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FOAMULAR® C-300

Extruded Polystyrene Rigid Insulation

Product Data Sheet



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

PINK extruded polystyrene (XPS) rigid thermal insulation boards. FOAMULAR® C-300 extruded polystyrene rigid insulation is available in 610 mm. (24 in.) x 2240 mm. (96 in.) sizes with square or ship-lapped edges which help reduce air and water infiltration.

FOAMULAR® C-300 extruded polystyrene rigid insulation is manufactured using Owens Corning patented HYDROVAC® technology. Owens Corning uses blowing agents that meet or surpass government environmental requirements (Montreal Protocol).

Its outstanding thermal resistance (RSI 0.87/25 mm; R-5/in.), compressive strength (210 kPa; 30 psi) and hydrophobic properties (0.7% water absorption) make it an excellent insulation choice for interior, exterior, above-grade and below-grade applications:

- Below grade on the exterior side of foundation walls
- Under concrete slabs where the applied loads do not exceed 30 psi

Recommended Uses

FOAMULAR® C-300 extruded polystyrene (XPS) rigid insulation boards can be used:

- On exterior faces of cast in place concrete and concrete masonry unit foundation walls where maximum loading due to fill materials and other imposed loads are inferior to 210 kPa (30 psi).
- For greater loads, use **Foamular® 400/600/1000** high density extruded polystyrene rigid insulation depending on calculated and foreseeable loads. Consult required soils investigation reports and an Owens Corning Canada regional technical support representative.
- Under concrete slabs where the dead load does not exceed 1/3 and the live load does not exceed 1/5 of the published 210 kPa (30 psi) compressive resistance.

FOAMULAR® C-300 extruded polystyrene rigid insulation boards are GREENGUARD and SCS certified (refer to TECHNICAL DATA) and can contribute to obtain LEED® Certification credits when used in a building submitted to the LEED CANADA-NC Green Building Council Rating System (refer to TABLE 2).

Limitations

Owens Corning Canada LP does not recommend rigid extruded polystyrene (XPS) board in the following locations:

- In soils that may contain hydrocarbons and other petroleum derivatives, and all other products that may cause corrosion and deterioration of the polystyrene boards. Consult soils investigation reports

and an Owens Corning Canada regional technical support representative.

FOAMULAR® C-300 is a combustible product and its use is prohibited:

- Without an approved thermal barrier to protect it (i.e. gypsum board or other finish meeting the requirements of the applicable building Code).
- When in contact with surfaces whose temperature may exceed 74°C or in locations where ambient temperature will constantly exceed 74°C.
- Where it is impossible to provide clearances required by Codes and Regulations (building, electrical, gas and oil) between the extruded polystyrene insulation and heat-emitting appliances, chimneys, pipes, conduits and vents to these appliances and between insulation and recessed light fixtures that are not encased in CSA-approved insulated boxes.

Other precautions to be taken:

- Protect polystyrene boards from prolonged exposure to sunlight, which may cause surface discoloration and/or deterioration; backfill as soon as insulation is completed; keep boards in storage and in its packaging until time of installation.
- Before using adhesives, sealants or other similar products with polystyrene boards, verify their compatibility with adhesive manufacturers.

Components

Polystyrene insulation is manufactured from polystyrene resin extruded into rigid boards.



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Recycled materials incorporated into polystyrene board fabrication are obtained from one source:

- “Post-industrial” (or “pre-consumer”) source: materials recycled from industry-wide manufacturing waste that can be recycled to fabricate polystyrene boards.

TECHNICAL DATA

Applicable Codes and Standards

Applicable National Building Code of Canada or provincial building Code

Canadian Standards (Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC))

- CAN/ULC-S701, Standard for Thermal Insulation, Polystyrene, Boards and Pipe Covering
- CAN/ULC-S102.2, Standard Method of Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Flooring, Floor Covering and Miscellaneous

Materials and Assemblies

Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB)

- CGSB 71-GP-24M, Adhesive, Flexible, for Bonding Cellular Polystyrene Insulation

American Standards

- ASTM C177, Standard Test Method for Steady-State Heat Flux Measurements and Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Guarded-Hot-Plate Apparatus
- ASTM C203, Standard Test Method for Breaking Load and Flexural Properties of Block-Type Thermal Insulation
- ASTM E96, Test Method for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials
- ASTM C518, Standard Test Method for Steady-State Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Heat Flow Meter Apparatus

- ASTM D696, Standard Test Method for Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion of Plastics Between -30°C and 30°C With a Vitreous Silica Dilatometer
- ASTM D1621, Standard Test Method for Compressive Properties of Rigid Cellular Plastics
- ASTM D2126, Standard Test Method for Response of Rigid Cellular Plastics to Thermal and Humid Aging
- ASTM D2842, Standard Test Method for Water Absorption of Rigid Cellular Plastics

Health Canada/Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS).

