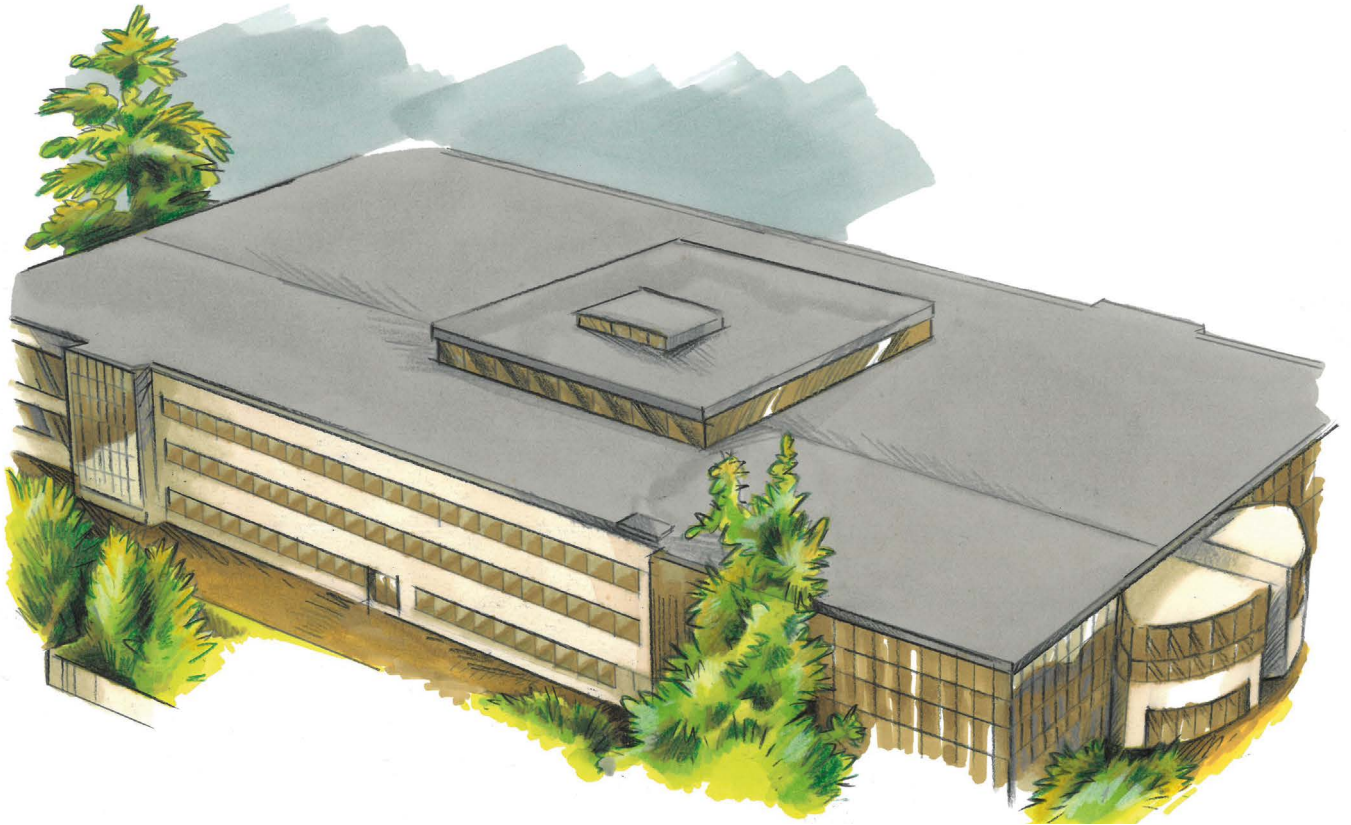


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Recticel Insulation

– your partner in comfort

As well as producing PIR products of unparalleled quality, Recticel Insulation is a company of thought leaders and creators, driven by a desire to develop insulation which establishes unprecedented levels of thermal performance and usability. Based at its state-of-the-art facility in Stoke-on-Trent, Recticel Insulation – which is part of the Recticel Group, one of the world's largest producers of polyurethane products – is a committed solution-provider: an industry pioneer in the quest for future generations to be able to enjoy a sustainable environment, without compromising on comfort.



Much of our lifetime will be spent at home and in the workplace. Therefore, ensuring both areas are well-insulated is of the utmost importance. By creating a healthy interior climate, we enhance the well-being of those within. Customer comfort lies at the heart of Recticel Insulation's success – and there can be no greater achievement than its facilitation of safe, secure and sustainable living space.

Insulating a building is a once-in-a-lifetime investment, hence the need to select PIR products of proven quality to help reduce long-term energy consumption - a major contributor to lowering carbon emissions and meeting the challenge of global warming. Renowned as a leading technical innovator within the insulation industry, Recticel is focused on the future needs of our children and guiding them towards a comfortable and worry-free future. Its worldview displays similar compassion. Recticel's products are designed and

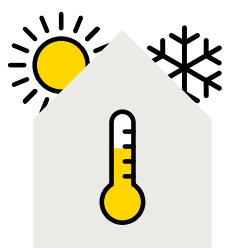
manufactured to result in the lowest environmental impact, and its Stoke-on-Trent site has attained ISO 14001 certification for its environmental management system.

In order to maintain its reputation as instigators par-excellence in the field of insulation advancement, Recticel's search for new and improved product solutions continues daily at its Belgium-based Sustainable Innovation Department. From its high-specification European facility, a dedicated research and development team works tirelessly to discover formulas which will lead to the manufacture of materials comprising even greater thermal efficiency and workability. Quality product producers, unbeatable service providers, environmental engagers, future solution suppliers... Recticel Insulation has more than earned its position as one of the world's leading PIR manufacturers – but its journey has only just begun.

Visit [recticelinsulation.co.uk](https://www.recticelinsulation.co.uk) to view detailed product guides, including U-value calculations, or contact **Recticel Technical Services Department** on **0800 0854079** or our **Sales Department** on **01782 590480** to discuss your requirements.

Feel good inside

As your insulation partner, we work together to create a feel good inside climate by providing a range of intelligent insulation solutions. By constantly innovating and improving our products we want to increase comfort for you and your customers. Discover the many ways you benefit from insulating with Recticel Insulation:



Stable inside temperature

Recticel Insulation guarantees maximum comfort by creating a living or working environment with a healthy and stable inside climate.



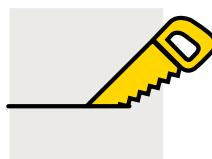
Quick installation

The boards are user friendly and comfortable to install. They reduce the installation time on site.



Lightweight

The insulation boards are light and easy to handle.



Easy to cut

Our boards are easy to cut on site in different dimensions. This gives you the ability to customise sizes to fit every project.



More living space

With their high insulation values, the insulation boards give you the opportunity to install thinner layers of insulation and create extra living space.



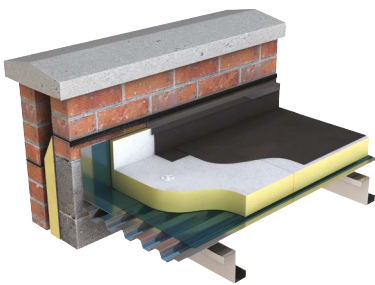
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High performance in flat roofs

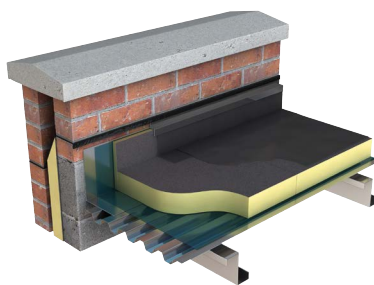
We manufacture **PIR insulation boards** that are the ideal solution across a variety of flat roofing applications, including single ply membranes, built-up felt, torch-on felt and mastic asphalt, with either concrete, steel or timber decks. Through our sister company, Gradient, we also work closely with our customers to design, manufacture and advise on the installation of bespoke, single layer tapered roofing solutions. As experts in single layer tapered roofing solutions, Gradient offers unparalleled technical expertise to ensure your bespoke roofing solution is the most efficient, economical and cost effective solution for the project

All our PIR products are available in a wide choice of thicknesses, with low thermal conductivity and high compressive strength. Crucially, our insulation boards can assist in meeting the required thermal regulations in new build and refurbishment projects.

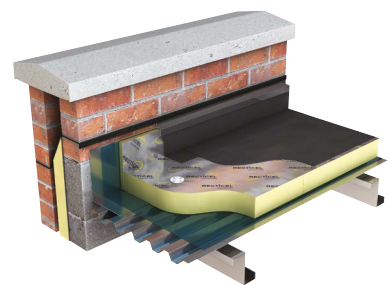
 **Powerdeck® F**



 **Powerdeck® U**



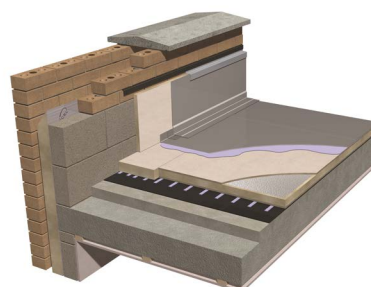
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 **Plylok®**



 **Deck-VQ®**



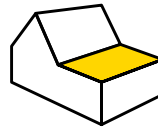
Powerdeck® F

A high performance thermal insulation board for use in built-up felt, mastic asphalt and single ply membrane waterproofing systems.

Product Benefits

- Good thermal performance: $\lambda = 0.024\text{--}0.026\text{ W/mK}$
- Lightweight for easier and faster installation
- Compatible with numerous waterproofing systems
- Easy handling and installation

Applications: Flat Roofs



Product Overview

Powerdeck® F is compatible with multiple waterproofing systems, benefiting from high compressive strength and excellent dimensional stability. This ensures the flat surface finish required for optimum performance in new build and refurbishment projects.

Both sides of **Powerdeck® F** are faced with a mineral coated glass fleece.

With Powerdeck® F, you are specifying a board that:

- Has a low thermal conductivity (0.024 W/mK)*, providing excellent thermal performance
- When tested to BS 476-3:2004, the product achieves an FAA rating when waterproofed with a 3-layer built-up felt covered with 10mm chippings. For other specifications it is advised to contact the manufacturer of the cap sheet for fire classification details. For single ply membranes the rating achieved will vary depending on the single ply membrane used
- Compressive strength that exceeds 150kPa at yield and is suitable for loads associated with maintenance traffic on roofing systems
- Is available in a range of thicknesses from 25mm-150mm and in a board size of 1200mm x 600mm

Specification Clause

The insulation shall be Recticel **Powerdeck® F** _____mm** thick for use in single ply membrane, built-up felt and mastic asphalt flat roofing applications, manufactured in accordance with an ISO 9001 quality management system and an ISO 14001 environmental management system. It should comprise a rigid polyisocyanurate (PIR) core faced on both sides with a perforated mineral coated glass fleece. The product should be manufactured using a blowing agent with zero ODP and low GWP, and be CE marked in accordance with BS EN 13165. Powerdeck F should be installed in accordance with Recticel's recommendations.

