

# Code Compliance Research Report CCRR-1022

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DIVISION 07 00 00 - THERMAL AND MOISTURE PROTECTION

Section: 07 21 00 - Thermal Insulation

Section: 07 25 00 - Water Resistive Barriers/Weather Barriers

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**REPORT SUBJECT:** 

GreenGuard® and GreenGuard®LG Fanfold and Insulating Sheathing

#### 1.0 SCOPE OF EVALUATION

This Research Report addresses compliance with the following Codes:

- 2024, 2021, 2018 International Building Code® (IBC)
- 2024, 2021, 2018 International Residential Code® (IRC)
- 2024, 2021, 2018 International Energy Conservation Code® (IECC)
- 2023, 2020 Florida Building Codes (excluding High-Velocity Hurricane Zones) (see Section 8.0)

Note: This report references the most recent edition of the codes cited. Section numbers in earlier editions of the Codes may differ.

The insulation boards described in this report have been evaluated for the following properties:

- Surface-burning characteristics
- Thermal resistance (R-Value)
- · Water-resistive barrier

See Table 1 for applicable Code sections related to these properties.

## **2.0 USES**

The GreenGuard® and GreenGuard®LG Fanfold and Insulating Sheathing products described in this report are non-structural thermal insulation boards used in interior applications, exterior walls and as components of non-classified (nonrated) roof covering systems. The insulation boards may also be used as an alternative to the water-resistive barrier requirements of IBC Sections 1403.2 and 2510.6, and IRC Section R703, when installed on exterior walls as described in Section 4.3.2 of this

report.

#### 3.0 DESCRIPTION

- **3.1** GreenGuard® Products: The GreenGuard® and GreenGuard®LG Fanfold and Insulating Sheathings consist of an extruded polystyrene foam plastic core with or without facers. Various combinations of facers are recognized, as described in Table 2. The insulations are available in semirigid boards or "fanfolded" bundles. Product thicknesses and board sizes are described in Table 2.
- **3.1.1** GreenGuard® Fanfold Siding Underlayments: Fanfold underlayment provides a continuous layer of thermal and air infiltration protection providing a smooth, straight surface for the application of siding.
- **3.1.2** GreenGuard® and GreenGuard®LG Insulating Sheathings and Insulation Board: Insulation boards provide a smooth, rigid surface for the installation of replacement siding.
- **3.1.3 GreenGuard® Roofing Recovery Boards:** Roofing recovery boards provide a smooth surface for the placement of roofing membranes.
- **3.2 Joint Sealing Tapes:** Joint sealing tapes are used in conjunction with fanfold and sheathing products to seal joints between edges when the products are installed as alternate water-resistive barriers. The sealing tape products are described in Table 4.
- **3.3 Surface-Burning Characteristics:** The foam plastic core of the insulation products described in this report has a flame-spread index of 25 or less and a smoke-developed index of 450 or less, when tested in accordance with ASTM E84.
- **3.4** Thermal Resistance: GreenGuard® and GreenGuard®LG Fanfold and Insulating Sheathing products have a thermal resistance (R-Value) as shown in Table 3.

#### 4.0 INSTALLATION

**4.1 General:** The extruded polystyrene foam plastic insulation boards must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's published installation instructions, the applicable Code, and this Research Report. The







manufacturer's published installation instructions and this Research Report must be strictly adhered to, and a copy of the instructions must be available on the jobsite during installation.

**4.2 Thermal Barrier:** The insulation boards must be covered on the interior of the building with an approved thermal barrier complying with and installed in accordance with IBC Section 2603.4 or IRC Section R303.4.

# 4.3 Exterior of Building Application:

**4.3.1 General:** The insulation boards must not be used as a nailing base for exterior siding. Nailing of exterior siding must penetrate through the boards into the wall framing or structural sheathing. The insulation boards must not be used structurally to resist transverse, vertical or in-plane loads.

