



# MINERAL WOOL INSULATION

## Guide Specification **Section 07 21 00** **Mineral Wool Insulation**

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### **SECTION 07 21 00** **MINERAL WOOL INSULATION**

#### **PART 1 - GENERAL**

##### **1.1 SUMMARY**

- A. Section Includes: Mineral wool insulation for the following applications.
  - 1. Thermal and acoustical insulation.
  - 2. Rainscreen/cavity wall continuous insulation.
  - 3. Multi-purpose thermal and acoustical insulation product used where fire-rated assembly is not required.
  - 4. Acoustical insulation for fire-rated interior partition walls and ceilings, unfaced.
  - 5. Perimeter fire-containment systems.
  - 6. Fire-resistant joint systems in rated assemblies.
  - 7. Firestopping of through penetrations in rated assemblies.
- B. Related Sections:
  - 1. Section 07 21 16 - Glass Fiber Batt Insulation.
  - 2. Section 07 21 18 - Glass Fiber Blanket Insulation.
  - 3. Section 09 81 16 - Acoustic Blanket Insulation

##### **1.3 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Submit product characteristics, performance criteria, and limitations, including installation instructions.
- B. Sustainable Design: Submit manufacturer's sustainable design certifications as specified with each product.

##### **1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. Mock-Up: If requested, provide a mock-up of materials proposed for use for review of workmanship. Accepted mock-ups may remain in place.
- B. Preconstruction Meeting: Convene a minimum of two weeks prior to commencing work of this section. Agenda shall include materials proposed for use, sequence of construction and coordination with installation of adjacent and covering materials.

##### **1.5 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING**

- A. Delivery: Deliver materials to the job site in original packages, containers, or bundles bearing the brand

name and manufacturer's identification.

- B. Storage: Store materials in dry locations with adequate ventilation, free from water, and in such a manner to permit easy access for inspection and handling.
- C. Handling: Handle using procedures recommended by the manufacturer for materials and personnel.

## 1.6 WARRANTY

- A. Warranty: Provide manufacturer's standard limited warranty against manufacturing defects.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MANUFACTURER

- A. Basis-of-Design Manufacturer: Thermafiber, Inc. (an Owens Corning® company), One Owens Corning Parkway, Toledo, OH 43659. Toll free 888-834-2371, Fax 260-563-8979, or [www.owenscorning.com](http://www.owenscorning.com).

### 2.2 THERMAL AND ACOUSTICAL INSULATION

- A. Product: Thermafiber® FireSpan® 90 insulation.
  - 1. Formaldehyde-Free (FF) Option.
  - 2. R-Value: 4.3 per inch.
  - 3. Facing: Unfaced.
  - 4. Facing: Foil-Faced.
  - 5. Density: 8.0 pcf (nominal).
  - 6. This product qualifies under the Department of Homeland Security SAFETY Act designation, which provides commercial building professions and building owners liability protection in the event of a foreign/domestic act of terrorism.
- B. Product: Thermafiber® FireSpan® 40 insulation.
  - 1. Formaldehyde-Free (FF) Option.
  - 2. R-Value: 4.3 per inch.
  - 3. Facing: Unfaced.
  - 4. Facing: Foil-Faced.
  - 5. Density: 4.0 pcf (nominal).
  - 6. This product qualifies under the Department of Homeland Security SAFETY Act designation, which provides commercial building professions and building owners liability protection in the event of a foreign/domestic act of terrorism.
- C. Product: Thermafiber® UltraBatt™; unfaced.
  - 1. Formaldehyde-Free (FF) Option.
  - 2. R-Value: R-10, R-15, R-23, R-24, R30 as applicable.
  - 3. Surface Burning Characteristics: Tested in accordance with ASTM E84, Unfaced: Flame Spread 5 and Smoke Developed 5.
- D. Product: Thermafiber® UltraBatt™; foil-faced.
  - 1. R-Value: R-10, R-15, R-23, R-24, R30 as applicable.
- E. Product: Thermafiber® SAFB™ (Sound Attenuation Fire Blanket); unfaced.
  - 1. Formaldehyde-Free (FF) Option.
  - 2. Density, 1-Inch Thick: 4 pcf nominal.
  - 3. Density, Greater Than 1-Inch Thick: 2.5 pcf, nominal.

4. This product qualifies under the Department of Homeland Security SAFETY Act designation, which provides commercial building professions and building owners liability protection in the event of a foreign/domestic act of terrorism.
- F. Surface Burning Characteristics (excluding UltraBatt™ FF): Tested in accordance with ASTM E84. Unfaced: Flame Spread 0 and Smoke Developed 0. Foil-Faced: Flame Spread 25 and Smoke Developed 0.
- G. Corrosivity: Non-corrosive, when tested in accordance with ASTM C665.
- H. Fiber Type: EPA Choice fiber; minimum 75% pre-consumer recycled content; complies with EPA Preference Program.
- I. Fiber Type: Standard fiber; 70% pre-consumer recycled content.
- J. Post-Consumer Recycled Content: 0%.
- K. UL Certified Environmental Product Declaration in accordance with ISO 14025.

### **2.3 RAIN SCREEN/CAVITY WALL CONTINUOUS INSULATION**

- A. Product: Thermafiber® RainBarrier® 45, non-combustible, semi-rigid mineral wool insulation board that is water-repellent and resists temperatures above 2,000 degrees F, meets ASTM C612, IVB.
  1. R-value: 4.3 per inch.
  2. Facing: Unfaced.
  3. Facing: Black facer finish.
  4. Density: 4.5 pcf.
  5. Moisture-Resistance: Absorption of less than 0.03% by volume when tested in accordance with ASTM C1104.
- B. Product: Thermafiber® RainBarrier® HD, non-combustible, semi-rigid mineral wool insulation board that is water-repellent and resists temperatures above 2,000 degrees F, meets ASTM C612, IVB.
  1. R-value: 4.3 per inch.
  2. Facing: Unfaced.
  3. Facing: Black facer finish.
  4. Density: 6.0 pcf.
  5. Moisture-Resistance: Absorption of less than 0.03% by volume when tested in accordance with ASTM C1104.
- C. Product: Thermafiber® RainBarrier® ci High Compressive (80), rigid, high-compressive strength board, repels water and is fire-resistant to temperatures above 2,000 degrees F, meets ASTM C 612 Type IVB.
  1. R-Value: 4.2 per inch.
  2. Facing: Unfaced.
  3. Compressive Strength: 475 lbs./sq.ft. at 10% compression.
  4. Moisture-Resistance: Absorption of less than 0.05% by volume when tested in accordance with ASTM C1104.
- D. Product: Thermafiber® RainBarrier® ci High Compressive Plus (110), rigid, high-compressive strength board, repels water and is fire-resistant to temperatures above 2,000 degrees F, meets ASTM C 612 Type IVB.
  1. R-value: 4.2 per inch.
  2. Facing: Unfaced.
  3. Compressive Strength: 720 lbs./sq.ft. at 10% compression.
  4. Moisture-Resistance: Absorption of less than 0.05% by volume when tested in accordance with ASTM C1104.

