

## Description

R-Tech CW (Cavity Wall) is an engineered rigid insulation consisting of a superior closed-cell, lightweight and resilient expanded polystyrene (EPS) with advanced polymeric laminate facers. R-Tech CW is available with factory laminated MR (metallic-reflective) facers, white facers or a combination of the two. The R-Tech facers shed water to reduce moisture build-up in the cavity wall. The core of R-Tech is the same high-quality EPS as our InsulFoam insulations and meets or exceeds the requirements of ASTM C578, Standard Specification for Rigid, Cellular Polystyrene Thermal Insulation. R-Tech has excellent dimensional stability, compressive strength and water resistance properties.

#### Uses

R-Tech Cavity Wall is designed for both commercial and residential interior wall applications.

## **Advantages**

- Enhanced R-values. Increased R-values can be obtained by placing the MR side of the R-Tech towards the dead air space within the interior wall. R-value gain is dependent on the amount of dead air space between the R-Tech and the inner wall. R-value gains are based on the ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals.
- Jobsite Durability. With a polymeric facer on either side of it R-Tech CW is extremely flexible and durable insulation.
- Water Resistance. R-Tech CW facers provide a surface that is virtually impervious to moisture.
- Stable R-value. The product's thermal properties will remain stable over its entire service life. There is no thermal drift, so Insulfoam offers a 20-Year Thermal Performance Warranty.
- Cost Effective. R-Tech CW offers the highest R-Value per dollar, is typically less expensive than other interior wall insulations, and available in custom sizes to help with installation labor savings.
- Environmentally Friendly. R-Tech CW does not contain any ozonedepleting blowing agents, may contain recycled material, the foam core is 100% recyclable, is an ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> qualified insulation and can contribute towards LEED<sup>®</sup> credits.
- Insect and Mold Resistance. R-Tech CW can be manufactured with an inert additive that deters termites and carpenter ants. R-Tech does not sustain mold and mildew growth.
- Proven Performance. EPS has been manufactured using the same chemistry since the mid-1950s, providing proven performance.
- Code Approvals. Insulfoam insulations are recognized by the International Code Council Evaluation Service (ICC-ES), and have numerous Underwriters Laboratory and Factory Mutual Approvals.

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## Sizes

R-Tech CW is available in 4' x 8' sheets with thicknesses ranging from .5" to 4.5". R-Tech CW can also incorporate the InsulSnap feature which allows the end user to cleanly break the 4' x 8' sheets into any desired width. Custom sizes are available upon request.

#### Effective R-values<sup>a</sup> (metallic-reflective facer and dead air space)

R-Tech Thickness	Design Temp. °F	Effective R-value (R-Tech MR + