacings can vary.
- Ensure there is a tight fit between the boards and adjoining studs and other timbers, and fill all gaps with expanding urethane sealant.
- Ensure that the boards are lightly butted, and continuity of insulation is maintained.

# Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)									
	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.21	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.30
Plaster skim	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<i>Kingspan Kooltherm® K118 Insulated Plasterboard</i>	37.5	32.5	32.5	32.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Polythene vapour control layer	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
<i>Kingspan Kooltherm® K12 Framing Board between timber studs</i>	130	120	110	100	130	110	85	80	70	60
Timber stud cavity	10	20	30	40	10	30	55	60	70	80
OSB sheathing	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
<i>Kingspan nilvent®</i>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Cavity	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Brickwork	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5

Calculations assume 140 mm timber studs with a thermal conductivity of 0.12 W/m·K and a bridging factor of 15%.  
 NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

# Timber Frame Systems

## INSULATION BETWEEN STUDS, WITH & WITHOUT INSULATED SHEATHING

### Installation Details - Insulation between Studs with Insulated Sheathing

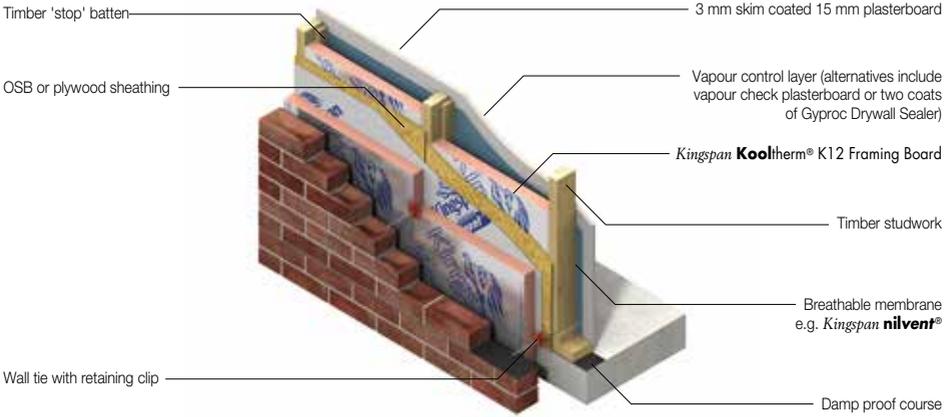
#### Between Studs

- Please see installation details on page 44.

#### Insulated Sheathing

- *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K12 Framing Board should be fixed to the external surface of the timber or steel frame construction (outside of any breathable membrane, OSB or plywood sheathing), and restrained in accordance with the frame manufacturers recommendations. However, in the absence of any other guidance please note the following.
- Ensure the boards are lightly butted and continuity of insulation is maintained.
- Large headed galvanised clout nails may be used as temporary fixings prior to the insulation boards being tied into the masonry leaf with an appropriate timber frame wall tie.
- Always ensure that fixings are coincident with the underlying timber studs, head rails and sole plates.
- *For ventilated cladding systems*, a breathable membrane, e.g. *Kingspan nilvent*®, is fitted over the insulation, and temporarily stapled or pinned in place.
- Preservative treated softwood battens are fixed vertically to the wall structure, through the insulation sheathing, and breathable membrane, ensuring that the battens and fixings are coincident with the underlying timber studs, head rails and sole plates.
- When selecting the type of fixing and fixing frequency for the battens, consideration must be given to the weight of the cladding to be fixed to them.
- Installation advice should be sought from the breathable membrane manufacturer, and the ventilated cladding system should be secured in accordance with its manufacturer's recommendations.
- *For external masonry cladding*, the outer leaf of masonry may be constructed in the conventional manner, using appropriate wall ties to hold the two wall leaves together.

# Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)									
	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.21	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.30
Plaster skim	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Plasterboard	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Vapour control layer	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Timber stud cavity	90	90	95	100	110	115	115	115	120	120
<i>Kingspan Kooltherm</i> <sup>®</sup> K12 Framing Board between timber studs	50	50	45	40	30	25	25	25	20	20
OSB sheathing	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
<i>Kingspan nilvent</i> <sup>®</sup>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
<i>Kingspan Kooltherm</i> <sup>®</sup> K12 Framing Board	60	50	50	50	40	40	30	25	25	20
Unventilated air cavity	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Brickwork	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5

Calculations assume 140 mm timber studs with a thermal conductivity of 0.12 W/m·K and a 15% bridging factor.  
 NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

# Rainscreen & Masonry Façades

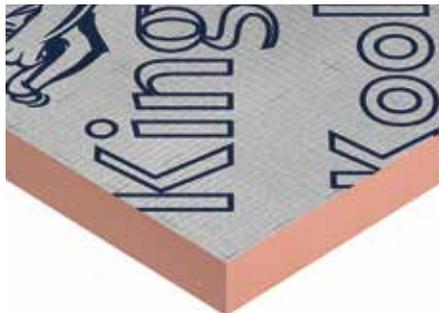
## INSULATION FOR RAINSCREEN CLADDING SYSTEMS & MASONRY FAÇADES

### *Kingspan* **Kooltherm**<sup>®</sup> K15 Rainscreen Board

*Kingspan* **Kooltherm**<sup>®</sup> K15 Rainscreen Board has a rigid thermoset phenolic insulation core faced on both sides with a low emissivity composite foil.

*Kingspan* **Kooltherm**<sup>®</sup> K15 Rainscreen Board is suitable for use:

- for new build and refurbishment.