Powerdeck® F Thermal Resistances

Product Code	Thickness (mm)	R-value (m ² K/W)
64004/049	25***	0.95
64004/001	30	1.15
64004/002	40	1.50
64004/003	50	1.90
64004/004	60	2.30
64004/009	70	2.65
64004/005	80	3.20
64004/010	90	3.60
64004/006	100	4.00
64004/034	110	4.40
64004/007	120	5.00
64004/038	130	5.40
64004/008	140	5.80
64004/036	150	6.25

Key Specifications

Thermal Conductivity Lambda (λ)	0.024 W/mK ($\geq 120\text{ mm}$), 0.025 W/mK (80-119 mm), 0.026 W/mK ($\leq 79\text{ mm}$)
Compressive strength	Exceeds 150kPa at yield
Water Vapour Diffusion Resistance Factor	Tabulated value EN ISO 10456 μ 50-100
Fire Performance	Euroclass F, EN 13501-1
Dimensions	1200mm (l) x 600mm (w) Available as tapered insulation board
Facing	Perforated mineral coated glass fibre tissue to both sides
Certification	BBA 13/5045

*Thickness dependent **Thickness as per the Thermal Resistances table on the right ***Separate to the BBA Certificate

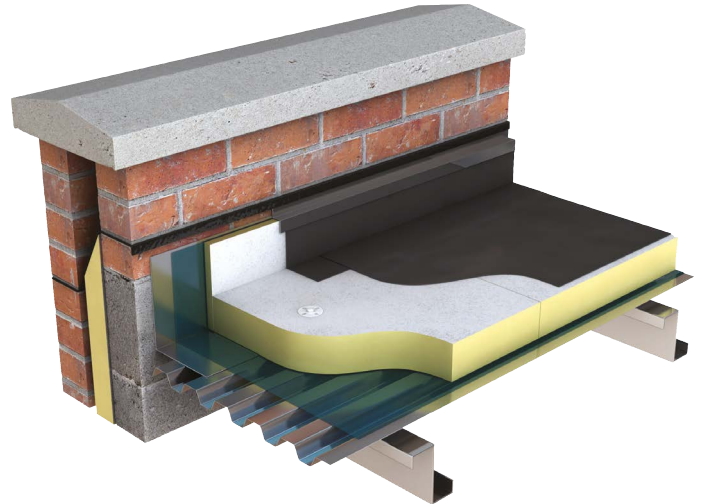


Thermal Performance

Typical U-values (W/m^2K) achieved in common flat roof constructions

Warm Flat Roof

- ▶ Waterproofing
- ▶ Recticel **Powerdeck® F**
- ▶ Vapour control layer
- ▶ Structural deck
 - Timber deck: 18mm ply
 - Concrete deck: 150mm high density concrete
 - Metal deck: unsealed galvanised steel deck
- ▶ Ceiling
 - Timber deck: 150mm joists with plasterboard finish
 - Concrete and metal decks: 50mm timber battens with plasterboard finish



Powerdeck F				
Product Thickness (mm)	Timber Deck		Metal and Concrete Deck	
	Ceiling (W/m^2K)	No Ceiling (W/m^2K)	Ceiling (W/m^2K)	No Ceiling (W/m^2K)
60	0.35	0.39	0.37	0.41
70	0.31	0.34	0.32	0.35
75	0.29	0.32	0.31	0.33
80	0.27	0.29	0.28	0.30
90	0.24	0.26	0.25	0.27
100	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.24
110	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.22
120	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.19
130	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.18
140	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.17
150	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.16
160 (80+80)	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15
165 (90+75)	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.15
170 (90+80)	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
180 (90+90)	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.14
190 (100+90)	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.13
200 (100+100)	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
210 (120+90)	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11
220 (120+100)	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11
230 (130+100)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
240 (120+120)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10

Powerdeck® U

A high performance thermal insulation board for use in warm flat roofs with torch-on felt.

Product Benefits

- Good thermal performance: $\lambda = - 0.024 - 0.026 \text{ W/mK}$
- High compressive strength
- Compatible with numerous torch applied waterproofing systems
- Easy handling and installation
- Durability

Product Overview

Powerdeck® U is a high performance rigid PIR insulation board for use in warm flat roofs with bituminous torch-on felt waterproofing systems. Its optimum stability, strength and structural integrity allows for the flattest finish. Combined with its precision-cut dimensions, your installation is quicker, easier and more cost effective. Powerdeck® U is also available in tapered forms to assist roof drainage.

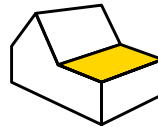
With Powerdeck® U, you are specifying a board that:

- Has a low thermal conductivity value (0.024 W/mK)*, providing an excellent thermal performance
- When tested to ENV 1187:2002 Test 4, it achieves a B_{ROOF} (t4) rating on a plywood deck and with an IKO SBS Gold Seal cap sheet. For other specifications, contact the manufacturer of the waterproofing
- Compressive strength exceeds 150kPa at yield
- Limited moisture absorption

Specification Clause

The insulation shall be Recticel Powerdeck® U ____mm thick** for use in torch-on felt flat roofing applications, manufactured in accordance with an ISO 9001 quality management system and an ISO 14001 environmental management system. It should comprise a rigid polyisocyanurate (PIR) core faced on both sides with a bituminous glass fleece. The product should be manufactured using a blowing agent with zero ODP and low GWP, and be CE marked in accordance with BS EN 13165.

Applications: Flat Roofs



Powerdeck® U Thermal Resistances

Product Code	Thickness (mm)	R-value ($\text{m}^2\text{K/W}$)
64602/001	30	1.15
64602/015	40	1.50
64602/016	50	1.90
64602/017	60	2.30
64602/018	70	2.65
64602/019	80	3.20
64602/020	90	3.60
64602/021	100	4.00
64602/023	120	5.00
64602/024	130	5.40
64602/025	140	5.80
64602/026	150	6.25

Key Specifications

Thermal Conductivity Lambda (λ)	0.024 W/mK ($\geq 120 \text{ mm}$), 0.025 W/mK (80-119 mm), 0.026W/mK ($\leq 79 \text{ mm}$)
Compressive strength	Exceeds 150kPa at yield
Water Vapour Diffusion Resistance Factor	Tabulated value EN ISO 10456 μ 50-100
Fire Performance	Euroclass F, EN 13501-1
Dimensions	1200mm (l) x 600mm (w) Available as tapered insulation board
Facing	Perforated mineral coated glass fibre tissue to both sides
Certification	BBA 13/5045

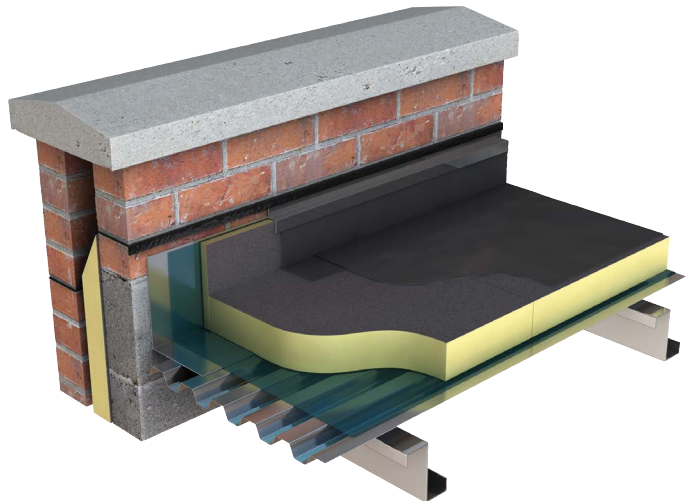
*Thickness dependent **Thickness as per the Thermal Resistances table on the right

Thermal Performance

Typical U-values (W/m^2K) achieved in common flat roof constructions

Warm Flat Roof

- ▶ Waterproofing
- ▶ Recticel **Powerdeck® U**
- ▶ Vapour control layer
- ▶ Structural deck
 - Timber deck: 18mm ply
 - Concrete deck: 150mm high density concrete
 - Metal deck: unsealed galvanised steel deck
- ▶ Ceiling
 - Timber deck: 150mm joists with plasterboard finish
 - Concrete and metal decks: 50mm timber battens with plasterboard finish



Powerdeck U				
Product Thickness (mm)	Timber Deck		Metal and Concrete Deck	
	Ceiling (W/m^2K)	No Ceiling (W/m^2K)	Ceiling (W/m^2K)	No Ceiling (W/m^2K)
60	0.35	0.39	0.37	0.41
70	0.31	0.34	0.32	0.35
75	0.29	0.32	0.31	0.33
80	0.27	0.29	0.28	0.30
90	0.24	0.26	0.25	0.27
100	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.24
110	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.22
120	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.19
130	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.18
140	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.17
150	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.16
160 (80+80)	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15
165 (90+75)	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.15
170 (90+80)	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
180 (90+90)	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.14
190 (100+90)	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.13
200 (100+100)	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
210 (120+90)	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11
220 (120+100)	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11
230 (130+100)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
240 (120+120)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10

Eurothane® Eurodeck

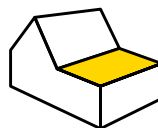
A high performance thermal insulation board for use in warm flat roofs under mechanically fixed single ply membrane systems.



Product Benefits

- Good thermal performance: $\lambda_D = 0.022$ W/mK
- High compressive strength
- Compatible with various single ply waterproofing systems
- Easy handling and installation
- Durability

Applications: Flat Roofs



Product Overview

Eurothane® Eurodeck is compatible with mechanically fixed single-ply systems, benefiting from high compressive strength and excellent dimensional stability that ensures the flat surface finish required for optimum performance in new build and refurbishment projects. It is faced on both sides with a multi-layer coated aluminum foil.

With Eurothane® Eurodeck, you are specifying an insulation board that:

- Has a low thermal conductivity (0.022 W/mK) providing an enhanced thermal performance
- Compressive strength exceeds 150kPa at yield
- Has Class 1 fire performance in accordance with BS 476 (Part 7)
- Limited moisture absorption

Specification Clause

The insulation shall be Recticel **Eurothane® Eurodeck** _____mm thick* for use in single ply membrane flat roofing applications, manufactured in accordance with an ISO 9001 quality management system and an ISO 14001 environmental management system. It should comprise a rigid polyisocyanurate (PIR) core faced on both sides with a gas tight multilayer composite aluminium foil facing. The product should be manufactured using a blowing agent with zero ODP and low GWP, and be CE marked in accordance with BS EN 13165. **Eurothane® Eurodeck** should be installed in accordance with Recticel's recommendations.