Wall bracing must be provided in accordance with the applicable Code.

The use of the insulation boards in areas of "very heavy" termite probability must comply with IBC Section 2603.8 or IRC Section R305.4.

A water-resistive barrier must be provided in accordance with IBC Section 1403.2 or IRC Section R703.2 unless the insulation board is installed as described in Section 4.3.2.

- **4.3.2 Water Resistive Barrier:** The products described in this report may be used as alternatives to the water-resistive barrier requirements of IBC Section 1403.2 and IRC Section R703.2. When used as a water-resistive barrier for cement plaster (stucco) applied over wood-based sheathing under IBC Section 2510.6 or IRC Section R703.7.3, the products may be used as one of the layers required for the water-resistive barrier construction when installed in accordance with one of the methods described in Sections 4.3.2.1, 4.3.2.2, or 4.3.3.3.
- **4.3.2.1 GreenGuard® PLYGOOD Ultra and Insulation Board:** Panels must be installed vertically. Vertical joints must occur over framing members or be backed. Gaps at penetrations must be sealed using a silicone sealant complying with ASTM C920, Type S, Grade NS, Class 25 or using an expanding spray foam sealant complying with AAMA 812. Horizontal and vertical joints of GreenGuard® Insulation Board must be sealed with GreenGuard® Seam Tape (Standard) and horizontal and vertical joints of GreenGuard® PLYGOOD Ultra must be sealed with GreenGuard® Custom Seam Tape.

- **4.3.2.2 GreenGuard® Fanfold Siding Underlayments using Flanged Windows:** The insulation boards must be installed with the long dimension running horizontally. Gaps at penetrations must be sealed using a silicone sealant complying with ASTM C920, Type S, Grade NS, Class 25 or using an expanding spray foam sealant complying with AAMA 812. Horizontal and vertical insulation board joints must be sealed with GreenGuard® Seam Tape, GreenGuard® Flashing, or by using strips of 16-inch wide GreenGuard® Building Wrap (CCRR-1018) and GreenGuard® Flashing to create a z-furring joint treatment.
- 4.3.2.3 GreenGuard® Fanfold Siding Underlayment using Non-flanged Windows: The insulation boards must be installed with the long dimension running horizontally. Gaps at penetrations must be sealed using a silicone sealant complying with ASTM C920, Type S, Grade NS, Class 25 or using an expanding spray foam sealant complying with AAMA 812. Horizontal and vertical insulation board joints must be sealed with GreenGuard® Seam Tape, GreenGuard® Flashing, or by using strips of 16-inch-wide GreenGuard® Building Wrap (CCRR-1018) and GreenGuard® Flashing to create a zfurring joint treatment. Aluminum brickmold caps must be formed for windows with a minimum 2-inch-wide flange. The brickmold sections must be installed shingle fashion and joints must be sealed with silicone sealant complying with ASTM C920, Type S, Grade NS, Class 25. GreenGuard® Flashing or GreenGuard® SuperStretch must be installed with a minimum 4-inch width so that it overlaps the brickmold sections.
- **4.3.3 Wind Resistance:** Recognition as foam sheathing for wind resistance in accordance with IBC Sections 2603.10 and IRC Section R303.8 is outside the scope of this report.

#### 5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The GreenGuard® and GreenGuard®LG Fanfold and Insulating Sheathing products described in this Research Report comply with, or are suitable alternatives to, what is specified in those Codes listed in Section 1.0 and Table 1 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

- **5.1** Installation must comply with this Research Report, the manufacturer's published installation instructions and the applicable Code. In the event of a conflict between the manufacturer's instructions and this report, this report governs.
- **5.2** The insulation boards must be covered with an approved exterior wall covering in accordance with the applicable Code.







- **5.3** The insulation boards must be covered on the interior of the building with an approved interior 15-minute thermal barrier in accordance with the applicable Code.
- **5.4** The insulation boards are produced in Winchester, VA under a quality control program with inspections by Intertek.