- E. Product: Thermafiber® RainBarrier® ci High Compressive Max, rigid, high-compressive strength board, repels water and is fire-resistant to temperatures above 2,000 degrees F, meets ASTM C 612 Type IVB.
  - 1. R-Value: 4.2 per inch.
  - 2. Facing: Unfaced.
  - 3. Compressive Strength: 1,296 lbs./ft<sup>2</sup> at 10% compression.
  - 4. Moisture-Resistance: Absorption of less than 0.05% by volume when tested in accordance with ASTM C1104.
- F. Surface Burning Characteristics: Tested in accordance with ASTM E84, Unfaced Flame Spread 0 and Smoke Developed 0.
- G. Surface Burning Characteristics: Tested in accordance with CAN/ULC S102, Unfaced Flame Spread 0 and Smoke Developed 5.
- H. Corrosivity: Non-corrosive, when tested in accordance with ASTM C665.
- I. Fiber Type: EPA Choice fiber; minimum 75% pre-consumer recycled content; complies with EPA Preference Program.
- J. Fiber Type: Standard fiber; 70% pre-consumer recycled content.
- K. Post-Consumer Recycled Content: 0%.
- L. UL Certified Environmental Product Declaration: ISO 14025.
- M. Hardware: RainBarrier® insulation retaining clip for securing RainBarrier® continuous insulation to exterior substrate; recommended by manufacturer as compatible with multiple types of masonry and façade tie systems.

## **2.4 MULTI-PURPOSE THERMAL AND ACOUSTICAL INSULATION PRODUCT USED WHERE FIRE-RATED ASSEMBLY IS NOT REQUIRED**

- A. Product: Thermafiber® VersaBoard®, non-combustible, semi-rigid mineral wool insulation board, water-repellent. Fire-resistant to temperatures above 2,000 degrees F.
  - 1. Facing: Unfaced.
  - 2. Facing: ASJ facing.
  - 3. Facing: Black mat.
  - 4. Facing: White mat, Flame Spread 25 and Smoke Developed 5.
  - 5. Facing: White foil, Flame Spread 25 and Smoke Developed 0.
  - 6. Surface Burning Characteristics: Tested in accordance with ASTM E84. Unfaced, Flame Spread 0 and Smoke Developed 0. Foil-faced, Flame Spread 25 and Smoke Developed 0.
- B. Product: Thermafiber® VersaBoard® 35, complies with ASTM C612 Type IA.
  - 1. R-Value: 4.2 per inch.
  - 2. Density: 3.5 pcf (actual).
- C. Product: Thermafiber® VersaBoard® 40, complies with ASTM C612 Types IA, IB, II, III, and IVA.
  - 1. R-Value: 4.3 per inch.
  - 2. Density: 4.0 pcf (actual).
- D. Product: Thermafiber® VersaBoard® 60, complies with ASTM C612 Types IA, IB, II, III, and IVA.
  - 1. R-Value: 4.3 per inch.
  - 2. Density: 6.0 pcf (actual).
- E. Product: Thermafiber® VersaBoard® 80, complies with ASTM C612 Types IA, IB, II, III, and IVA.
  - 1. R-Value: 4.3 per inch.

- 2. Density: 8.0 pcf (actual).
- F. Moisture-Resistance: Absorption of less than 0.03% by volume, when tested in accordance with ASTM C1104.
- G. Corrosivity: Non-corrosive, when tested in accordance with ASTM C665.
- H. Fiber Type: EPA Choice fiber; minimum 75% pre-consumer recycled content; complies with EPA Preference Program.
- I. Fiber Type: Standard fiber; 70% pre-consumer recycled content.
- J. Post-Consumer Recycled Content: 0%.
- K. UL Certified Environmental Product Declaration in accordance with ISO 14025.

## **2.5 ACOUSTICAL INSULATION FOR FIRE-RATED INTERIOR PARTITION WALLS AND FLOOR/CEILINGS, UNFACED**

- A. Product: Thermafiber® SAFB™ (Sound Attenuation Fire Blanket)
  - 1. Formaldehyde-Free (FF) Option.
  - 2. Density, 1-Inch Thick: 4.0 pcf, nominal.
  - 3. Density, Thicker Than 1 Inch: 2.5 pcf, nominal.
  - 4. This product qualifies under the Department of Homeland Security SAFETY Act designation, which provides commercial building professions and building owners liability protection in the event of a foreign/domestic act of terrorism.
- B. Product: Thermafiber® Creased SAFB™ (Sound Attenuation Fire Blanket)
  - 1. Formaldehyde-Free (FF) Option.
  - 2. Density: 2.5 pcf, nominal.
  - 3. This product qualifies under the Department of Homeland Security SAFETY Act designation, which provides commercial building professions and building owners liability protection in the event of a foreign/domestic act of terrorism.
- C. Surface Burning Characteristics: Flame Spread 0 and Smoke Developed 0; tested in accordance with ASTM E84.
- D. Recycled Content: 70% minimum, pre-consumer.
- E. UL Certified Environmental Product Declaration in accordance with ISO 14025.
- F. Corrosivity: Non-corrosive, when tested in accordance with ASTM C665.