Eurothane® Eurodeck Thermal Resistances

Product Code	Thickness (mm)	R-value (m ² K/W)
64685/013	25**	1.10
64685/019	30	1.35
64685/001	40	1.80
64685/002	50	2.25
64685/003	60	2.70
64685/004	70	3.15
64685/015	75	3.40
64685/005	80	3.60
64685/006	90	4.05
64685/007	100	4.50
64685/008	110	5.00
64685/009	120	5.45
64685/010	130	5.90
64685/011	140	6.35
64685/017	150	6.80
64685/070	160	7.25

Key Specifications

Thermal Conductivity Lambda (λ)	0.022 W/mK
Compressive strength	Exceeds 150kPa at yield
Water Vapour Diffusion Resistance Factor	Tabulated value EN ISO 10456 μ 50-100
Specific Heat Capacity	1.4kJ/kgK
Fire Performance	Euroclass F, EN 13501-1 Class 1 BS 476 (Part 7)
Dimensions	2400mm (l) x 1200mm (w) Available as tapered insulation board
Facing	Multilayer coated aluminium on both sides
Certification	BBA 95/3113

*Thickness as per the Thermal Resistances table on the right

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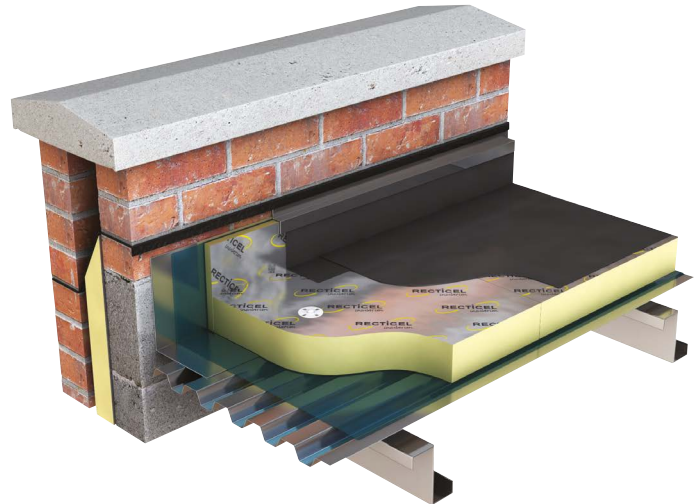


Thermal Performance

Typical U-values (W/m^2K) achieved in common flat roof constructions

Warm Flat Roof

- ▶ Waterproofing
- ▶ Recticel **Eurothane® Eurodeck**, mechanically fixed
- ▶ Vapour control layer
- ▶ Structural deck
 - Timber deck: 18mm ply
 - Concrete deck: 150mm high density concrete
 - Metal deck: unsealed galvanised steel deck
- ▶ Ceiling
 - Timber deck: 150mm joists with plasterboard finish
 - Concrete and metal decks: 50mm timber battens with plasterboard finish



Eurothane Eurodeck				
Product Thickness (mm)	Timber Deck		Metal and Concrete Deck	
	Ceiling (W/m^2K)	No Ceiling (W/m^2K)	Ceiling (W/m^2K)	No Ceiling (W/m^2K)
60	0.31	0.34	0.32	0.35
70	0.27	0.29	0.28	0.30
75	0.25	0.27	0.26	0.28
80	0.24	0.26	0.25	0.26
90	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.24
100	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.21
110	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.19
120	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.18
130	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.17
140	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
150	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
160 (80+80)	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
165 (90+75)	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.13
170 (90+80)	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.13
180 (90+90)	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.12
190 (100+90)	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11
200 (100+100)	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11
210 (120+90)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
220 (120+100)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
230 (130+100)	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
240 (120+120)	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09

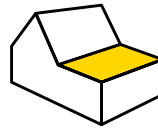


A high performance thermal insulation board for use in warm flat roofs under traditional bituminous waterproofing and single-ply waterproofing membranes.

Product Benefits

- Good thermal performance: $\lambda D = 0.022 \text{ W/mK}$
- High compressive strength
- Compatible with numerous waterproofing systems
- Easy handling and installation
- Durability

Applications: Flat Roofs



Product Overview

Plylok® consists of an insulation board bonded to a 6mm plywood top layer. It boasts high compressive strength and dimensional stability meaning it's the ideal choice for contractors and installers for both new build and refurbishment projects.

With Plylok®, you are specifying a board that:

- Has a low thermal conductivity value (0.022 W/mK) compared to some other PIR boards in the market, providing an excellent thermal performance
- Is available in a range of thicknesses from 90mm - 120mm* and in a board size of 2400mm x 1200mm
- Limited moisture absorption

Specification Clause

The insulation shall be Recticel **Plylok®** ____mm thick** for use in built-up felt and single ply membrane roofing applications, manufactured in accordance with an ISO 9001 quality management system and an ISO 14001 environmental management system. It should comprise a rigid polyisocyanurate (PIR) core faced on both sides with a gas tight multilayer composite aluminium foil facing, together with a 6mm plywood sheet on the upper face.

The product should be manufactured using a blowing agent with zero ODP and low GWP. **Plylok®** should be installed in accordance with Recticel's recommendations.

Plylok® Thermal Resistances

Product Code	Thickness (mm)*	R-value (m ² K/W)
64383/005	90	4.10
64383/007	110	5.00
64383/008	120	5.45

Key Specifications

Thermal Conductivity Lambda (λ)	0.022 W/mK insulation
Compressive strength	Exceeds 150kPa at yield
Water Vapour Diffusion Resistance Factor	Tabulated value EN ISO 10456 μ NPD
Fire Performance	Euroclass F, EN 13501-1 Class 1 BS 476 (Part 7) – insulation only
Dimensions	2400mm (l) x 1200mm (w)
Facing	Multilayer coated aluminium foil to both sides and 6mm plywood bonded to one side.

*Thickness of 6mm ply not included **Thickness as per the Thermal Resistances table on the right

Thermal Performance

Typical U-values (W/m^2K) achieved in common flat roof constructions

Warm Flat Roof

- ▶ Choice of waterproofing
- ▶ Recticel **Plylok**[®], secured with stainless steel helical nails (9 per m^2)
- ▶ On deck: 1000-gauge polythene VCL, on 18mm ply
- ▶ On joists: insulation bedded in mastic prior to fixing
- ▶ 150x50mm joists at 400mm centres, unvented cavity
- ▶ Plasterboard ceiling



Product Thickness (mm)	Plylok	
	On Joists (W/m^2K)	On Deck (W/m^2K)
56	0.35	0.37
96	0.22	0.23
116	0.18	0.19
126	0.17	0.17



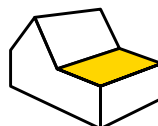
An ultra-high performance encapsulated Vacuum Insulation Panel (VIP) for flat roofs and terraces.



Product Benefits

- The solution for limited space
- Ultra-high thermal performance
- Easy installation combined with expert service
- Thermal performance VIP core: 0.006W/mK

Applications: Flat Roofs



Product Overview

With a thermal performance of the core of lambda 0.006 W/mK – the best performance in the market, you can achieve even greater insulation for your renovation or new build projects with ease. Deck-VQ® offers an extremely high insulation value and long-term performance whilst maintaining the existing roof structure, thereby avoiding costly modification

With Deck-VQ®, you are specifying a board that:

- Has an extremely low thermal conductivity (core of lambda 0.006 W/mK)*, which provides an ultra-high thermal performance
- An insulation solution which is perfect for projects with limited space – (60mm Deck-VQ with thermal conductivity of 0.008 W/mK and 45mm Deck-VQ with thermal conductivity of 0.009 W/mK)
- Compressive strength which exceeds 150kPa and is suitable for loads associated with maintenance traffic on roofing systems and terraces
- Is available in 45mm and 60mm (Other thicknesses available on request – 40mm-70mm)

Specification Clause

The insulation shall be Recticel **Deck-VQ®** ____mm thick** for use in adhered single ply or multi-ply membrane flat roofing applications, manufactured in accordance with an ISO 9001 quality management system. It is comprised of a vacuum insulation panel (VIP), with a fumed silica core and a multilayer foil envelope, protected on all sides by a high density rigid polyisocyanurate (PIR) board. The product is CE marked in accordance with European Assessment Document (EAD) 040011-00-1201 (2017). **Deck-VQ®** should be installed in accordance with Recticel's recommendations, with the product unpierced and uncut.

Deck-VQ® Thermal Conductivities

Product Code	Thickness (mm)	Lambda Value (W/mK)
66101/005-008	45	0.009
66101/001-004	60	0.008

Key Specifications

Thermal Conductivity Lambda (λ)	0.009 W/mK (45mm thickness) 0.008 W/mK (60mm thickness)
Compressive strength	≥ 150 kPa (at 10% deformation)
Fire Performance	Euroclass E
Dimensions	1200mm (l) x 600mm (w) 1200mm (l) x 300mm (w) 600mm (l) x 600mm (w) 600mm (l) x 300mm (w)
Facing	Mineral coated glass fleece on the top and bottom sides
Certification	ETA 18/0846 ISO 9001: 2015 European assessment document (EAD) 040011-00-1201 2017

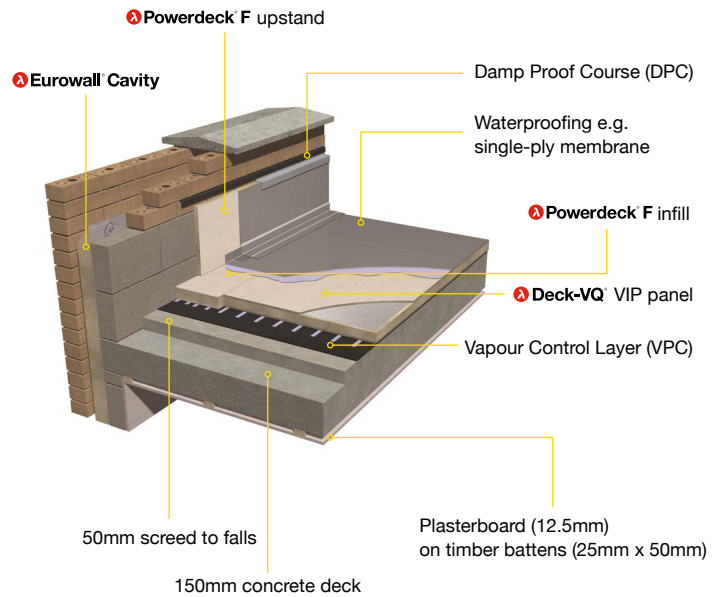
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Thermal Performance

Typical U-Values (W/m^2K) achieved in most common flat roof constructions

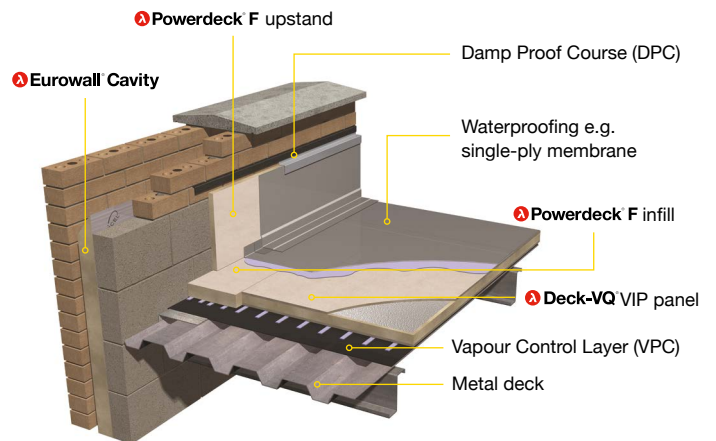
Concrete Deck

U-Value	Deck-VQ	Powerdeck F overlay	Total Insulation
W/m^2K	Thickness (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Thickness (mm)
0.18	45mm	30mm	75mm
0.17	60mm	N/A	60mm
0.15	45mm	60mm	105mm
0.14	60mm	30mm	90mm
0.13	60mm	40mm	100mm
0.12	60mm	50mm	110mm
0.11	60mm	60mm	120mm
0.10	60mm	80mm	140mm
0.09	60mm + 60mm	N/A	120mm
0.08	60mm + 60mm	40mm	160mm
0.07	60mm + 60mm	60mm	180mm