**Fibre-free**  
 **Core**

#### **Product details:**

- Thermal Conductivity
  - 0.023 W/m·K (insulant thickness 15 – 24 mm)
  - 0.021 W/m·K (insulant thickness 25 – 44 mm)
  - 0.020 W/m·K (insulated thickness ≥ 45 mm)
- Compressive Strength – typically exceeds 100 kPa at 10% compression, when tested to BS EN 826: 2013 (Thermal insulating products for building applications. Determination of compression behaviour)
- Board Size – 1.2 x 2.4 m
- Thicknesses – 25 – 150 mm (speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked sizes)
- BRE 2008 Green Guide Summary Rating – A+

#### **Product benefits:**

- Class 0 fire rating
- Easy to handle and install
- First insulation board for use in rainscreen cladding applications to achieve LABC Registered Detail status
- Successfully tested in differing façade systems to BS 8414-1: 2002 & BS 8414-2: 2005, in accordance with the performance criteria set out in BR 135
- Manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero ODP and low GWP
- BBA certified

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

## Installation Details

- Since rainscreen façade systems are proprietary and use differing mechanisms to fix and support the external cladding to the wall structure, installation guidance should be sought from the system manufacturer or supplier. Nevertheless, in the absence of any other guidance the instructions set out below may be followed.
- Insulation boards should be installed break-bonded with board edges lightly butted and in such a manner to achieve a close fit between the board and substrate interface so as to avoid gaps behind or between the boards.
- Boards should be cut neatly around fixings and brackets, so as to avoid gaps. Where small gaps are unavoidable, fill gaps with fire rated expanding sealant.
- The number and type of mechanical fixings required to fix *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K15 Rainscreen Board will vary with the geographical location of the building, the local topography, the height and width of the wall concerned, the wall structure, and the type of mechanism being used to attach the cladding system.
- A minimum of 3.13 fixings per m<sup>2</sup> are required to secure the insulation board to the wall structure.
- The requirement for additional fixings should be assessed in accordance with BS / I.S. EN 1991-1-4: 2005 (National Annex to Eurocode 1. Actions on structures, General Actions, Wind Actions).
- The fixings should be evenly distributed over the whole area of the board.
- Fixings at board edges must be located > 50 mm and < 150 mm from edges and corners of the board and not overlap board joints.
- The joints of *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K15 Rainscreen Board should always be taped using a 75 mm min. Wide suitable self-adhesive aluminium foil tape.
- In the absence of other protection, exposed edges of *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K15 Rainscreen Board should be protected by a suitable self-adhesive aluminium foil tape, with a 50 mm min. Wide overlap onto the insulation board face.

# Rainscreen & Masonry Façades

## INSULATION FOR RAINSCREEN CLADDING SYSTEMS & MASONRY FAÇADES

- For advice on the specification of self-adhesive aluminium foil tape and application guidelines, refer to:

Ejot UK Limited  
+44 (0)1977 687 040  
[www.ejot.co.uk](http://www.ejot.co.uk)

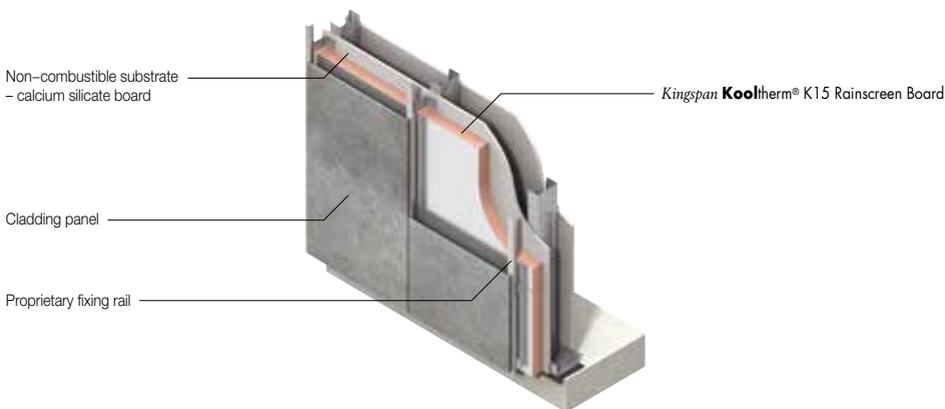
Fixfast  
+44 (0) 1732 882 387  
[www.fixfast.com](http://www.fixfast.com)

MAK Fasteners  
+353 (0) 1 451 99 00  
[www.makfasteners.com](http://www.makfasteners.com)

SFS Intec  
+44 (0) 113 2085 500  
[www.sfsintec.biz/uk](http://www.sfsintec.biz/uk)

Bostik Limited  
+44 (0) 1785 272 727  
[www.bostik.co.uk](http://www.bostik.co.uk)

Venture Tape Europe  
+44 (0) 1327 876 555  
[www.venturetape.com](http://www.venturetape.com)



# Floors

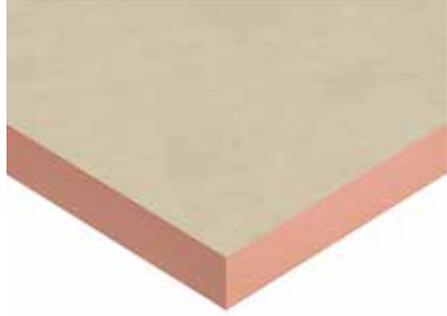
## SOLID CONCRETE & SUSPENDED GROUND FLOOR

### *Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K103 Floorboard

*Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K103 Floorboard has a rigid thermoset phenolic insulation core faced on both sides with a glass tissue based facing.

*Kingspan* **Kooltherm**® K103 Floorboard is suitable for use:

- insulating solid concrete floors; and
- insulating suspended ground floors.



#### **Product details:**

- Thermal Conductivity – 0.018 W/m-K
- Compressive Strength – typically exceeds 120 kPa at 10% compression, when tested to BS EN 826: 2013 (Thermal insulating products for building applications. Determination of compression behaviour)
- Board Size – 1.2 x 2.4 m
- Thicknesses – 20 – 150 mm (speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked sizes)

#### **Product benefits:**

- Can reduce the cost of related items such as soil removal or relocation of service connections
- Easy to handle and install
- Manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero ODP and low GWP
- BBA certified

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

# Floors

## SOLID CONCRETE & SUSPENDED GROUND FLOOR

### Installation Details - Solid Ground Floors - Insulation Below Floor Slab or Screed

#### Below Slab

- The site should be prepared and foundations, where appropriate, built to damp proof course (DPC) level.
- A thin sand blinding may be used to achieve a continuous level surface free from projections over rolled hardcore.