Visit www.owenscorning.ca for a current copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for “FOAMULAR® extruded polystyrene insulation”.

Physical Properties

Canadian Construction Materials Centre (CCMC) Product Evaluation

FOAMULAR® C-300 complies to CAN/ULC S701, Type 3 and has a CCMC listing.

Codes & Standards Compliance:

- Meets Montreal Protocol 2010, CFC, HCFC Free
- Zero Ozone Depletion Potential
- 70% Less Global Warming Potential
- Product Evaluation Listing Number **CCMC I3430-L**

Certification by Independent Third Party Agencies

– Recycled Content and Indoor Air Quality Standards

SCS Certification (Scientific Certification Systems) for recycled materials content.

Certification based on the [environmental claims certification program](#):

TABLE I Physical Properties

| Properties | Test Method | FOAMULAR® C-300 (CAN/ULC S701, Type 4) |
|--|---------------|--|
| THERMAL RESISTANCE ⁽¹⁾ R value per inch (ft ² hr °F/BTU) Rsi value per 25 mm (m ² °C/W) | C518 or C177 | 5.0 0.87 |
| COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH, min. ⁽²⁾ (psi) (kPa) | D1621 | 30 210 |
| COMPRESSIVE MODULUS, min. (psi) (kPa) | D1621 | 1350 9310 |
| WATER ABSORPTION (maximum % by volume) | D2842 | 0.40 |
| WATER VAPOUR PERMEANCE, max. (Perm) (ng/Pa.s.m ²) | E96 | 0.78 45 |
| WATER CAPILLARITY | – | None |
| WATER AFFINITY | – | Hydrophobic |
| FLEXURAL STRENGTH, typical (psi) (kPa) | C203 | 60 415 |
| LINEAR COEFFICIENT OF THERMAL EXPANSION (in./in./°F) (m/m/K) | Modified D696 | 2.7 × 10 ⁻⁵ 4.9 × 10 ⁻⁵ |
| DIMENSIONAL STABILITY, max. (% linear change) | D2126 | 1.5 |
| MAXIMUM SERVICE TEMPERATURE (°F) (°C) | – | 165 74 |

⁽¹⁾ Thermal resistance per inch of thickness (25 mm). ⁽²⁾ at 10% deformation or yield



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- 20% minimum certified recycled materials content distributed as follows:
-20% “post-industrial” (or “pre-consumer”) recycled polystyrene materials content; average for Owens Corning manufacturing facilities: rigid polystyrene insulation: FOAMULAR® brands, (Rockford IL, USA, Tallmadge OH, USA, Gresham OR, USA, Valleyfield PQ, Canada);
- “Certificate of Achievement”: “manufactured by Owens Corning (various forms and sizes)”.

For up-to-date Certification information, go to www.scs-certified.com.

FOAMULAR® C-300 extruded polystyrene rigid insulation boards

are GREENGUARD Certified to meet stringent indoor air quality standards.

Certification in accordance with the GREENGUARD Product Emission Standard for Children & Schools:

- VOCs < 1/100 TLV and < 1/2 CA chronic REL
- Formaldehyde < 0.0135 ppm/13.5 ppb
- Total VOCs < 0.22 mg/m³
- Total Aldehydes < 0.043 ppm/43 ppb
- Respirable particles < 0.01 mg/m³
- Total Particles < 0.02 mg/m³ (< 10µm)

“GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified”: Owens Corning

FOAMULAR® extruded polystyrene rigid insulation. For up-to-date Certification information, go to www.greenguard.org.

IDENTIFICATION AND SIZES

Package Identification

Each board must be adequately labelled or marked to indicate the following information:

- CAN/ULC-S701-Type 4
- Board Type
- Name of the manufacturer or brand name
- CCMC Product Evaluation Number
- A cautionary statement as follows:

Caution: COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCT. KEEP AWAY FROM HEAT, SPARKS AND FLAME. THIS PRODUCT WILL IGNITE IF EXPOSED TO AN IGNITION SOURCE OF SUFFICIENT HEAT AND INTENSITY. PROTECTION OR THERMAL BARRIER IS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE BUILDING CODE.

Sizes and Packaging

FOAMULAR® C-300: 610 mm x 2438 mm (24 in. x 96 in.) x 25 mm, 38 mm, 51 mm, 64 mm, 76 mm and 102 mm thickness (1 in., 1.5 in., 2 in., 2.5 in., 3 in. and 4 in.).

Shipped in units containing four (4) shrink-wrapped 2 ft wide x 2 ft high x 8 ft long packages and measuring 4 ft wide x 4 ft high x 8 ft long.

Boards are available with square or ship lapped edges.