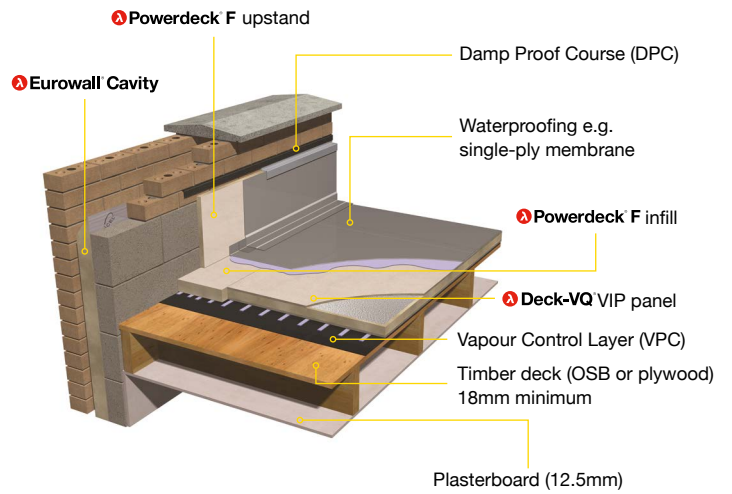
Metal Deck

U-Value	Deck-VQ	Powerdeck F overlay	Total Insulation
W/m^2K	Thickness (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Thickness (mm)
0.18	45mm	40mm	85mm
0.16	60mm	20mm	80mm
0.15	60mm	30mm	90mm
0.14	60mm	40mm	100mm
0.13	45mm + 45mm	N/A	90mm
0.12	60mm	60mm	120mm
0.11	60mm	80mm	140mm
0.10	60mm	100mm	160mm
0.09	60mm + 60mm	N/A	120mm
0.08	60mm + 60mm	40mm	160mm



Timber Deck

U-Value W/m²K	Deck-VQ Thickness (mm)	Powerdeck F overlay Thickness (mm)	Total Insulation Thickness (mm)
0.18	45mm	30mm	75mm
0.17	60mm	N/A	60mm
0.15	60mm	20mm	80mm
0.14	60mm	30mm	90mm
0.13	60mm	40mm	100mm
0.12	45mm	100mm	145mm
0.11	60mm	60mm	120mm
0.10	60mm	80mm	140mm
0.09	60mm + 60mm	N/A	120mm
0.08	60mm + 60mm	40mm	160mm
0.07	45mm + 45mm + 60mm	N/A	150mm



Deck-VQ 45mm – 0.009W/mK

Deck-VQ 60mm – 0.008W/mK

Powerdeck F – (≥ 120mm = 0.024W/mK, 80mm – 119mm = 0.025W/mK, ≤ 79mm = 0.026W/mK)

*** The above guide U-values have been calculated using Deck-VQ 45mm and 60mm (stock items). Other thicknesses are available to suit your project requirements. Our technical team can work with you to determine the optimum thickness which is required ***

*** Guide U-values shown assume a 20% bridging factor of PIR infill against Deck-VQ. For an accurate bridging percentage, project details will be required, where our technical team can calculate the exact bridging factor and resultant U-value achieved ***

Typical installation

Recticel PIR insulation products in common flat roof applications

General

Warm Roof Construction and Condensation Control

Fixing insulation on top of the roof deck means no ventilation is required. And because the roof structure is maintained at the internal temperature, the risk of harmful condensation is reduced. To ensure the optimum performance of the roof, a vapour control layer (VCL) should be installed on the warm side of the insulation, usually on the structural deck.

BS 5250:2011, the British Standard for the control of condensation in buildings, does not recommend installing insulation between timber joists as well as above the deck (a hybrid roof construction).

Overlaying Existing Roofs

For the thermal upgrade of existing buildings, existing bituminous waterproofing may be used as the VCL where it is in good condition and adequate bond strength with the roof deck remains. If in doubt, a suitable new vapour control layer needs to be installed. The specification of new insulation should be considered in conjunction with any insulation(s) already present in the roof build up.

Thermal Bridging

For optimum thermal efficiency and reduced heat loss, it is important to ensure continuity of the insulation layer with adjacent building elements. This means careful detailing at junctions between elements to minimise or eliminate thermal bridging and 'cold spots'. For example, at the junction of the roof and wall, packing the eaves with a compressible insulation will prevent thermal bridging as well as closing the cavity.

An insulation upstand should be provided around the perimeter of the roof at parapets. It should be at least 25mm thick and minimum 300mm in height from the deck. The wall insulation should also be continued to the height of the top of the upstand.

Wind Uplift

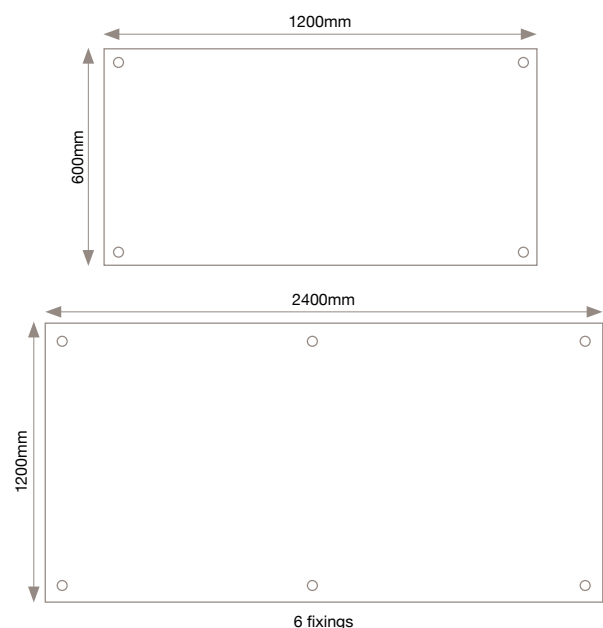
The wind uplift force exerted on a roof will vary according to wind speed, location, site topography, and building size and orientation. Wind loads and the requirement for additional fixings over the minimum should be calculated to BS 6399-2: 1997 or BS EN 1991-1-4 (UK National Annex).

Reference should be made to BS 6229 for adequate bonding of the vapour control layer.

Mechanical Fixing Pattern

The fixing pattern shows the minimum requirement for 1200mm x 600mm boards and 1200mm x 2400mm insulation boards. The number of fixings may vary and additional fixings may be required subject to project specific requirements determined by the wind load calculations.

- Four fixings for one board equates to a rate of 5.55/m².
- Six fixings for one board equates to a rate of 2.08/m².



Specifying Adhesives

PIR insulation is renowned for its chemical stability, although the foam core of boards can be softened if exposed to ketonic solvents. Non-ketonic polyurethane adhesives have no adverse effect on the foam; taping of board joints is not required when using polyurethane adhesives, as any excess adhesive running down between the board joints will not affect the exposed foam core. If in doubt, consult the adhesive manufacturer.

Roof Loading and Trafficking

Recticel Insulation's flat roofing boards are suitable for loads associated with infrequent pedestrian maintenance traffic. Extra precautions should be taken in areas of heavier traffic, such as the use of walkways (consult membrane manufacturers for details). Take care to avoid damage to boards through impacts or concentrated loads.

When using ballasted and/or green roof systems, the roof structure must be designed to accept the additional dead load (minimum 80kg/m²).

Fire Performance

Recticel Insulation's flat roofing boards will not prejudice the fire resistant properties of a roof and add no significant fire load to the building.

- **Eurothane Eurodeck®**: when tested in accordance with BS 476-3: 2004, the rating achieved by **Eurothane Eurodeck®** will vary depending on the single ply membrane used.

- **Powerdeck® F**: when tested to BS 476-3:2004, the product achieves an FAA rating when waterproofed with a 3-layer built-up felt covered with 10mm chippings. For other specifications it is advised to contact the manufacturer of the cap sheet for fire classification details. For single ply membranes the rating achieved will vary depending on the single ply membrane used.

- **Powerdeck® U**: when tested to ENV 1187:2002 Test 4, it achieves a B_{ROOF} (t4) rating on a plywood deck and with an IKO SBS Gold Seal cap sheet. For other specifications, contact the manufacturer of the waterproofing.

Roof Drainage

'Ponding' adds additional load to a roof, looks unsightly, and can shorten the lifespan of the roofing membrane. To ensure adequate drainage, any flat roof should have a minimum finished fall of 1:80. In reality, this means designing for twice the minimum fall to account for building inaccuracies, roof deflection and building settlement.

Tapered Systems

Recticel Insulation's flat roofing boards are available as tapered systems. Tapered roofing insulation allows the necessary falls to be created where the roof structure does not. In refurbishment projects, it offers a simple solution to ponding issues at the same time as upgrading thermal performance.

Gradient UK, Recticel Insulation's sister company, are experts in flat roofing and tapered insulation and can offer advice on the surveying, design and manufacture of bespoke single layer insulation solutions – from the earliest stages of a project through to its completion. For further details please contact: sales@gradientuk.com

Mechanically Fixed Single Ply Membrane

Eurothane® Eurodeck

New Build

- Lay the specified VCL on the clean, dry deck. Ensure all laps are minimum 150mm and well-sealed, and turn up at the edge of the roof.
- If a fully-sealed metal deck is used, a separate VCL is not required.
- Mechanical fixing into a concrete deck may require pre-drilling of the deck.
- Install the **Eurothane Eurodeck®** boards in a tightly-butted brick bond pattern, mechanically fixing them using a minimum of 6 fixings per board (see 'Wind Uplift' and 'Mechanical Fixing Pattern').
- On a metal deck, the insulation boards should either be laid with the long edges at right angles to the troughs to ensure the short ends are fully supported, or diagonally across the deck corrugations.
- Thermally broken telescopic tube fixings are recommended to reduce thermal bridging, each incorporating a 50mm square or circular washer and positioned within 50 to 150mm of board edges and corners.
- If the desired insulation thickness comprises two layers, board joints should be staggered and the thicker layer positioned outermost. One or two fixings can be used to secure the lower boards, prior to securing the top layer with the required number of fixings.
- Lay and fix the single ply membrane in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Refurbishment (Insulation Overlay)

- Where insulation is to be installed over existing waterproofing, it should be clean and dry and in appropriate condition to act as a VCL.
- If the condition of the existing waterproofing is poor, a separate VCL should be loose laid. Ensure all laps are minimum 150mm and well-sealed, and turn up at the edge of the roof.
- Install the **Eurothane Eurodeck®** boards in a tightly-butted brick bond pattern, mechanically fixing them using a minimum of 6 fixings per board (see 'Wind Uplift' and 'Mechanical Fixing Pattern').
- Thermally broken telescopic tube fixings are recommended to reduce thermal bridging, each incorporating a 50mm square or circular washer and positioned within 50 to 150mm of board edges and corners.
- If the desired insulation thickness comprises two layers, board joints should be staggered and the thicker layer positioned outermost. One or two fixings can be used to secure the lower boards, prior to securing the top layer with the required number of fixings.
- Lay and fix the single ply membrane in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Adhered Single Ply Membrane

Powerdeck® F

New Build

- Install the VCL on the clean, dry deck. If a fully-sealed metal deck is used, a separate VCL is not required.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: bond a layer of coated roofing felt in hot bitumen, or with a proprietary adhesive. Where necessary, use a primer in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to ensure an adequate bond between the deck and the VCL. On a timber deck, a layer of coated roofing felt can also be nailed.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: loose-lay the vapour control layer.
- Ensure all laps are minimum 150mm and well-sealed, and turn up at the edge of the roof.
- Install the **Powerdeck® F** boards in a tightly-butted brick bond pattern, with the long edges at right angles to the edge of the roof, or laid diagonally across the deck. On a metal deck, the long edges should be at right angles to the troughs to ensure the short ends are fully supported, or laid diagonally across the deck corrugations.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: apply a suitable proprietary adhesive to manufacturer's instructions or mop hot bitumen over the VCL.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: thermally broken telescopic tube fixings are recommended to reduce thermal bridging, each incorporating a 50mm square or circular washer and positioned within 50 to 150mm of board edges and corners. Use a minimum of 4 fixings per board (see 'Wind Uplift' and 'Mechanical Fixing Pattern').
- If the desired insulation thickness comprises two layers, board joints should be staggered and the thicker layer positioned outermost. Where mechanically fixing, one or two fixings can be used to secure the first layer of boards, prior to securing the top layer with the required number of fixings.
- Install the chosen waterproofing in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and/or relevant British Standards.