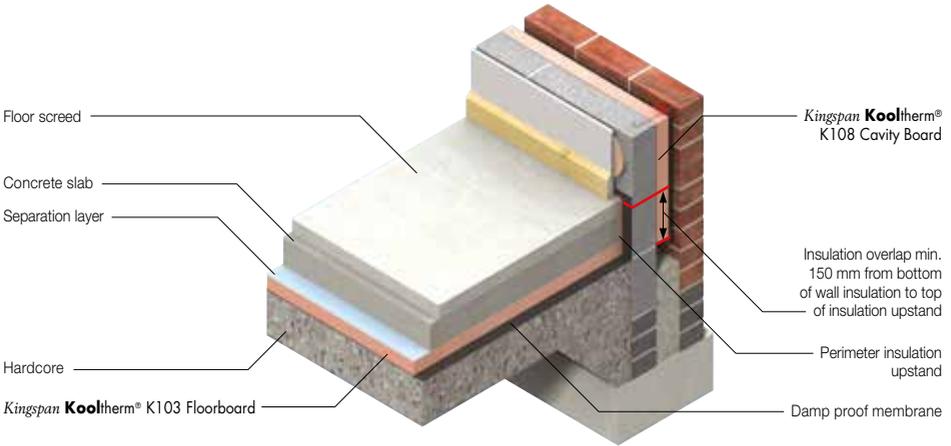
#### Below Screed

- Concrete slabs should be allowed to dry out fully prior to the installation of the insulation boards (average 1 day per mm of slab thickness).
- The surface of the slab should be smooth, flat and free from projections. Rough cast slabs should be levelled using a thin sand blinding to ensure boards are continuously supported.

#### All Floors

- The damp proof membrane (minimum 300 micron / 1200 gauge polythene) should be laid with joints well lapped and folded, to prevent the passage of ground water, over well compacted hardcore or the concrete floor slab, prior to laying the insulation boards.
- The membrane should be brought up the surrounding foundation walls until it is sufficiently above the height of the wall DPC so that it will connect with or form the DPC.
- The insulation boards should always be loose-laid break-bonded, with joints lightly butted.
- If two layers of insulation are required, they should be horizontally offset relative to each other so that, as far as possible, the board joints in the two adjacent layers do not coincide with each other.
- A strip of insulation board (minimum 20 mm thick) should be placed vertically around the perimeter of the floor in order to prevent cold bridging. The bottom of the strip of insulation board should be level with the top of the floor screed and the bottom should be level with the bottom of the horizontal floor insulation, and closely butted up to it.
- Insulation boards should be overlaid with a polythene sheet (not less than 125 micron / 500 gauge), to prevent the wet screed / concrete penetrating the joints between the boards, and to act as a vapour control layer. Ensure the polythene sheet has 150 mm overlaps, taped at the joints, and is turned up 100 mm at the walls.
- *For insulation below slab*, the subsequent installation of the concrete slab and screed or other flooring material is carried out in a manner similar to that for an un-insulated floor. The concrete slab and screed should be allowed to dry out prior to the installation of the floor finish.
- *For insulation below screed*, use sand and cement screed laid to a minimum thickness of 65 mm for domestic construction and 75 mm elsewhere.

## Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)						
	0.11	0.13	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.25
Screed	65	65	65	65	65	65	65
Concrete	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
Separation layer	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Kingspan Kooltherm® K103 Floorboard	140	110	95	75	65	55	45
Damp proof membrane	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9

Calculations assume a P/A ratio of 0.5. The soil has been assumed to be sand or gravel.  
 NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

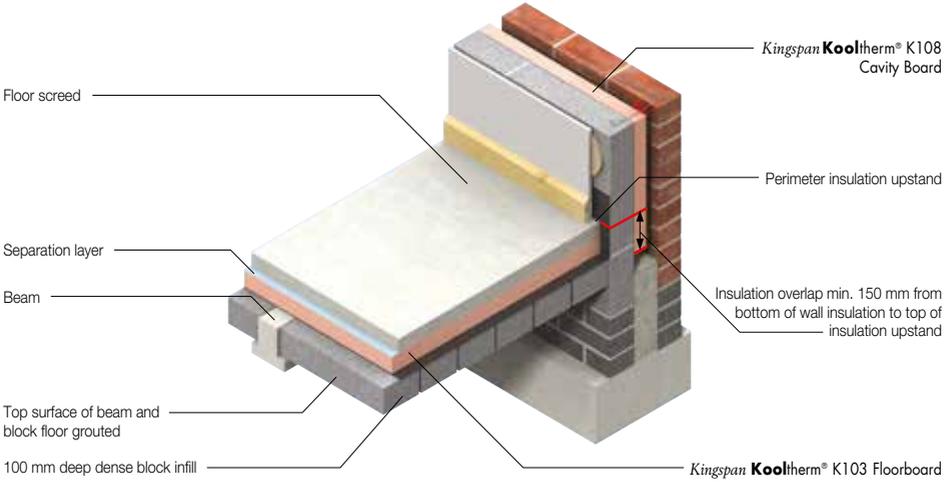
# Floors

## SOLID CONCRETE & SUSPENDED GROUND FLOOR

### Installation Details - Beam and Block Ground Floors - Insulation Below Screed

- Beam and block floors should be level and grouted.
- The damp proof membrane (minimum 300 micron / 1200 gauge polythene) should be laid with joints well lapped and folded, to prevent the passage of ground water, over the concrete floor slab, prior to laying the insulation boards.
- The membrane should be brought up the surrounding foundation walls until it is sufficiently above the height of the wall DPC so that it will connect with or form the DPC.
- The insulation boards should always be loose-laid break-bonded, with joints lightly butted.
- If two layers of insulation are required, they should be horizontally offset relative to each other so that, as far as possible, the board joints in the two adjacent layers do not coincide with each other.
- A strip of insulation board (minimum 20 mm thick) should be placed vertically around the perimeter of the floor in order to prevent cold bridging. The bottom of the strip of insulation board should be level with the top of the floor screed and the bottom should be level with the bottom of the horizontal floor insulation, and closely butted up to it.
- Insulation boards should be overlaid with a polythene sheet (not less than 125 micron / 500 gauge), to prevent the wet screed penetrating the joints between the boards, and to act as a vapour control layer. Ensure the polythene sheet has 150 mm overlaps, taped at the joints, and is turned up 100 mm at the walls.
- Use sand and cement screed laid to a minimum thickness of 65 mm for domestic construction and 75 mm elsewhere.

# Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)						
	U-values						
	0.11	0.13	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.25
Screed	65	65	65	65	65	65	65
Separation layer	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
<b>Kingspan Kooltherm® K103 Floorboard</b>	140	110	95	75	65	60	50
Damp proof membrane	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Beam & block	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Calculations assume a P/A ratio of 0.5. The soil has been assumed to be sand or gravel.  
 NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

### Installation Details - Suspended Timber Ground Floors - Insulation Between Joists

#### Installation from Above the Floor Joists

- The installation of *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K103 Floorboard in suspended floor constructions should be carried out before commencement of floor boarding.
- The insulation boards should be cut to fit snugly between the floor joists. Measure the distance between the joists prior to cutting the boards as spacings can vary.
- In order to ensure insulation boards are flush with the top surface of the joists, they should be supported on minimum 25 mm x 25 mm treated softwood timber battens, proprietary galvanised steel saddle clips, or galvanised nails partially driven into the side of the joists.
- Battens / nails should be placed at an appropriate height to suit the thickness of board being fitted, and nails should remain 40 mm proud of the joist.
- The insulation boards should then be fitted between the joists so that they are supported by the battens / saddle clips or nails.

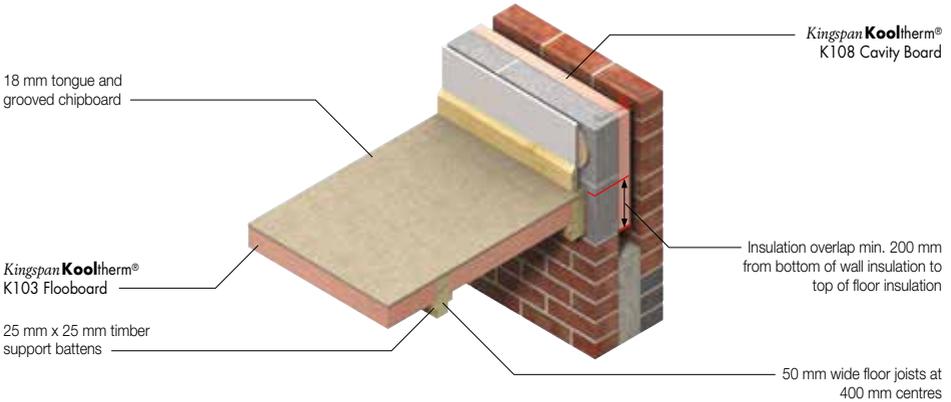
#### Installation from Below the Floor Joists

- Floor boards should be fixed over joists prior to fitting *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K103 Floorboard from below.
- The insulation boards should be cut to fit snugly between the floor joists. Measure the distance between the joists prior to cutting the boards as spacings can vary.
- Push the cut insulation boards between the joists so they are flush with the underside of the floor boards.
- Side-nail 25 mm x 25 mm timber battens to the joists or partially drive galvanised nails into the side of the joists in the appropriate position to hold the boards in place.

#### All methods of installation

- If two layers of insulation are required, they should be horizontally offset relative to each other so that, as far as possible, the board joints in the two adjacent layers do not coincide with each other.
- All board joints should be tightly butted.
- Ensure that insulation boards are fitted tightly between joists, and any gaps are filled with expanding urethane sealant.
- Any narrow gaps between a joist and perimeter wall should be insulated by specially cut pieces of board which in turn should be supported on blocks nailed to the underside of the joists. Gaps less than 25 mm wide should be filled with expanding urethane sealant.

## Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)							
	0.11	0.13	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.25	
Tongue & groove chipboard	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	
Separation layer	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
Kingspan <b>Kooltherm</b> <sup>®</sup> K103 Floorboard	120 + 120	100 + 100	80 + 80	130	110	100	80	

Calculations assume a P/A ratio of 0.5. The insulation is laid between 50 mm wide floor joists at 400 mm centres. The soil has been assumed to be sand or gravel.

NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

# Floors

## STRUCTURAL CEILINGS (SOFFITS)

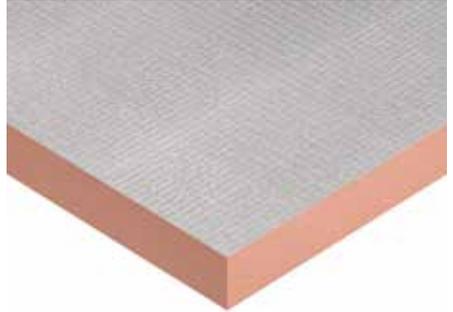
### *Kingspan Kooltherm® K110 & Kingspan Kooltherm® K110 PLUS Soffit Board*

*Kingspan Kooltherm® K110 Soffit Board* has a rigid thermoset phenolic insulant core with a glass tissue based inner (concealed) facing and a low emissivity composite foil outer (exposed) facing.

*Kingspan Kooltherm® K110 PLUS Soffit Board* has a rigid thermoset phenolic insulant core with a glass tissue based inner (concealed) facing and a 6 mm non-combustible building board outer (exposed) facing.

*Kingspan Kooltherm® K110 & Kingspan Kooltherm® K110 PLUS Soffit Board* is suitable for use:

- for new build and refurbishment.