#### **6.0 SUPPORTING EVIDENCE**

- **6.1** Reports of tests in accordance with ASTM E84, ASTM C578, and ASTM C518.
- **6.2** Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Foam Plastic Insulation (AC12), dated June 2015 (editorially revised May 2016).
- **6.3** Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Foam Plastic Sheathing Panels Used as Water-resistive Barriers (AC71), dated February 2003 (editorially revised January 2016).
- **6.4** Intertek Listing Report "Kingspan Fanfold and Sheathing Products".

#### 7.0 IDENTIFICATION

The GreenGuard® and GreenGuard®LG Fanfold and Insulating Sheathing products described in this Research Report are identified by a marking on the product bearing the report holder's name (Kingspan Insulation, LLC), the Intertek Mark, and the Code Compliance Research Report number (CCRR-1022).

#### 8.0 OTHER CODES

## 8.1 Florida Building Code:

- **8.1.1** The GreenGuard® and GreenGuard®LG Fanfold and Insulating Sheathing, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of this Research Report, comply with the 2023 and 2020 Florida Building Code Building, Florida Building Code Residential and Florida Building Code Energy, subject to the following conditions:
- Use of the insulation boards for compliance with the High-Velocity Hurricane Zone provisions of the Florida Building Code – Building and the Florida Building Code – Residential has not been evaluated and is outside the scope of this Research Report.

Intertek is an approved evaluation entity and quality assurance entity pursuant to Florida Statute 553.842 – *Product Evaluation and Approval*.

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TABLE 1 – PROPERTIES EVALUATED – 2024 I-Codes and 2023 Florida Building Code

PROPERTY	IBC	FBC – BUILDING	IRC	FBC – RESIDENTIAL	IECC	FBC - ENERGY
Physical properties	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Surface-burning characteristics	2603.3	2603.3	R316.3	R303.3	Not applicable	Not applicable
Thermal resistance	1301	1301	N1101.10	See FBC - Energy	C303.1.1, C303.1.4, R303.1.1, R303.1.4	C303.1.1, C303.1.4, R303.1.1, R303.1.1.
Water-resistive barrier	1404.2	1404.2	R703.2	R703.2	Not applicable	Not applicable

# TABLE 2 - GREENGUARD AND GREENGUARD®LG® PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS

Product name	Nominal Thickness (in.)	Description	Primary Applications
GreenGuard* S14	1/4 (6 mm)	Extruded Polystyrene foam core with clear, perforated, plastic facers on both sides. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 50' (1.2m x 15.2m).	Siding Underlayment
GreenGuard® Q250	1/4 (6 mm)	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, perforated plastic facers on both sides. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 48' (1.2m x 15m).	Siding Underlayment
GreenGuard® FQ250	1/4 (6 mm)	Extruded polystyrene foam core with a clear, perforated plastic facer on one side and an additional metallized facer on the other side. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 50' (1.2m x 15.2m).	Siding Underlayment
GreenGuard® P1450	1/4 (6 mm)	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, perforated plastic facers on both sides. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 50' (1.2m x 15.2m).	Siding Underlayment
GreenGuard® FP1450	1/4 (6 mm)	Extruded polystyrene foam core with a clear, perforated plastic facer on one side and an additional metallized facer on the other side. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 50' (1.2m x 15.2m).	Siding Underlayment
GreenGuard® XP14	1/4 (6 mm)	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, perforated, flexible plastic facers on both sides, and a "cut & fold" hinge design. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 50' (1.2m x 15.2m).	Siding Underlayment
GreenGuard® XFP14	1/4 (6 mm)	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, perforated, flexible plastic facers on both sides with an additional perforated, metallized facer on one side. Product has a "cut & fold" hinge design. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 50' (1.2m x 15.2m).	