Refurbishment (Insulation Overlay)

- Where insulation is to be installed over existing waterproofing, it should be clean and dry and in appropriate condition.
- If the condition of the existing waterproofing is poor or adequate bond strength cannot be guaranteed, a new or separate VCL should be installed.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: bond a layer of coated roofing felt in hot bitumen, or with a proprietary adhesive. Use a primer in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to ensure an adequate bond between the existing roof and the VCL.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: loose-lay the vapour control layer.
- Ensure all laps are minimum 150mm and well-sealed, and turn up at the edge of the roof.
- Install the **Powerdeck® F** boards in a tightly-butted brick bond pattern, with the long edges at right angles to the edge of the roof, or laid diagonally across the deck.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: mop hot bitumen over the VCL, or apply a suitable proprietary adhesive to manufacturer's instructions.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: thermally broken telescopic tube fixings are recommended to reduce thermal bridging, each incorporating a 50mm square or circular washer and positioned within 50 to 150mm of board edges and corners. Use a minimum of 4 fixings per board (see 'Wind Uplift' and 'Mechanical Fixing Pattern').
- If the desired insulation thickness comprises two layers, board joints should be staggered and the thicker layer positioned outermost. Where mechanically fixing, one or two fixings can be used to secure the first layer of boards, prior to securing the top layer with the required number of fixings.
- Install the chosen waterproofing in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and/or relevant British Standards.

Pour & Roll / Built-Up Felt

Powerdeck® F

New Build

- Install the VCL on the clean, dry deck. If a fully-sealed metal deck is used, a separate VCL is not required.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: bond a layer of coated roofing felt in hot bitumen, or with a proprietary adhesive. Where necessary, use a primer in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to ensure an adequate bond between the deck and the VCL. On a timber deck, a layer of coated roofing felt can also be nailed.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: loose-lay the vapour control layer.
- Ensure all laps are minimum 150mm and well-sealed, and turn up at the edge of the roof.
- Install the **Powerdeck® F** boards in a tightly-butted brick bond pattern, with the long edges at right angles to the edge of the roof, or laid diagonally across the deck. On a metal deck, the long edges should be at right angles to the troughs to ensure the short ends are fully supported, or laid diagonally across the deck corrugations.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: mop hot bitumen over the VCL, or apply a suitable proprietary adhesive to manufacturer's instructions.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: thermally broken telescopic tube fixings are recommended to reduce thermal bridging, each incorporating a 50mm square or circular washer and positioned within 50 to 150mm of board edges and corners. Use a minimum of 4 fixings per board (see 'Wind Uplift' and 'Mechanical Fixing Pattern').
- If the desired insulation thickness comprises two layers, board joints should be staggered and the thicker layer positioned outermost. Where mechanically fixing, one or two fixings can be used to secure the first layer of boards, prior to securing the top layer with the required number of fixings.
- Install the chosen waterproofing in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and/or relevant British Standards.
- Venting layers should be loose-laid on the insulation boards prior to bonding the first layer of felt.

Refurbishment (Insulation Overlay)

- Where insulation is to be installed over existing waterproofing, it should be clean and dry and in appropriate condition to act as a VCL.
- If the condition of the existing waterproofing is poor or adequate bond strength cannot be guaranteed, a new or separate VCL should be installed.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: bond a layer of coated roofing felt in hot bitumen, or with a proprietary adhesive. Use a primer in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to ensure an adequate bond between the existing roof and the VCL.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: loose-lay the vapour control layer.
- Ensure all laps are minimum 150mm and well-sealed, and turn up at the edge of the roof.
- Install the **Powerdeck® F** boards in a tightly-butted brick bond pattern, with the long edges at right angles to the edge of the roof, or laid diagonally across the deck.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: mop hot bitumen over the VCL, or apply a suitable proprietary adhesive to manufacturer's instructions.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: thermally broken telescopic tube fixings are recommended to reduce thermal bridging, each incorporating a 50mm square or circular washer and positioned within 50 to 150mm of board edges and corners. Use a minimum of 4 fixings per board (see 'Wind Uplift' and 'Mechanical Fixing Pattern').
- If the desired insulation thickness comprises two layers, board joints should be staggered and the thicker layer positioned outermost. Where mechanically fixing, one or two fixings can be used to secure the first layer of boards, prior to securing the top layer with the required number of fixings.
- Install the chosen waterproofing in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and/or relevant British Standards.
- Venting layers should be loose-laid on the insulation boards prior to bonding the first layer of felt.

Torch-On Felt

Powerdeck® U

New Build

- Install the VCL on the clean, dry deck. If a fully-sealed metal deck is used, a separate VCL is not required.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: torch-apply or adhere a layer of coated roofing felt. Use a primer in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to ensure an adequate bond between the deck and the VCL.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: loose-lay the vapour control layer.
- Mechanical fixing into a concrete deck may require pre-drilling of the deck.
- Ensure all laps are minimum 150mm and well-sealed, and turn up at the edge of the roof.
- Install the **Powerdeck® U** boards in a tightly-butted brick bond pattern, with the long edges at right angles to the edge of the roof, or laid diagonally across the deck. On a metal deck the long edges should be at right angles to the troughs to ensure the short ends are fully supported, or laid diagonally across the deck corrugations.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: mop hot bitumen over the VCL, or apply a suitable proprietary adhesive to manufacturer's instructions.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: thermally broken telescopic tube fixings are recommended to reduce thermal bridging, each incorporating a 50mm square or circular washer and positioned within 50 to 150mm of board edges and corners. Use a minimum of 4 fixings per board (see 'Wind Uplift' and 'Mechanical Fixing Pattern').
- If the desired insulation thickness comprises two layers, board joints should be staggered and the thicker layer positioned outermost. Where mechanically fixing, one or two fixings can be used to secure the first layer of boards, prior to securing the top layer with the required number of fixings.
- Install the chosen waterproofing in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and/or relevant British Standards

Refurbishment (Insulation Overlay)

- Where insulation is to be installed over existing waterproofing, it should be clean and dry and in appropriate condition to act as a VCL.
- If the condition of the existing waterproofing is poor or adequate bond strength cannot be guaranteed, a new or separate VCL should be installed.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: torch-apply or adhere a layer of coated roofing felt. Use a primer in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to ensure an adequate bond between the existing roof and the VCL.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: loose-lay the vapour control.
- Ensure all laps are minimum 150mm and well-sealed, and turn up at the edge of the roof.
- Install the **Powerdeck® U** boards in a tightly-butted brick bond pattern, with the long edges at right angles to the edge of the roof, or laid diagonally across the deck.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: mop hot bitumen over the VCL, or apply a suitable proprietary adhesive to manufacturer's instructions.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: thermally broken telescopic tube fixings are recommended to reduce thermal bridging, each incorporating a 50mm square or circular washer and positioned within 50 to 150mm of board edges and corners. Use a minimum of 4 fixings per board (see 'Wind Uplift' and 'Mechanical Fixing Pattern').
- If the desired insulation thickness comprises two layers, board joints should be staggered and the thicker layer positioned outermost. Where mechanically fixing, one or two fixings can be used to secure the first layer of boards, prior to securing the top layer with the required number of fixings.
- Install the chosen waterproofing in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and/or relevant British Standards.

Mastic Asphalt

Powerdeck® F

New Build

- Install the VCL on the clean, dry deck. If a fully-sealed metal deck is used, a separate VCL is not required.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: bond a layer of coated roofing felt in hot bitumen, or with a proprietary adhesive. Where necessary, use a primer in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to ensure an adequate bond between the deck and the VCL. On a timber deck, a layer of coated roofing felt can also be nailed.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: loose-lay the vapour control layer.
- Ensure all laps are minimum 150mm and well-sealed, and turn up at the edge of the roof.
- ▶ Install the **Powerdeck® F** boards in a tightly-butted brick bond pattern, with the long edges at right angles to the edge of the roof, or laid diagonally across the deck. On a metal deck, the long edges should be at right angles to the troughs to ensure the short ends are fully supported, or laid diagonally across the deck corrugations.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: mop hot bitumen over the VCL, or apply a suitable proprietary adhesive to manufacturer's instructions.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: thermally broken telescopic tube fixings are recommended to reduce thermal bridging, each incorporating a 50mm square or circular washer and positioned within 50 to 150mm of board edges and corners. Use a minimum of 4 fixings per board (see 'Wind Uplift' and 'Mechanical Fixing Pattern').
- If the desired insulation thickness comprises two layers, board joints should be staggered and the thicker layer positioned outermost. Where mechanically fixing, one or two fixings can be used to secure the first layer of boards, prior to securing the top layer with the required number of fixings.
- Install the chosen waterproofing in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and/or relevant British Standards.

Refurbishment (Insulation Overlay)

- Where insulation is to be installed over existing waterproofing, it should be clean and dry and in appropriate condition to act as a VCL.
- If the condition of the existing waterproofing is poor or adequate bond strength cannot be guaranteed, a new or separate VCL should be installed.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: torch-apply or adhere a layer of coated roofing felt. Use a primer in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to ensure an adequate bond between the existing roof and the VCL.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: loose-lay the vapour control.
- Ensure all laps are minimum 150mm and well-sealed, and turn up at the edge of the roof.
- Install the **Powerdeck® F** boards in a tightly-butted brick bond pattern, with the long edges at right angles to the edge of the roof, or laid diagonally across the roof.
- ▶ For bonded build-ups: mop hot bitumen over the VCL, or apply a suitable proprietary adhesive to manufacturer's instructions.
- ▶ For mechanically fixed build-ups: thermally broken telescopic tube fixings are recommended to reduce thermal bridging, each incorporating a 50mm square or circular washer and positioned within 50 to 150mm of board edges and corners. Use a minimum of 4 fixings per board (see 'Wind Uplift' and 'Mechanical Fixing Pattern').
- If the desired insulation thickness comprises two layers, board joints should be staggered and the thicker layer positioned outermost. Where mechanically fixing, one or two fixings can be used to secure the first layer of boards, prior to securing the top layer with the required number of fixings.
- Install the chosen waterproofing in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and/or relevant British Standards.