**Fibre-free**  
 **Core**

#### **Product details:**

- Thermal Conductivity – 0.018 W/m·K
- Compressive Strength – typically exceeds 100 kPa at 10% compression, when tested to BS EN 826: 2013 (Thermal insulating products for building applications. Determination of compression behaviour)
- Board Size – 1.2 x 2.4 m
- Thicknesses –  
25 – 120 mm (*Kingspan Kooltherm® K110*)  
30 – 120 mm (*Kingspan Kooltherm® K110 PLUS*)  
(speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked sizes)

#### **Product benefits:**

- Resistant to the passage of water vapour
- Easy to handle and install
- Manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero ODP and low GWP
- Class 0 fire rating
- BBA certified (*Kingspan Kooltherm® K110 Soffit Board*)

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

## Installation Details

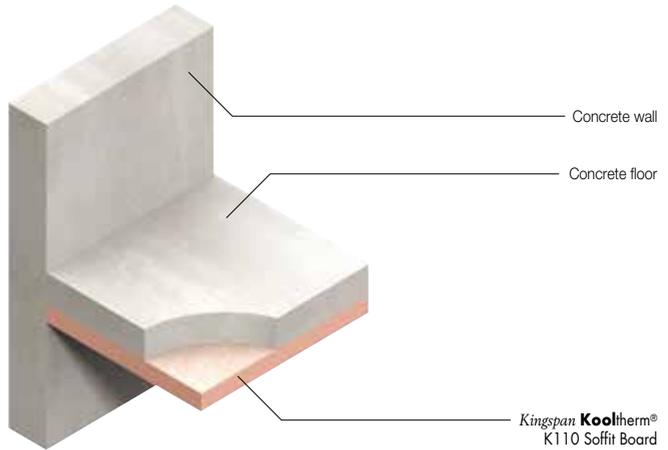
- Insulation boards should be installed break-bonded, with joints lightly butted.
- The number of mechanical fixings required to fix *Kingspan Kooltherm® K110 Soffit Board* or *Kingspan Kooltherm® K110 PLUS Soffit Board* will vary with the geographical location of the building, the local topography, the height and width of the soffit concerned, and the soffit construction.
- A minimum of 11 mechanical fixings, with a minimum head diameter of 25 / 35\* mm, are required to secure the insulation boards to the soffit.
- Where the insulation boards may be subject to external wind pressure, the requirement for additional fixings should be assessed in accordance with BS 6399-2: 1997 (Loading for Buildings. Code of practice for wind loads) or BS / I.S. EN 1991-1-4: 2005 (National Annex to Eurocode 1 Actions on Structures. General Actions. Wind Actions).
- The fixings should be evenly distributed over the whole area of the board, and must offer adequate penetration into a solid substrate.
- Fixings at board edges must be located > 50 mm and < 150 mm from edges and corners of the board and not overlap board joints.
- Depending upon the fixing type, insulation boards can also be fitted by a shot fired fixing method which can result in significantly faster installation times. All of the guidance above still applies.

*\*25 mm applies to Kingspan Kooltherm® K110 PLUS Soffit Board and 35 mm applies to Kingspan Kooltherm® K110 Soffit Board.*

# Floors

## STRUCTURAL SOFFITS

### Typical Construction & U-values



Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> -K)						
	0.11	0.13	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.25
Concrete deck	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Kingspan <b>Kooltherm</b> ® K110 Soffit Board (packer board)	30	25	25	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kingspan <b>Kooltherm</b> ® K110 <b>plus</b> Soffit Board	126	116	96	106	91	81	71

Calculations assume use of thermally broken fixings with a thermal conductivity of 1.00 W/m-K.  
 NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

Item	Thickness (mm) of material to achieve U-values (W/m <sup>2</sup> -K)						
	0.11	0.13	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.25
Concrete deck	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Kingspan <b>Kooltherm</b> ® K110 Soffit Board	85+90	70+60	110	100	85	75	65

Calculations assume use of thermally broken fixings with a thermal conductivity of 1.00 W/m-K.  
 NB Speak to your local merchant or distributor for stocked board thicknesses.

# Glossary

**ACD** Approved / Accredited Construction Details are a set of standardised construction details developed by regulators to deal with the issue of heat loss / gain and other issues.

**Acoustic insulation** is a product used to impede the transfer of sound, either via airborne or impact transfer. Typically internal constructions within buildings are required to utilise acoustic insulation products to aid in minimising the transfer of sound from one adjacent room into another. 'Approved Document E' and Part 'E – Robust Details' contain further information on common methods of controlling the transfer of sound in buildings.

**Air tightness** is the uncontrolled leakage of air from a building through cracks, unsealed penetrations or interfaces between different building elements.

**Air infiltration** is air passing into a building through cracks or gaps.

**Ambient** When referring to heat, temperature, etc. ambient describes the surrounding conditions. i.e. the ambient temperature is the average temperature surrounding a material.

**Ballast** A ballast layer is typically used in warm or inverted roofs down to weigh down the insulation or waterproofing system. Common items used to form ballast layers include concrete paving slabs, round washed pebbles or a green roof system (e.g. plants and growing medium such as soil). The weight of the ballast required is dependent on results from a wind uplift calculation.

**BER** Building Emission Rate details the energy performance of a building calculated following the NCM (National Calculation Methodology) e.g. SBEM. These measurements will be compared to the TER to define whether a building passes building regulations (Approved Documents L / Section 6).

**BIM** Building Information Modelling manages the information required for a construction project. This database is referred to as AIM (Asset Information Model). In accordance with the government's 'Construction Industry Strategy 2011', all new public constructions should use BIM from 2016.

**Blowing agent** A substance used during the manufacture of cellular foam insulation products. These agents are typically used to enhance the thermal performance of the finished product by filling the cells within the insulation with a low thermal conductivity gas. The **Kooltherm**<sup>®</sup> and **Therma**<sup>™</sup> ranges of insulation products Kingspan produce use Pentane based blowing agents with zero Ozone Depletion Potential and low Global Warming Potential (GWP).

**BPEO** Best Practice Environmental Option includes initiatives such as Kingspan's Waste Collection Service.

**BREEAM** is an environmental assessment and rating system for buildings. It uses recognised measures of performance, which are set against established benchmarks, to evaluate a building's specification, design, construction and use.

**Breathability** is a non-scientific term used when discussing moisture transport through a construction (see Ventilation).

**Building Control Bodies** are public and private organisations that assess and verify compliance with building regulations and standards.

**Building envelope** separates the internal and external environments, such as a roof or walls. In order to provide the adequate protection against heat leakage, the building envelope should have as few thermal bridges and unintended gaps as possible.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

# Glossary

**Built-up roof** is a roof made up of layers of building elements, typically roofing felt and asphalt with waterproofing layer and gravel on top.