## **2.6 PERIMETER FIRE-CONTAINMENT SYSTEMS**

- A. General: Provide where indicated for joints between the perimeter edge of fire-resistance-rated floor assemblies and non-fire-resistance-rated exterior curtain walls.
  - 1. Provide a perimeter fire-containment system with the fire test response characteristics indicated, as determined by testing identical systems per the Underwriters Laboratories or Intertek (OPL) Laboratories, per ASTM E 2307. If no tested system exists, an engineering judgment provided by the manufacturer, third-party testing lab, or fire protection engineering firm that follows guidelines established by the International Firestop Council must accompany the design.
  - 2. For non-fire-resistance-rated floor assemblies, add an approved material or assembly for retarding the passage of flames and hot gasses.
- B. Curtain Wall Insulation:
  - 1. Product: Thermafiber® FireSpan® 90 insulation; density of 8 pcf, nominal.
    - a. Formaldehyde-Free (FF) Option.

2. Product: Thermafiber® FireSpan® 40 insulation; density of 4.0 pcf, nominal.
    - a. Formaldehyde-Free (FF) Option.
  3. Minimum Thickness and Density as noted in tested and listed design.
  4. R-Value: 4.3 per inch.
  5. Facing: Unfaced.
  6. Facing: Foil-Faced.
  7. Surface Burning Characteristics: Tested in accordance with ASTM E84. Unfaced, maximum Flame Spread 0 and Smoke Developed 0; Foil-Faced, maximum Flame Spread 25 and Smoke Developed 0.
  8. Corrosivity: Non-corrosive, when tested in accordance with ASTM C665.
  9. Fiber Type: EPA Choice Fiber; minimum 75% pre-consumer recycled content; complies with EPA Preference Program.
  10. Fiber Type: Standard fiber; 70% pre-consumer recycled content.
  11. Post-Consumer Recycled Content: 0%.
  12. UL Certified Environmental Product Declaration in accordance with ISO 14025.
  13. This product qualifies under the Department of Homeland Security SAFETY Act designation, which provides commercial building professions and building owners liability protection in the event of a foreign/domestic act of terrorism.
- C. Safing Insulation:
1. Product: Thermafiber® Safing insulation. Designated Type SAF in UL Fire-Resistance Directory.
    - a. Formaldehyde-Free (FF) Option.
  2. R-Value: 4.3 per inch.
  3. Facing: Unfaced.
  4. Facing: Foil-Faced.
  5. Density: 4.0 pcf (actual).
  6. Density: 6.0 pcf (actual).
  7. Minimum Thickness and Density as noted in tested and listed design.
  8. Surface Burning Characteristics: Tested in accordance with ASTM E84. Unfaced, maximum Flame Spread 0 and Smoke Developed 0; Foil-Faced, maximum Flame Spread 25 and Smoke Developed 0.
  9. Corrosivity: Non-corrosive, when tested in accordance with ASTM C665.
  10. Fiber Type: EPA Choice Fiber; minimum 75% pre-consumer recycled content; complies with EPA Preference Program.
  11. Fiber Type: Standard fiber; 70% pre-consumer recycled content.
  12. Post-Consumer Recycled Content: 0%.
  13. UL Certified Environmental Product Declaration in accordance with ISO 14025.
  14. This product qualifies under the Department of Homeland Security SAFETY Act designation, which provides commercial building professions and building owners liability protection in the event of a foreign/domestic act of terrorism.
- D. Safing Clips: Z-shaped galvanized steel clips formed from 1-inch-wide strips of 20-gauge galvanized steel; 3 inches high with 2-inch and 3-inch upper and lower horizontal legs. Use where required by specific UL or OPL/Intertek design.
- E. Hardware: Thermafiber® Impasse® hardware for attaching curtain wall insulation or other mechanical fasteners as approved by the tested and listed system per ASTM E 2307.
- F. Mullion Covers: Thermafiber® FireSpan® 90 insulation for protection of mullions. Refer to specific UL/Intertek designs for size of mullion covers.