Typical Installation of Ply-faced Insulation Panels



Warm Roof Construction and Condensation Control

Fixing insulation on top of the roof deck means no ventilation is required. And because the roof structure is maintained at the internal temperature, the risk of condensation is removed. A vapour control layer (VCL) should be provided on the warm side of the insulation, either in the form of mastic sealant or a minimum 1000g polythene sheet, depending whether the **Plylok®** is fixed directly to joists or on a roof deck.

This installation advice relates to fixing **Plylok®** boards directly to the top of joists. Where additional stability is desired, or where a polythene VCL is preferred, a minimum 18mm timber roof deck may be secured to the joists prior to fixing the **Plylok®** and installing the waterproofing.

BS 5250:2011, the British Standard for the control of condensation in buildings, does not recommend installing insulation between timber joists as well as above the deck (a hybrid roof construction).

Thermal Bridging

For optimum thermal efficiency and reduced heat loss, it is important to ensure continuity of the insulation layer with adjacent building elements. This means careful detailing at junctions between elements to minimise or eliminate thermal bridging and 'cold spots'. For example, at the junction of the roof and wall, packing the eaves with a compressible insulation will prevent thermal bridging as well as closing the cavity.

An insulation upstand should be provided around the perimeter of the roof at parapets. It should be at least 25mm thick and minimum 300mm in height from the deck. The wall insulation should also be continued to the height of the top of the upstand.

Roof Loading and Trafficking

Plylok® boards are suitable for loads associated with infrequent pedestrian maintenance traffic. Extra precautions should be taken in areas of heavier traffic. Take care to avoid damage to boards through impacts or concentrated loads.

Fire Performance

Plylok® will not prejudice the fire resistant properties of the roof and adds no significant fire load to the building.

Drainage

'Ponding' adds additional load to a roof, looks unsightly, and can shorten the lifespan of the roofing membrane. To ensure adequate drainage, any flat roof should have a minimum

finished fall of 1:80. In reality, this means designing for twice the minimum fall to account for building inaccuracies, roof deflection and building settlement.

Installation Directly On Joists

- Lay **Plylok®** boards on 50mm wide joists with the plywood face up. The joists should be spaced at maximum 600mm centres, or 400mm centres where more frequent foot traffic is expected.
- Position the boards so the long edge of each board coincides with the centre of a joist, and install 50x50mm supporting noggins to support all other board edges, or where the insulation is cut to suit openings etc.
- All board edges require a minimum 20mm bearing onto the supporting timber.
- Apply water vapour resistant mastic sealant to all supporting joists and noggins prior to laying the insulation. This forms a continuous vapour control layer with the foil face of the boards.
- Secure the insulation boards with the chosen fixings. Appropriate fixings include: round-headed ring shank nails at 150mm centres along the line of each joist and noggin; oval-headed screw fixings at 200mm centres; or proprietary helical fixings at centres recommended by the manufacturer.
- Ensure the fixings penetrate the supporting timbers by at least 35mm and are positioned at least 10mm from board edges and 50mm from board corners. Where two boards are fixed on the same joist, stagger the fixings to each board.
- Finish nail and screw heads flush with the plywood surface. Do not over-drive fixings.
- The foil-faced underside of the **Plylok®** boards is not intended as a ceiling finish. Underline joists with a plasterboard ceiling or similar. If exposed joists are desired then plasterboard can be installed between, fixed to battens secured to the sides of the joists and just below the insulation.
- Waterproof the roof by the chosen method. Single ply membranes should be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Partially bonded built-up felt should be laid in accordance with BS 8217: 2005 and incorporate a 3G-type perforated base layer. Torch-on felt requires a torch-applied underlay to provide a vented layer where trapped vapour can disperse.

Typical Installation of Vacuum Insulation Panels



General

Read these installation instructions carefully before installing Deck-VQ panels. Incorrect installation and/or the use of unsuitable tools can have undesirable effects on the characteristics of the panels or on the entire system.

If the panels show obvious visual defects, stop the installation and contact Recticel Insulation. Recticel Insulation accepts no liability for panels with obvious visual defects which have been installed anyway.

Safety

When handling and installing the panels, the appropriate safety measures must be set in place. It is the responsibility of the installer to make sure that site safety regulations are respected and personal protection equipment is available for and used by all people involved in the works.

Application

Deck-VQ is used as thermal insulation for **terraces and flat roofs** that are subject to light foot traffic. If higher loads or frequent foot traffic (e.g. regular maintenance) is to be expected, adequate protection must be foreseen.

Storage and protection

To protect and optimise the premium thermal performance the panels must be handled with care. Please take into account the following guidelines:

- Deck-VQ panels must be stored in a sheltered location or completely covered (e.g. by a plastic cover) in a dry, well-ventilated area. We advise a minimum distance of 100 mm between ground level and the lowest panel. If there are indications that this distance is not sufficient, take appropriate measures.
- The pallets (ca. 1200 mm x 1200 mm) should be supported by at least three supporting blocks. The pallets can be stacked one on top of the other, but for safety reasons we recommend to limit the stack height to two pallets.
- The packaging must remain intact until the time of installation. The packaging itself is not considered to be a sufficiently protective or watertight covering.
- Do not store any flammable objects on or next to the panels. It is also forbidden to store the panels next to a heat source (for example radiators, heaters, a naked flame etc.).
- No (sharp) objects can be placed on top of the insulation boards in order to avoid damage.
- The insulation boards have to be kept **dry at all times!** This applies to both **storage and installation of the boards.** At the end of the working day or when the works have to be stopped, the installed boards have to be covered and protected from rain, snow and ice (e.g. by applying a temporary waterproofing membrane).

- Damaged boards cannot be used in the roof build-up.

Mounting and fixing¹

Vacuum insulation panels are to be treated with care. The innovative concept of Deck-VQ entails the VIP inside to be protected by a high density PIR insulation board on all sides to avoid incidental damage.

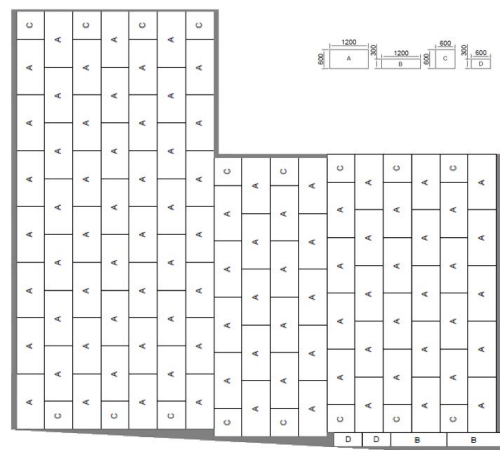
General considerations

1. The insulation boards are applied on a new vapor control layer (VCL)² or an existing waterproofing membrane on top of concrete, wood and metal decks. The waterproofing is realized with ballasted or adhered waterproofing systems.
2. The substrate has to be flat, dry (no water, no ice, no snow) and free of waste and dust. In case of renovations, always check the condition of the existing waterproofing membrane.



3. Deck-VQ panels should **not be cut or punctured**, as this will compromise the thermal performance. Also, obstacles on the roof or terrace should be considered in an early stage to insure a correct installation. Therefore the following guidelines are to be taken into account:

- a. **Use a layout scheme to ensure an optimal panel configuration.** The configuration should take into account the location of the different obstacles and roof/terrace details, e.g. gutters, drains, roof lights, chimneys... This service is offered by the Technical department of Recticel Insulation upon request.



An example of a layout scheme indicating the different panel types and the infill area (shaded area)

- b. The Deck-VQ concept incorporates 'infill' PIR boards that can be adjusted to fit construction details and to obtain a complete coverage of the surface to be insulated. Powerdeck F boards are used as infill because the facer offers a compatibility with adhesives which is similar to the facer of the protective high density PIR boards that encapsulate the VIP.
- c. If additional **mechanical fixings** are necessary in highly solicited areas around the perimeter of the roof (e.g. after a wind uplift calculation), this information **must be communicated clearly**. As the Deck-VQ panels are not to be punctured, the panel configuration in the layout scheme will have to account for additional infill areas which allow mechanical fixing of the waterproofing membrane.
- d. The same applies for structures that need to be mechanically fixed to the substrate, through the insulation layer (e.g. fixed fall protection). If known beforehand, **designated areas can be foreseen in the layout scheme**. Recticel Insulation cannot be held accountable for not including these areas in the scheme if not clearly communicated by the requestor (customer/installer).
- e. Please note that existing roofs might require wider infill areas around the perimeter of the roof to take into account the sloped roof finishing towards the roof edge.
4. The insulation boards are placed in a continuous, tight fitting way (without any gaps) in order to avoid thermal bridges and thus to create a continuous insulation shield.
5. Single and multi-layered insulation build-ups can be applied, always respecting the staggered pattern within and between layers. Every subsequent layer has to be staggered referring to the previous layer.
- a. Ideally the joints are staggered by half a board
- b. If not possible, the boards should be staggered for at least 200 mm
6. Remark: The VCL has to be put up at e.g. roof upstands, in order to make a connection with the waterproofing layer, creating a complete and closed envelope around the insulation boards.
7. To provide adequate water drainage, the roof/terrace build up must incorporate a fall towards gutters and outlets. To achieve this, either the substrate must provide the fall, or Deck-VQ can be combined with the tapered insulation solutions of Recticel Insulation. For more information on our tapered solutions, please see our website or contact Recticel Insulation

Installation of the flat roof system

In what follows, it is assumed that a VCL has been installed correctly and is suitable for installation of the other components of the flat roof system.

Adhered application

General

The gluing in a flat roof system build-up is two-fold:

- Gluing of the insulation boards to the substrate (i.e. supporting deck, VCL, existing roof covering, other insulation boards).
- Gluing of the waterproofing membrane to the insulation board (see "Gluing – waterproofing membrane to insulation").

Following types of glue are usually compatible with the Deck-VQ insulation boards:

- PU-glue (1 component moisture-cured, 2 components), liquid or foam
- Bituminous cold glue

Remarks :

1. Compatibility of the glue with the insulation boards has to be confirmed by the manufacturer of the glue and/or Recticel Insulation. In case of doubt, please contact the technical service team of Recticel Insulation at **technicalservices@recticel.com**.
 2. Solvent based glues which might damage the facer or the foam of the insulation boards, cannot be used!
 3. The glue has to be compatible with the substrate and/or waterproofing membrane as well. In case of renovation, always check the condition of the existing waterproofing membrane which will be covered. Make sure this is a substrate which allows for adhered applications.
 4. In case of unevenness in the substrate (e.g. old bituminous waterproofing membrane with thick overlaps) it's recommended to use a foaming type of glue to level out these imperfections.
- The installation instructions of the glue manufacturer are to be respected at all times! This concerns the required amount of glue, glue pattern, the minimal application temperature, storage temperature, opening time, curing time, etc.
 - Gluing of boards is anyhow not allowed in case of cold temperatures (< 5°C) or in case of humid substrates.
 - It's not allowed to walk over the boards immediately after they are glued to the deck. The instructions of the manufacturer need to be respected.