**Butt joints** are joints made from two materials placed end to end without overlapping. They are used in pipe insulation and when laying loose boards on a floor or roof.

**Carrier membrane** is a membrane typically used to provide a suitable substrate for laying another product, i.e. such as for a liquid applied waterproofing system to be applied onto. Refer to individual waterproofing manufacturers for specific recommendations on when such layers are required, and if they are what is used for them.

**Cavity closers** are insulated extrusions for closing wall cavities at openings such as window reveals and door reveals. Cavity closers reduce heat transfer, avoiding thermal bridging, condensation and mould growth. They can even be used to pre-form openings when window and door frames are fitted later. *Kingspan Kooltherm®* Cavity Closer and *Kingspan Thermabate®* are examples.

**CE label** shows compliance with EN and CEN standards

**Cellular insulation** such as polyurethane, polyisocyanurate and phenolic insulation, which is made up of small individual cells.

**Centres of rafter / joists** are measured by taking the centre point of one joist /rafter to the centre point of the following adjacent joist / rafter. Timber joists and rafters are traditionally located at 400 mm, 450 mm or 600 mm centres, or in refurbishments sometimes their imperial approximate equivalents of 16, 18 and 24 inches.

**Closed cell insulation** has a more compact and denser structure than open cell insulation. As a result, it decreases the ingress of moisture and is more resistant to heat transmission. Insulation with a closed cell structure is also more resistant to flood damage. Because of its low water take-up, closed cell insulation panels recover from immersion in flood water more quickly than mineral fibre insulations for example.

**Cold bridging** is a type of thermal bridging that occurs when a structural element of a building lets heat flow through it because it has a lower thermal resistance than other components in the construction.

**Compressive creep** is the measure of how much a material changes under long-term load. Heavy duty insulation materials ideally have a low compressive creep so they have a suitable durability in heavy duty applications.

**Compressive strength** is a material's ability to maintain its structural integrity when compressed. Insulation products with a high compressive strength such as *Kingspan Styrozone®* are used for heavy duty floors and roofs.

**Condensation** is the conversion of a substance (typically water when referenced in the construction industry) from the vapour state to a liquid due to a change in temperature or pressure, e.g. such as warm moist air hitting a cold surface causing: a reduction in temperature of the air; and moisture vapour to condense out of the air.

The two main occurrences of condensation are:

- **Surface Condensation** which can lead to mould and staining through its formation on the visible surface of a material.
- **Interstitial Condensation** occurs between the layers of a construction. This type of condensation can both reduce the effectiveness of insulation components and reduce their lifespan.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

**Convection** is the transfer of heat through movement of air.

**Conduction** is the transference of heat through a material, or from one material to another when they have direct contact.

**CRA** Condensation Risk Analysis is performed on the construction elements of a building, taking into account the order in which they appear, and the building's geographical location. Kingspan's Technical Service Department present CRA with U-value calculations.

**DER** Dwelling Emission Rate details the energy performance of a building calculated using SAP. These measurements will be compared to the TER to define whether a dwelling passes building regulations.

**DFEE** Dwelling Fabric Energy Efficiency. This is compared to the TFEF to comply with building regulations in England.

**DPM** Damp Proof Membrane is used with some insulation to prevent moisture building up on the insulation layer.

**Emissivity** is the 'shininess' of a material. A high emissivity will increase the amount of heat transfer through radiation. It is measured in watts per square metre ( $W/m^2$ ) in relation to an ideal black surface as a ratio from 0 to 1. The closer to 0 the emissivity ratio, the lower the emission of heat as radiation. A foil facing on an insulation board allows a low emissivity to be taken when calculating the thermal resistance of an unventilated airspace, e.g. in a cavity wall construction.

**EPC** Energy Performance Certificate is required upon completion of a dwelling in accordance with the English, Scottish and Welsh building standards. This necessitates energy calculations eg SAP or SBEM. They measure on a scale of A–G, the green to red scale covers the energy efficiency rating, while the blue to grey scale measures the environmental impact rating of the construction.

**EPS** Expanded Polystyrene is a light rigid foam insulation that has low thermal conductivity and high impact resistance.

**EWI** External Wall Insulation – insulation on the outside or cold side of a wall.

**Facing** is the surface element of an insulation board. Rigid and semi-rigid insulation boards often have a foil facing which lowers the emissivity of the insulation element.

**Fibrous insulation** is an insulation material made up of fibres rather than cells.

**Fully bonded** is typically used in reference to flat roofing, and refers to where a bond between two materials is considered to cover the whole surface. As a full bond covers a greater proportion of the roof area, these systems can generally provide greater restraint against wind uplift than partially bonded systems.

**Geotextile membrane** is a non-woven geo-synthetic membrane used in a variety of applications within the construction industry to act as separation and filtration membranes.

**GWP** Global Warming Potential is a relative measure of how much heat a greenhouse gas traps in the atmosphere, and in turn how much the product is estimated to contribute towards global warming. It compares the amount of heat trapped by a certain mass of the gas in question to the amount of heat trapped by a similar mass of carbon dioxide. A GWP is calculated over a specific time interval, commonly 20, 100 or 500 years.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

# Glossary

**Green Guide Rating** The 2008 Green Guide Rating system uses data from Environmental Profiles to classify performance of construction materials in a number of areas to award a summary rating on a scale of E (worst) up to A+ (best).

**H<sub>TB</sub> or Transmission heat transfer Coefficient** is associated with non-repeating thermal bridges. The H<sub>TB</sub> is the overall sum of heat-loss / gain from each junction multiplied by that junction's length.

**ISO** International Standardisation Organisation is a certification body that proved assessments such as 9001–quality management, 14001–environmental management, 18001–Occupational Health and Safety (OHSAS), and 50001–energy management.