Royal DuraPlank	1/4 (6 mm)	Extruded polystyrene foam that is contoured to fit behind vinyl siding. Available in parts measuring $7'' \times 4''$ (178mm x 1.2m).	
GreenGuard® DC14	1/4 (6 mm)		Siding Underlayment
GreenGuard® PB4	1/4 (6 mm)		Waterproofing Protection Board
GreenGuard <sup>®</sup> PLYGOOD PG28	1/4 (6 mm)	perforated plastic facers on both sides. Available in sheets measuring $4' \times 8'$ (1.2m x 2.4m).	Exterior Sheathing for Manufactured Housing
GreenGuard* PLYGOOD PGF28	1/4 (6 mm)	perforated plastic facers on both sides with an additional metallized facer on one side. Available in sheets	Exterior Sheathing for Manufactured Housing
GreenGuard® CB4	1/4 (6 mm)	' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' '	Condensation Board for Post- Frame Buildings
GreenGuard* Q350	3/8 (10 mm)		Residing Underlayment
GreenGuard® FQ350	3/8 (10 mm)		Residing Underlayment
GreenGuard® XP38	3/8 (10 mm)	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, perforated, flexible plastic facers on both sides, printed with grid lines. Product has a "cut & fold" hinge design. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 50' (1.2m x 15.2m).	Residing Underlayment
GreenGuard® XFP38	3/8 (10 mm)		Residing Underlayment
GreenGuard® PB6, PB38	3/8 (10 mm)		Roofing Recovery Board







Guard XPS (white facers on both sides)  (10 mm) perforated, flexible plastic facer additional white, non-perforate Product has a "cut & fold" hinge		Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, non- perforated, flexible plastic facers on both sides with an additional white, non-perforated facer on one side. Product has a "cut & fold" hinge design. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 50' (1.2m x 15.2m).	Roofing Recovery Board
GreenGuard® PB6 PLUS	3/8 (10 mm)	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, non- perforated, flexible plastic facers on both sides with an additional clear, non-perforated facer on both sides. Product has a "cut & fold" hinge design. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 50' (1.2m x 15.2m).	Roofing Recovery Board
GreenGuard® PB6HD	3/8 (10 mm)	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, non-perforated, flexible plastic facers on both sides with an additional white, non-perforated facer on one side.  Product has a "creased" hinge design. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 50' (1.2m x 15.2m).	Roofing Recovery Board
GreenGuard® PLYGOOD PG38, PG39	3/8 (10 mm)	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, perforated, flexible plastic facers on both sides. Available in sheets measuring 4' x 8' (1.2m x 2.4m) (PG38) and 4' x 9' (1.2m x 2.7m) (PG39).	Roofing Recovery Board and Exterior Sheathing
GreenGuard® PLYGOOD PG48, PG49	7/16 (13 mm)	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, perforated, flexible plastic facers on both sides. Available in sheets measuring 4' x 8' (1.2m x 2.4m) (PG48) and 4' x 9' (1.2m x 2.7m) (PG49).	Exterior Sheathing
GreenGuard® PLYGOOD Ultra PGU38, PGU39	3/8 (10 mm)	Extruded polystyrene foam core with a clear, non-perforated plastic facer on one side and a reinforcing scrim on the printed side. Available in sheets measuring 4' x 8' (1.2m x 2.4m) ( <b>PGU38</b> ) and 4' x 9' (1.2m x 2.7m) ( <b>PGU39</b> ).	Exterior Sheathing
GreenGuard® PLYGOOD Ultra PGU48, PGU49	' ' ' '		Exterior Sheathing
GreenGuard® CM Type IV, 25PSI GreenGuard LG CM Type IV, 25 psi	Type IV, 25PSI $(13 - 102 \text{ mm})$ measuring 2' x 8' $(0.6 \text{m x } 2.4 \text{m})$ , 4' x 8' $(1.2 \text{m x } 2.4 \text{m})$ , and 4' x 9' $(1.2 \text{m x } 2.7 \text{m})$ .		
GreenGuard® SL Type IV, 25PS  GreenGuard LG SL Type IV, 25 psi	1/2 – 4 (13 – 102 mm)	Extruded polystyrene insulation board with shiplap edges. Available in sheets measuring 2' $\times$ 8' (0.6m $\times$ 2.4m), and 4' $\times$ 8' (1.2m $\times$ 2.4m).	
GreenGuard® SLX Type IV, 25PSI GreenGuard LG SLX Type IV, 25 psi	1/2 – 1 (13 – 51 mm)	Extruded polystyrene insulation board with a clear plastic facer on both sides and shiplap edges. Available in sheets measuring $4' \times 8'$ (1.2m x 2.4m), and $4' \times 9'$ (1.2m x 2.7m).	