¹The client must ensure that the mounting of the boards, and by extension the complete flat roof build-up, is in conformity with all laws, regulations, directives and national/international demands which are applicable. The installation has to be done according to code of good practice.

²A U-value calculation and condensation risk analysis (CRA) are recommended to determine a correct build-up and the minimum quality of VCL to be applied. Recticel Insulation provides this service upon request, please contact the Technical department for more information.

Gluing - Insulation to deck

- The glue needs to be applied according to the glue manufacturer's instructions. PU-glues are applied in an S-shape pattern or in straight lines.
- Bituminous cold glues can be applied by means of dabs or straight lines as shown in the drawing below. In case of dabs, make sure that for a 1200 x 600 mm and 1200 x 300 mm board there are at least 5 sufficiently large dabs, spread over the insulation board (1 in each corner + 1 in the middle of the board). For the 600 x 600 and 600 x 300 mm boards, four dabs can be sufficient. Always respect the coverage prescribed by the manufacturer of the adhesive.
- Glue needs to be foreseen in such a way that all edge- and corner zones of the insulation boards are covered. Do not only put glue in the middle of the boards!
- The amount of glue and the corresponding glue pattern is prescribed by the manufacturer of the glue. The amount and pattern need to be densified in the parts of the roof where the wind load is increased (e.g. edges and corners). In case the wind load is too high, additional mechanical fixings or ballast can be required. This information has to be communicated clearly, so it can be taken into account in the layout scheme (see "General considerations").
- In case of multi-layered build-ups, all layers need to be sufficiently adhered to the substrate/underlying insulation layer, as if these layers would be the only layers in the build-up.

Gluing – waterproofing membrane to insulation

The gluing in a flat roof system build-up is two-fold:

- Recticel Insulation recommends partially adhered single-ply membranes (cold adhered or self-adhesive) or multi-ply systems (partially self-adhesive base sheet and torch-on cap sheet).
- Fully self-adhesive membranes are not allowed in combination with Deck-VQ.

Remarks :

1. The instructions of the waterproofing membrane producer need to be followed and the glue needs to be compatible with both the insulation board and the waterproofing membrane.
2. When solvent based glues are used, make sure the solvents are evaporated sufficiently before the waterproofing membrane is folded onto the insulation boards.
3. In case of non-fleece backed / naked synthetic membranes, Recticel recommends to only apply them partially adhered to the insulation board to avoid blistering. Fleece backed synthetic membranes can also be used as the fleece is considered as a vapor diffusion layer.

Torch-on waterproofing membranes*Installation of the insulation*

The Deck-VQ boards are installed according to the guidelines in "Adhered application"

Installation of the waterproofing membrane

Bituminous waterproofing membranes cannot be torched directly onto the Deck-VQ panels, a (self-adhesive) base sheet has to be applied before applying the torch-on cap sheet.

- The first layer which is applied to the board has to be partially adhered (allowing vapor pressure diffusion). The second layer can be fully torched onto this first layer.
- Never point the tip of the torch directly to the insulation boards, but always point it to the roll of waterproofing membrane!
- Torching is not allowed on insulation boards which are fixed to the substrate by means of bituminous cold glue due to the extended curing time of the glue.

Ballasted application

Deck-VQ boards can be loosely laid in a ballasted flat roof system. Please note that the installation of the insulation, the waterproofing membrane and the ballast have to follow each other quickly to ensure a good performance.

Installation of the insulation

Please take into account the guidelines under "General considerations".

Installation of the waterproofing membrane

The waterproofing membrane must be applied according to the instructions from the supplier/manufacturer. Please refer to the documentation of the supplier for more information and make sure the waterproofing membrane is suitable for ballasted application.

Ballast

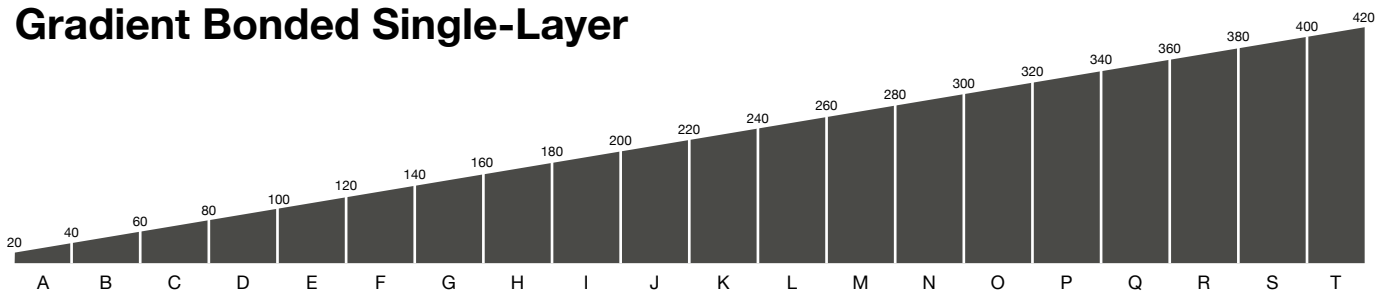
The total characteristics (e.g. type, weight, diameter...) of the ballast have to be in accordance with the required wind uplift resistance and needs to be applied as soon as possible after installation of the waterproofing membrane.

Generally we distinguish the following two types of ballast to be applied on Deck-VQ:

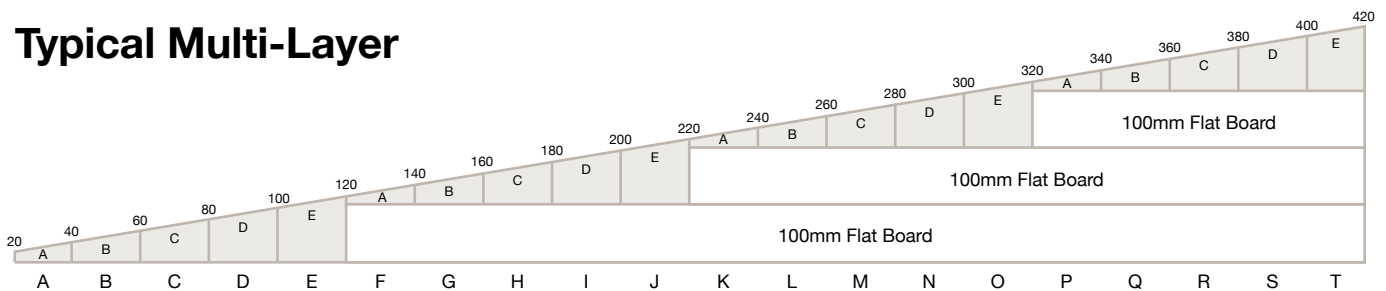
- Gravel: depending on the type of gravel it can be necessary to apply a protective layer between the waterproofing membrane and the gravel to avoid damaging the waterproofing membrane.
- Tiles: when combined with tile supports (spacers), the minimum support area on top of the waterproofing membrane needs to be larger than 100 cm². For heavy loads, please contact our Technical Department for assistance.

Single Layer Tapered Roof Systems

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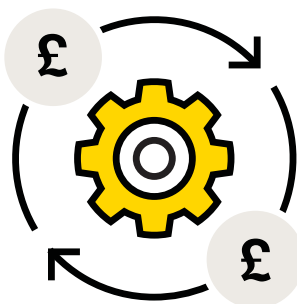


Typical Multi-Layer



Example shown is Powerdeck F.

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Building regulations

England

PART L 2013

U-values are part of wider assessment criteria to meet the requirements of Part L as a whole. Other factors taken into account include: airtightness, door and window U-values, the heating system, and thermal bridging.

'Limiting U-values' are the worst acceptable level of performance, but designing to these values is unlikely to result in compliance. The 'notional building specification' is a recipe approach that will ensure compliance if all standards are met. Regulatory compliance should be assessed through the appropriate SAP (for domestic) or SBEM (for non-domestic) calculation software.

NEW BUILD: L1A – new dwellings; L2A – new buildings other than dwellings

(the values are presented in W/m²K).

		Floor	External Wall	Flat Roof	Pitched Roof	
					Sloped Ceiling	Flat Ceiling
L1A	Notional dwelling	0.13	0.18	0.13	0.13	0.13
	Limiting Values	0.25	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.20
L2A	Notional building	0.22	0.26	0.18	0.18	0.18
	Limiting Values	0.25	0.35	0.25	0.25	0.25

EXISTING PROPERTIES: L1B – existing dwellings; L2B – existing buildings other than dwellings

U-value requirements for existing buildings are unchanged from Part L 2010.

(The values are presented in W/m²K).

		Floor	External Wall	Flat Roof	Pitched Roof	
					Sloped Ceiling	Flat Ceiling
L1B & L2B	New element	0.22	0.28	0.18	0.18	0.16
	Retained element	0.25	0.30*	0.18	0.18	0.16

*where insulation is installed internally or externally

Wales

PART L 2014

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NEW BUILD: L1A – new dwellings; L2A – new buildings other than dwellings

(the values are presented in W/m²K).

		Floor	External Wall	Flat Roof	Pitched Roof	
					Sloped Ceiling	Flat Ceiling
L1A	Notional dwelling	0.15	0.18	0.11	0.11	0.11
	Limiting Values	0.18	0.21	0.15	0.15	0.15
L2A	Notional building	0.22	0.26	0.18	0.18	0.18

EXISTING PROPERTIES: L1B – existing dwellings; L2B – existing buildings other than dwellings

(The values are presented in W/m²K).

		Floor	External Wall	Flat Roof	Pitched Roof	
					Sloped Ceiling	Flat Ceiling
L1B	New element	0.18	0.21	0.15	0.15	0.15
	Retained element	0.25	0.30	0.18	0.18	0.16
L2B - all elements	Domestic*	0.18	0.21	0.15	0.15	0.15
	Limiting Values	0.22	0.26	0.18	0.18	0.15

*refers to buildings other than dwellings that are 'domestic' in character



Scotland

SECTION 6 2015

U-values are part of wider assessment criteria to meet the requirements of Section 6 as a whole. The ‘notional building specification’ is a recipe approach that will ensure compliance if all standards are met. Regulatory compliance should be assessed through the appropriate SAP (for domestic) or SBEM (for non-domestic) calculation software.

DOMESTIC NEW BUILD

As well as U-values, the notional dwelling specifications for gas, LPG and oil fuel packages take into account: airtightness, door and window U-values, the heating system, and thermal bridging. They also include photovoltaics and waste water heat recovery. Specifying U-values therefore needs to be done in careful consideration with the entire dwelling package.

(The values are presented in W/m²K).

	Floor	External Wall	Flat Roof	Pitched Roof	
				Sloped Ceiling	Flat Ceiling
New domestic (notional dwelling)	0.15	0.17	0.11	0.11	0.11

Existing Domestic Properties

For extensions to existing dwellings, the required U-values for the new elements depend on the performance of the existing building:

- ▶ The higher standards in ‘A’ apply where the walls of the existing building have a U-value poorer than 0.70 and the roof is poorer than 0.25.
- ▶ ‘B’ applies where the walls of the existing building have a U-value better than 0.70 and the roof better than 0.25, or will be upgraded to those levels as part of the works.