CONTRIBUTION TO LEED® CANADA CERTIFICATION

TABLE 2: Contribution of Owens Corning Canada's FOAMULAR® C-300 extruded polystyrene rigid insulation boards towards LEED® credits⁽¹⁾

| Category and performance criteria | Requirements to meet to obtain a voluntary credit | Insulation's contribution to the performance | Additional comments |
|--|---|--|---|
| EA (Energy and Atmosphere) Credit 1 for energy performance optimization of new or existing buildings. | Anticipated energy cost reduction compared to NMECB ⁽²⁾ and ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1-1999: 1 to 10 points, based on % reduction. | Insulation contributes significantly to the reduction of a building's energy demand. Global contribution depends on the design RSI value. | The Project Manager is responsible for the energy analysis concerning the global energy efficiency of the building (ex. LEED standard form letter). |
| MR (Materials and Resources) Credits 4.1 & 4.2 for recycled materials content ⁽³⁾ . | “Post-consumer” recycled content plus one half “post-industrial” recycled materials: 1 point for at least 7.5% and 2 points for at least 20%. | FOAMULAR® C-300 (Rockford IL, Tallmadge OH, Gresham, OR, Valleyfield, PQ: 20% post-industrial, 0% post-consumer). | Recycled content certifications by Scientific Certification Systems for FOAMULAR® C-300 extruded polystyrene rigid insulation (20% North American average). |
| MR (Materials and Resources) Credits 5.1 & 5.2 for locally or regionally produced materials. | Materials regionally extracted and manufactured: 1 point for at least 10% and 2 points for at least 20%. | All Canadian extruded polystyrene rigid insulation boards are manufactured at the Rockford IL, Tallmadge OH, Gresham, OR, or Valleyfield, PQ plant and can contribute towards credits for this category. | Verify with local sales representatives to determine the product's origin. |

⁽¹⁾ Refer to the LEED – Green Building Rating System for new construction and important renovations, LEED Canada-NC 1.0, as promoted by the CaGBC. ⁽²⁾ Model National Energy Code for Buildings 1997. ⁽³⁾ The recycled content of a material or furniture must be determined by dividing the weight of the recycled content of the item by the total weight of the whole item, then by multiplying the resulting ratio by the total cost of the item.



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APPLICATION

Safety Measures: Applicator Protection

This product is combustible and may constitute a fire risk if not used or installed properly. Although it contains a fire-suppressing agent, the product will ignite if exposed to a sufficiently intense flame. Do not expose to open flames or any other ignition source during transport, handling, storage or use.

Preparation

Ensure surfaces to be covered with insulation boards have been inspected, notably:

- substrate solidity and planarity; and
- mechanical, electrical and telecommunication service lines penetrating in or passing through voids in the exterior and foundation walls.

Installation

Carefully adjust insulation boards to obtain tight joints between each board and around electrical service boxes, piping, air ducts and framing passing through; where two layers are required, overlap all joints.

- Fastening: mechanical fasteners in concrete, concrete masonry unit or metal framing; below and above-grade use pilot hole-self-tapping screws or masonry anchors of sufficient length to penetrate minimum 25 mm into substrate with 25 mm diameter plastic or metal washers.

- Adhesive: Owens Corning recommends the use of the adhesive spot method for temporary installation prior to definitive mechanical fastening or a full coat of adhesive for permanent installation. Select optimum fastening method depending on loads applied to the insulation when backfilling according to types of materials and methods involved. Use only water-based adhesives which contain no solvents and that are compatible with extruded polystyrene rigid insulation boards.

Consult an Owens Corning Canada regional technical support representative for the appropriate fastener and adhesive selection.

AVAILABILITY AND COST

Cost Estimates

Cost estimates are readily available from a physical description consisting of drawings and a brief specification based on the information contained in this Product Data Sheet. For more information on product availability or costs, contact your regional technical support representative.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Owens Corning Canada LP publishes many Technical Bulletins and offers in-depth consultation services and dew point analysis to help you select the appropriate

products for your designs and prepare details and specifications. For more information, contact your regional technical support representative.

QUALITY CONTROL

Owens Corning Canada LP regularly submits its products to independent agencies that certify their environmental quality in terms of:

- Toxic chemical and volatile particle emissions affecting indoor air quality and the ozone layer.
- Recycled materials content.

INFORMATION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Architectural Specifications

Classification in accordance with MasterFormat™ 2004 (level 4) published by CSC-DCC and CSI. Selected number and title are **07 21 13.13 – Foam Board Insulation.**

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Classification in accordance with MasterFormat 2004 (level 5) published by CSC-DCC and CSI. Selected number **07 21 13.13.OCC FOAMULAR® C-300** corresponds to Owens Corning Canada (OCC) classification for FOAMULAR® C-300 extruded polystyrene rigid insulation boards.



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