**IWI** Internal Wall Insulation – insulation on the inside or warm side of a wall.

**Kappa value** relates to the thermal mass of a construction. It is the measure of how much heat will be stored per metre squared of a building and represents 'k' in the unit of measure kJ/m<sup>2</sup>K. 'k', or the heat capacity of a building, can be calculated using the following equation:

- $k = 10 - 6 \times \sum (d_j r_j c_j)$
- $d_j$  = thickness of layer (mm)
- $r_j$  = density of layer (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- $c_j$  = specific heat capacity of layer (J/kg·K)

The calculation is over all layers in the element, starting at the inside surface and stopping at whichever of the following conditions is encountered first (which may mean part way through a layer):

- The total thickness of the layers exceeds 100mm
- The midpoint of the construction is reached
- An insulation layer is reached (defined as thermal conductivity  $\leq 0.08$  W/m·K)

**Lambda value** Sometimes called the 'k-value' or 'λ-value', measures the thermal conductivity of a material. k-value is shown in units of W/m·K where 'm' represents the thickness of the material in metres. Insulants have a low thermal conductivity meaning heat cannot pass through them easily. The k-value shows the general performance of a material with regards to thermal conductivity and does not relate to the material's thickness.

**LCA** Life Cycle Assessment is how the environmental impact of a building is assessed from raw materials to disposal or recycling.

**Loose fill insulation** For example cellulose or mineral insulations that are typically installed in the air cavities of buildings through a gap or drilled hole in the building element.

**Moisture ingress** is the act of water entering something. In construction terminology the term is typically used in reference to external moisture (i.e. ground moisture or precipitation) entering a construction.

**MVHR** Mechanical Ventilation with Heat Recovery: A system that ventilates a space by removing indoor air, recovering the heat from that indoor air, and using it to pre-heat fresh air from outside.

**Open cell insulation** has a structure that allows moisture and vapour to permeate through it.

**OSB** Oriented Strand Board, also known as OSB, Sterling board or Exterior board and is an engineered wood product formed by layering strands (flakes) of wood in specific orientations set within a resin to form a rigid board. The product is typically available in differing thickness from 6 – 25 mm, and comes in differing grades from 1–4. Grades 2–4 are most common, with grade 3 or 4 generally being used in structural applications. A common application for boards of this type is as a structural sheathing to timber frames where they enhance the bending and racking strength of the frame.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

**P/A Ratio** The perimeter / area ratio is worked out by dividing the exposed perimeter given by the floor area. This will calculate how much floor insulation is need. The exposed perimeter refers only to the walls that connect to an unheated space, so this will mainly be an outside space or areas such as a garage. The smaller the P/A figure the smaller the amount of insulation that is required, for example, a large area with a small exposed perimeter will have less heat loss and, therefore, will require less insulation.

**Partial bonding** is typically used in reference to flat roofing and relates to the method of bonding various components to the substrates beneath. When using a partial bond only a proportion of the two adjacent layers are bonded to one another, this can be to allow for a degree of differential movement, the release of gas during installation, or just due to discontinuity in the substrate, i.e. such as in the case of a profiled metal deck. When referring to built-up bituminous felt partially bonded systems are generally achieved by using a 3G perforated felt, which is loose laid above the substrate (i.e. deck or insulation) and the next layer of felt is then partially bonded to the substrate at the points of the perforations in the 3G layer.

**Passivhaus** or Passive House Standard. 'A Passivhaus is a building, for which thermal comfort can be achieved solely by post-heating or post-cooling of the fresh air mass, which is required to achieve sufficient indoor air quality conditions – without the need for additional recirculation of air.' The Passivhaus standard is a very high standard of energy efficiency by reducing levels of heat loss through high levels of insulation and preventing air loss, the building is heated passively through the sun, human occupants and household appliances with the remaining heat being supplied through heating or cooling of air in a mechanical ventilation system.

**Phenolic Foam (PF)** is an insulant such as *Kingspan Kooltherm*<sup>®</sup> rigid phenolic boards. It has a high compressive strength and a closed cell structure. The thermal conductivity of phenolic foam is lower than that of rigid polyurethane or extruded polystyrene.

**Plenum** In ductwork, a plenum is a space above a ceiling that allows the collection of air in order to let it move between different spaces in the building.

**PIR** Polyisocyanurate foam is a rigid polymeric foam insulation, for example *Kingspan Thermapitch*<sup>®</sup>, that has a thermal conductivity of 0.022 W/m·K.

**Psi value** or  $\Psi$  value is the measure of heat loss per K shown in units of W/m<sup>2</sup>·K where 'm' details the length of a junction in metres. It is used to estimate the potential for non-repeating thermal bridges.

**PU** is a family of rigid cellular thermoset polymeric foam with a close cell structure that forms both PIR and PUR based polymer foams. *Kingspan's Therma*<sup>™</sup> range is made up of PU rigid urethane insulants.

**PUR** Polyurethane foam is a rigid polymeric foam insulation with a high thermal resistance and low thermal conductivity. It can be used on its own or to seal air gaps between existing insulation elements.

**Radiation** is also known as infrared radiation, this is the movement of heat through an open space which is not reliant on any contact between the heat source and the heated object

**Retrofit** is the installation of insulation over pre-existing building elements or insulation.

**RH** Relative Humidity is a percentage that measures the relationship between the actual moisture content of the air and the saturated moisture content of the air.

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

# Glossary

**R-value** demonstrates thermal resistance of a material in relation to its thickness. It is measured in units of  $m^2 \cdot K/W$  where 'm' represents the thickness of the material in metres which is divided by its value.

**SAP** Standard Assessment Procedure which measures the energy performance or efficiency of a domestic building. It covers the energy consumed in relation to the floor area, a fuel-cost-based efficiency rating, and  $CO_2$  emissions. The procedure follows the structure of BREDEM (BRE Domestic Energy Model).

**Sarking board** are rigid boards, such as timber planks, plywood or OSB used above rafters in a pitched roof. The use of sarking boards is most common in Scotland, where traditionally sarking boards comprised softwood sawn planks fixed to the upper face of the rafters.

**SBEM** Simplified Building Energy Model assesses the energy efficiency of a non-domestic building. The software is used to measure the  $CO_2$  emissions of non-domestic buildings and whether they comply with building regulations and standards.

**SIPs** Structural Insulated Panels are a combination of insulation and structural elements such as timber facings in one board. An example is the *Kingspan TEK® Building System*.