- G. Backer/Reinforcement Member: Thermafiber® Impasse® T-bar or galvanized steel channel or angle (see specific listing for appropriate gauge of steel) approved by the perimeter fire-containment system manufacturer. Place horizontally at the safe-off line to support the curtain wall insulation to prevent bowing of curtain wall insulation caused by compression fitting of the Safing insulation. See specific listed design for system requirements.
- H. Smoke Barrier: Smoke sealant as listed in the appropriate tested and listed assembly per ASTM E 2307.
- I. Vapor Retarder Tape: Compatible with specified facer and comparable perm rating. For taping insulation joints and repairing tears.

## **2.7 FIRE-RESISTANT JOINT SYSTEMS IN RATED ASSEMBLIES**

### **A. Insulation for Joint Forming Material:**

- 1. Product for Fire-Rated Construction Joints: Thermafiber® Safing insulation – Type SAF Forming Material.
  - a. Formaldehyde-Free (FF) Option.
- 2. Product for Head-of-Wall Applications: Thermafiber® TopStop® insulation.
- 3. Facing: Unfaced.
- 4. Surface Burning Characteristics: Flame Spread 0 and Smoke Developed 0; tested in accordance with ASTM E84.
- 5. Tested in accordance with UL 2079.
- 6. Corrosivity: Non-corrosive, when tested in accordance with ASTM C665.
- 7. Fiber Type: Standard fiber; minimum 75% pre-consumer recycled content; complies with EPA Preference Program.
- 8. Post-Consumer Recycled Content: 0%.
- 9. UL Certified Environmental Product Declaration in accordance with ISO 14025.
- 10. This product qualifies under the Department of Homeland Security SAFETY Act designation, which provides commercial building professions and building owners liability protection in the event of a foreign/domestic act of terrorism.

### **B. Smoke Barrier Sealant: Smoke sealant as listed in the appropriate fire-tested assembly.**

## **2.8 FIRESTOPPING OF THROUGH PENETRATIONS IN RATED ASSEMBLIES**

### **A. Safing Insulation – Type SAF Forming Material:**

- 1. Product: Thermafiber® Safing insulation; unfaced.
  - a. Formaldehyde-Free (FF) Option.
- 2. Density: 4.0 pcf (actual).
- 3. Density: 6.0 pcf (actual).
- 4. Minimum Thickness and Density as noted in tested and listed design, per ASTM E 814 or UL 1479.
- 5. Surface Burning Characteristics: Flame Spread 0 and Smoke Developed 0; tested in accordance with ASTM E84.
- 6. Tested in accordance with ASTM E814 or UL 1479.
- 7. Corrosivity: Non-corrosive, when tested in accordance with ASTM C665.
- 8. Fiber Type: Standard fiber; minimum 75% pre-consumer recycled content; complies with EPA Preference Program.
- 9. Post-Consumer Recycled Content: 0%.
- 10. UL Certified Environmental Product Declaration in accordance with ISO 14025.

11. This product qualifies under the Department of Homeland Security SAFETY Act designation, which provides commercial building professions and building owners liability protection in the event of a foreign/domestic act of terrorism.
- B. Smoke Barrier Sealant: Smoke sealant as listed in the appropriate fire-tested assembly.

## **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

### **3.1 EXAMINATION**

- A. Examine the areas and conditions under which work of this section will be installed. Do not proceed with installation until unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

### **3.2 INSTALLATION**

- A. Install insulation in accordance with approved submittals, manufacturer's written recommendations and guidelines.
- B. Install insulation to maintain continuity of thermal protection to building elements and spaces.
- C. Comply with tested and listed systems.
- D. Install products in proper relationship with each other and adjacent construction, and as follows:
1. Backer Reinforcement Members for Perimeter Fire-Containment System:
    - a. Install backer reinforcement member in accordance with the Underwriters or Intertek (OPL) Laboratories listed and tested system, per ASTM E 2307.
    - b. Install Thermafiber® Impasse® T-bar or an approved light steel angle or channels (see specific listing for appropriate gauge of steel), placed horizontally at the safing line, attached to the vertical mullions, either within the insulation at a horizontal splice, or behind the insulation and mechanically attached to vertical mullions.
    - c. Install to prevent the bowing of the curtain wall insulation due to the compression fit of the safing insulation.
  2. Curtain Wall Insulation:
    - a. Install curtain wall insulation in accordance with Underwriters Laboratories/Intertek (OPL) Laboratories listed system and manufacturer's instructions.
    - b. Install backer reinforcement assembly in accordance with the Underwriters or Intertek (OPL) Laboratories listed and tested design. Not applicable when the Thermafiber® No Backer Bar™ system is specified.
    - c. Fasten insulation in place with mechanical fasteners within the mullions and transoms (spandrel area), spaced at intervals recommended by Underwriters or Intertek (OPL) Laboratories listed and tested assembly to hold insulation securely in place without touching the exterior wall. One-inch air space must be maintained.
    - d. Provide Thermafiber® Impasse® hardware or mechanical fasteners as approved by architect and manufacturer.
    - e. Comply with specific listed and tested assemblies per ASTM E 2307 for mechanical fastener requirements.
  3. Safing Insulation – Type SAF Forming Material:
    - a. Install safing insulation of proper size in safe-off area between curtain wall insulation and floor slab as prescribed by the Underwriters or Intertek (OPL) Laboratories listed and tested assembly per ASTM E 2307. Safing insulation direction and compression, as well as the absence of safing Z-clips, are prescribed by the Underwriters or Intertek (OPL) Laboratories listed and tested assembly.
    - b. Install safing insulation of proper density, thickness, depth, compression, and orientation into perimeter joint, construction joints (head-of-wall, floor-to-floor, floor-to-wall, etc.) as prescribed by the Underwriters or Intertek (OPL) Laboratories or other third-party testing laboratory listed and tested assembly.



- c. Install safing insulation of proper density, thickness, and compression into poke-throughs and penetrations as prescribed by the Underwriters or Intertek (OPL) Laboratories listed and tested assembly.
4. Smoke Barrier System:
  - a. Utilize foil-faced FireSpan® curtain wall Insulation with Thermafiber® Safing insulation.
  - b. Apply approved smoke sealant in accordance with the third-party laboratory tested and listed assembly.
  - c. Install safing insulation of proper density, thickness, compression, and orientation as prescribed by the third-party laboratory listed and tested assembly.
  - d. Install safing insulation of proper density, thickness, and compression into poke-throughs and penetrations as prescribed by the tested assembly.
5. Vapor Retarders:
  - a. Seal all seams in curtain wall insulation or exterior wall insulation with vapor retarder tape.
  - b. Application of vapor retarder must be directed by the architect or engineer of record.
  - c. For continuous vapor barrier, repair all tears in insulation foil-facing with vapor retarder tape.

### 3.3 PROTECTION

- A. Protect installed products from damage due to harmful weather exposures, physical abuse, and other causes. Provide temporary coverings or enclosures where insulation is subject to abuse and cannot be concealed and protected by permanent construction immediately after installation.

End of Section 07 21 00