Where existing domestic elements are to be altered or refurbished, the standards in ‘B’ apply.

(The values are presented in W/m²K).

		Floor	External Wall	Flat Roof	Pitched Roof	
					Sloped Ceiling	Flat Ceiling
Existing domestic	A	0.15	0.17	0.13	0.13	0.11
	B	0.18	0.22	0.18	0.18	0.15

NON-DOMESTIC BUILDINGS – NEW AND EXISTING

For all building types, early consultation with Local Authority Building Standards is advised.

Non-domestic new build standards are based on heating/ventilation specification (natural or mechanical) and have different limiting values depending on type of building (e.g. shell construction where future occupancy/use is uncertain).

For existing buildings, a degree of flexibility is available depending on the feasibility of achieving U-value targets (e.g. in listed buildings). Again, early discussion Local Authority Building Standards is recommended.

The sustainable solution

Recticel Insulation products offer significant environmental benefits. Efficient insulation means that less energy is needed for heating and cooling. As a result, CO₂ emissions are reduced, which means that our insulation products contribute significantly to the fight against global warming.

The durability of our products is another important environmental advantage. Polyurethane insulation's performance remains consistent throughout the lifetime of the product, making them a very sustainable solution. In addition, our manufacturing facility operates to an ISO 14001 certified Environmental Management System.

The Recticel Group's sustainability strategy was developed to respond to key challenges such as energy conservation, CO₂ reduction, and an aging and increasing population. Sustainability is also deeply embedded in the Group's DNA. This is evident in the company's core values, one of which is "We act with respect and integrity". Recticel Insulation adheres to this value by showing respect for all of society, particularly our employees, partners, the planet and legislation. We expect our core values to be applied not just by our colleagues, but also by our partners.

Minimising our CO₂ footprint

We make constant efforts to minimise our CO₂ footprint by reducing the negative impact of our operations while significantly increasing the positive impact of our products. We estimate that in 2019, the CO₂ emissions prevented by our insulation solutions offset over 40 times our carbon impact throughout the value chain.

We also try to reduce energy use in our factories. Most of our production plants are certified to ISO 14001 standards of environmental care.

When developing or launching new production plants, we choose green energy sources where possible in order to reduce our CO₂ footprint.



Waste management and recycling

We seek out new ways to avoid waste during the production process, as well as possibilities to reuse or recycle production waste and products that have reached the End-Of-Life (EOL) phase. We also try to minimise the use of finite natural resources.

The BRE Green Guide

The 2008 Green Guide to Specification produced by the BRE gives Recticel Insulation products manufactured in the UK a summary rating of A.

Green Guide ratings are used to gain credits in BREEAM (BRE Environmental Assessment Method) for non-residential buildings, and under 'Mat 4 – Insulation' the first credit requires the building to have an Insulation Index of 2 or greater – only achievable if the weighted average rating of the insulation is A or A+.

Responsible Sourcing

The second BREEAM credit under that category is based on responsibly-sourced materials – at least 80% of the total insulation used in roofs, walls, ground floors and services must meet any of tier levels 1 to 6 in the BREEAM table of certification schemes.

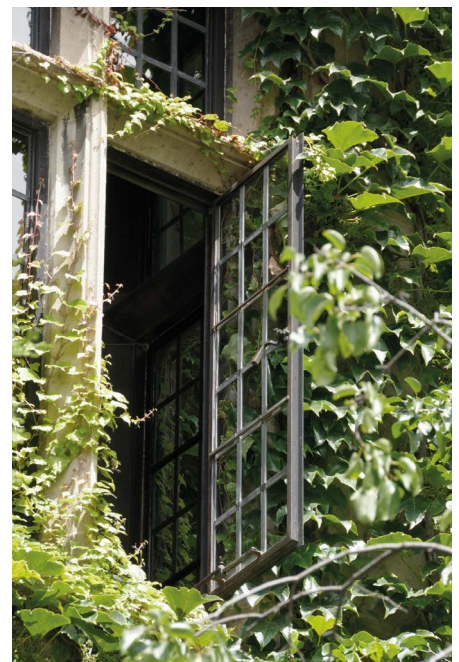
Our Environmental Management System is certified under BS EN ISO 14001, and our raw materials come from companies with similarly-certified EMS (copies of these certificates are available for BREEAM assessments). This level of responsible sourcing meets tier level 6 in the BREEAM table.

Global Warming and Ozone Depletion

All Recticel Insulation products use CFC- and HCFC-free materials, and are manufactured using a blowing agent with a low GWP and zero ODP.

BREEAM

The Building Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Method is an internationally-recognised process for assessing any type of building, of any age, anywhere in the world against established environmental and sustainability benchmarks. Although heat loss and energy use have a significant influence on the calculation method, environmental performance is measured by awarding credits in a number of categories, each of which is given a different weighting.



Technical support

To help you find the best insulation products for your project – and comply with building regulations – our dedicated technical team can provide you with U-value calculations, condensation risk analysis and advice on installation.

Our team is focused on helping specifiers in particular specialist areas, details of which can be found at recticelinsulation.co.uk

Fabric First

Concentrate on getting a building's fabric right and each element - whether a floor, wall or roof - will be well-built, thermally efficient and airtight, achieving the designed level of performance for the life of the building. At Recticel, we advocate 'fabric first' as the best way to reduce energy consumption.

Sharing aspects of the Passivhaus comfort standard, a fabric first approach concentrates on high levels of thermal performance and airtightness (including from doors and windows), and reduced thermal bridging. Air quality is also a vital part of the building specification to ensure occupant comfort and health, so the correct ventilation strategy needs to be considered - possibly requiring mechanical ventilation with heat recovery (MVHR). When it comes to the insulation specification, we'll recommend the right thickness of PIR to meet your requirements in the most efficient manner possible.

The Performance Gap

While new buildings might meet thermal regulations on paper, the actual performance level once occupied can be well below expectations. Although we can advise on the theoretical performance of our products in particular building elements, we still rely on contractors and site supervisors to make sure they perform as intended – so we're committed to providing more information and improving knowledge about the installation of our products.

Thermal Bridging Models

Linear thermal transmittance (or psi value) is a measure of heat loss at junctions. In order to minimise this, it is necessary to ensure continuity of the insulation layer across adjacent building elements. This means careful detailing of junctions between elements and openings to reduce thermal bridging. For example; between wall and roof, wall and floor, lintel and wall.

Why is it important to consider thermal bridging details?

Recent changes to building regulations have resulted in lower U-value requirements for the main construction elements. As thermal transmittance through these elements reduces, heat energy seeks to escape by the path of least resistance, normally through inadequately insulated junctions. Heat loss at junctions can account for up to 15% of a building's total heat loss.

Accredited and Enhanced Construction Details (ACDs & ECDs) are one way of limiting heat loss through thermal bridging at junctions, reducing psi values and improving the overall fabric energy efficiency of the building. An additional benefit of minimising thermal bridging is reducing the risk of surface condensation and associated mildew at otherwise cold spots, and thereby improving occupant health.

Recticel Insulation's range of thermal bridging details can assist designers with improved psi values for use in SAP calculations to ensure that carbon emissions and fabric energy efficiency targets of the latest building regulations are achieved, or even exceeded.





U-values

Recticel Insulation supports the accurate calculation of U-values for the construction industry. Calculations are issued under the Competent Person scheme administered by the BBA (British Board of Agrément). All U-values are calculated by the Combined Method, in accordance with the conventions detailed in BS EN ISO 6946, BR 443, and other standards laid out by the BBA in their scheme guidance.

Calculations are provided free of charge to demonstrate the performance of Recticel products and compliance with building regulations. Calculation requests can be emailed to technicalservices@recticel.com.

Recticel U-value calculations can be supplied with a Condensation Risk Analysis where appropriate, and additional guidance is offered when required. Advice on condensation risk is given in accordance with BS EN ISO 13788 and BS 5250.

BIM (Building Information Modelling)

BIM not only helps with building simulation and architectural data, but also with structural engineering, sustainability and even project and cost management. To support architects and specifiers who use the BIM framework, we've utilised our relationship with RIBA through the NBS Product Selector and made our products available as 'BIM Objects' held within the NBS National BIM Library.

For instant access to Recticel's BIM library visit: www.bimstore.co/manufacturers/recticel-insulation-products

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Certification

All our products are manufactured to the harmonised European standard EN 13165, and are CE marked accordingly. Where stated, products have been certified by the British Board of Agrément (BBA). Our manufacturing facility operates to an ISO 9001 Quality System and ISO 14001 Environmental Management System. Declarations of Performance are available as required by the Construction Product Regulations.



CPD Presentations

Recticel Insulation is a member of the RIBA CPD Providers Network, which features manufacturers and suppliers who provide RIBA Continuing Professional Development to architects and specifiers.

We offer a range of RIBA CPD Assessed Material (some of which is part of the RIBA CPD Core Curriculum), including seminars (typically 45 minutes in duration, with 15 minutes available for questions and answers after) and CPD Articles that can be accessed directly on the RIBA CPD website.

Seminar bookings are available across the UK and can be requested online, via either the Recticel Insulation or RIBA CPD websites.



Product characteristics

Using Recticel PIR Insulation

Durability

Treated with appropriate care and installed correctly, Recticel Insulation products should not require maintenance. They are resistant to mould growth and will not rot.

PIR foam is not resistant to solvent-based products and should not be used in conjunction with them. Any boards that have come into contact with solvents or acids, or been damaged by such products, should be discarded.

PIR foam is a closed cell material, meaning water absorption is minimal. However, they should always be protected from the elements and never installed in exposed situations such as inverted flat roofs or in direct contact with the ground. Boards should be kept dry during installation and covered at the end of each day's work on site. Boards that have been allowed to get wet should not be used.

Handling, Cutting and Storage

Recticel Insulation's PIR boards are lightweight and inherently safe to handle. They should be treated with respect and maintained in the best possible condition during installation to ensure they perform as expected over the life of the building. They can be cut with a sharp knife or fine toothed saw.

Boards are supplied in polythene shrink wrap which is designed for short-term protection only. It is accepted that storing boards indoors is not always possible – when outdoor storage is necessary, boards should be stored clear of the ground, on a level surface, and under cover to protect them from prolonged exposure to moisture, UV light or mechanical damage.

Recticel Insulation products should not be installed when the temperature is at or below 5°C and falling.

To limit the risk of damage from condensation and other sources of dampness, the product and overlays should only be laid after the construction is made substantially weathertight, e.g. after glazing. During construction, the product must also be protected from water spillage, plaster droppings and traffic.

Health and Safety

A comprehensive Product Information Data Sheet (PIDS) is available on request.

During cutting or machining, any dust is of nuisance value only. Large scale machining should be connected to a dust extraction system.

Foil-faced boards reflect light as well as heat, including ultraviolet light. Installation during bright weather may require UV eye protection, and a high SPF sun cream for bare skin. Foil facings can also become slippery when wet.

Avoid skin and eye contact with any sharp edges. Do not stand on or otherwise support your weight on boards unless the product is fully supported by a load-bearing surface.






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