**Soffit** is the underside of an architectural component, for example an arch, beam, staircase or underneath car park decks. Insulations for this type of building element include *Kingspan Kooltherm® K110 Soffit Board* and *Kooltherm® K110 PLUS Soffit Board*.

**Tanking membrane** is a water proof membrane used to prevent moisture ingress further into a construction. Products of this type are often used in basement wall or floor constructions. A variety of materials ranging from membranes to liquid applied systems, with both bituminous, cementitious and synthetic plastic products all being available in the market place.

**TER** is the Target Emission which is based on a 'notional building', concurrent specification, which differs based on the country in which you are building (e.g. England, Wales or Scotland).

**TREE** Target Fabric Energy Efficiency is an additional standard in England presented alongside the TER.

**Thermal bridges** are channels through which heat can be lost when a material has a higher thermal conductivity than adjacent building elements. They can also be referred to as Cold bridges or Heat bridges. The three main types of thermal bridges are:

- Repeating thermal bridges which develop in a regular pattern, for example where there are timber studs in walls. U-value calculations take account of the effect of repeating thermal bridges e.g. a 15% timber bridging fraction might be taken for studs in a timber framed wall.
- Non-repeating / linear thermal bridges occur in an irregular pattern at junctions between building elements e.g. around windows or between walls and floors.
- Point thermal bridges are used as adjustments to the U-value of a building element. They take account of thermal bridging at fixings, fasteners and beams.

**Thermal Conductivity** is the measure of thermal conductivity used on materials in which heat transfer occurs through conduction, convection and radiation.

**Thermal mass** is how well an element absorbs, stores and releases heat per metre squared (See Kappa Value).

Visit [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk) for further information

**Thermal Resistivity** As with thermal conductivity, this measures a material's ability to resist heat transfer through conduction, convection and radiation in relation to the material's thickness or surface emittance (see emissivity).

**Thermoset** is a type of insulation that sets permanently after cooling. If the insulation is reheated it will not change shape. Thermoset materials will not run, melt or drip when exposed to fire. Examples include *Kingspan's* **Kooltherm**<sup>®</sup> and **Therma**<sup>™</sup> ranges.

**U-value** is a sum of the thermal resistances of the layers that make up a building element i.e. walls, floors, roofs etc.). It includes adjustments for any fixings, air gaps etc. This value shows in units of W/m<sup>2</sup>·K the ability of an element to transmit heat from a warm space to a cold space in a building and vice versa. The lower the U-value, the better insulated the building element is.

**Ventilation** is the process of 'changing' or replacing air in any space to remove excess moisture or other pollutants, such as carbon dioxide or ground gases such as radon and replaced with external air (See MVHR).

**Water flow reduction layer** is a membrane such as *Kingspan Aquazone*<sup>®</sup> typically utilised within inverted roof constructions where it is laid above the thermal insulation to aid in minimising the cooling effect associated with rain water draining beneath thermal insulation. These products typically compose non-woven, spun-bonded polyolefin with micro-perforations which allow the escape of moisture vapour while preventing the majority of liquid water from percolating further down into the construction.

**Wind uplift / Wind load calculation** Wind can apply a positive or negative force onto objects depending on the construction detail, its orientation to the direction of wind, and the difference between internal and external air pressures. Wind load calculations are particularly important for systems restrained to the outside of a building, such as warm or inverted flat roofs and external wall insulation systems such as EWI render and rainscreen systems.

A wind load calculation considers a number of factors, such as the location and altitude of the building plot, local topography (i.e. geographical features, valleys, hillside etc.), adjacent structures which may shelter or funnel wind towards the building, also the construction type, its height from ground, and position on the construction in relation to the prevailing wind direction.

**XPS** Extruded Polystyrene has a high resistance to condensation damage and has a high thermal resistance. *Kingspan Styrozone* is a rigid extruded polystyrene.

**Y-value** is an approximation of a specific building's heat loss via its junctions. It is calculated by dividing the  $H_{TB}$  (overall thermal bridging coefficient) by the buildings's total exposed area (See  $H_{TB}$ ).

## Sales and Customer Service

Tel: +44 (0) 1544 388 601

Fax: +44 (0) 1544 388 888

email: [customerservice@kingspaninsulation.co.uk](mailto:customerservice@kingspaninsulation.co.uk)

## Technical Advice

Tel: +44 (0) 1544 387 382

Fax: +44 (0) 1544 387 482

email: [technical@kingspaninsulation.co.uk](mailto:technical@kingspaninsulation.co.uk)

## Literature and Samples

Tel: +44 (0) 1544 387 384

Fax: +44 (0) 1544 387 484

email: [literature@kingspaninsulation.co.uk](mailto:literature@kingspaninsulation.co.uk)

Downloads: [www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk/literature](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk/literature)

## General Enquiries

Tel: +44 (0) 1544 388 601

Fax: +44 (0) 1544 388 888

email: [info@kingspaninsulation.co.uk](mailto:info@kingspaninsulation.co.uk)

*Kingspan Insulation Ltd. reserves the right to amend product specifications without prior notice. Product thicknesses shown in this document should not be taken as being available ex-stock and reference should be made to the current Kingspan Insulation price-list or advice sought from Kingspan Insulation's Customer Service Department (see above). The information, technical details and fixing instructions etc. included in this literature are given in good faith and apply to uses described. Recommendations for use should be verified for suitability and compliance with actual requirements, specifications and any applicable laws and regulations. For other applications or conditions of use, Kingspan Insulation offers a Technical Advisory Service (see above) the advice of which should be sought for uses of Kingspan Insulation products that are not specifically described herein. Please check that your copy of this literature is current by contacting the Kingspan Insulation Marketing Department (see above).*



### Kingspan Insulation Ltd

Pembridge, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 9LA, UK

[www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk](http://www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk)

© Kingspan, Kooltherm, nilvent, OPTIM-R, Styrozone and the Lion Device are Registered Trademarks of the Kingspan Group plc in the UK and other countries. All rights reserved.

™Therma is a Trademark of the Kingspan Group plc.

Kingspan Insulation Ltd. Registered in England & Wales, No. 01882722. Registered Office: Pembridge, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 9LA UK  
VAT GB428602456.