Norandex Q250	1/4	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, perforated plastic facers on both sides. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 48' (1.2m x 15m).	Siding underlayment
Norandex Q350	3/8	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, perforated, flexible plastic facers on both sides. Product has a "cut & fold" hinge design. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 50' (1.2m x 15.2m).	Residing underlayment
Norandex XPS Residing Board	1/2	Extruded polystyrene insulation board.	Residing Board
Tribuilt Q250 Fanfold Siding Underlayment	1/4	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, perforated plastic facers on both sides. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 48' (1.2m x 15m).	Siding underlayment
Tribuilt Q350 Fanfold Siding Underlayment	3/8	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, perforated, flexible plastic facers on both sides. Product has a "cut & fold" hinge design.	Residing underlayment
Tribuilt P1450 Siding Underlayment	1/4 (6 mm)	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, perforated plastic facers on both sides. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 50' (1.2m x 15.2m).	Siding Underlayment
Tribuilt XP38 Fanfold Siding Underlayment	3/8	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, perforated, flexible plastic facers on both sides, printed with grid lines. Product has a "cut & fold" hinge design. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 50' (1.2m x 15.2m).	Residing underlayment
Duro-Last Duro-Guard XPS Fanfold-K	3/8 (10 mm)		
TopShield QC350TS Siding Underlayment			Residing underlayment
TopShield QC250TS Siding Underlayment	3/8	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, perforated plastic facers on both sides. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 48' (1.2m x 15m).	Siding underlayment
TopShield Pro PB6TS Roofing Cover Board	3/8	Extruded polystyrene foam core with clear, non- perforated, flexible plastic facers on both sides. Product has a "cut & fold" hinge design. Available in bundles measuring 4' x 50' (1.2m x 15.2m)	Roofing recovery board







# TABLE 3 – THERMAL RESISTANCE (R-VALUE)

PRODUCT	THICKNESS (in.)	R-VALUE
Fanfold	1/4	1.0
Fanfold	5/16	1.0
Fanfold	3/8	1.5
Fanfold	7/16	1.8
GreenGuard and GreenGuard®LG CM	1/2 - 3/4	3.0 - 3.8
GreenGuard and GreenGuard®LG SL	1/2 - 3/4	3.0 - 3.8
GreenGuard and GreenGuard®LG SLX	1/2 - 1	3.0 - 3.8

# TABLE 4 – GREENGUARD® SEAM TAPES (STANDARD AND CUSTOM)

PRODUCT NAME	COMMON ROLL SIZES (W x L)	BACKING MATERIAL/ADHESIVE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
GreenGuard® Seam Tape (Custom)	3" x 55'	Polypropylene/Acrylic	The self-adhering tape consists of a polypropylene backing with an enhanced acrylic adhesive
GreenGuard® Seam Tape (Standard)	1-7/8" x 55' (Custom Product)	Polypropylene/Acrylic	The self-adhering tape consists of a polypropylene backing with an acrylic adhesive
Lowe's Housewrap Tape (Similar to Standard GreenGuard® Seam Tape)	1-7/8" x 55' (Custom Product)	Polypropylene/Acrylic	The self-adhering tape consists of a polypropylene backing with an acrylic adhesive



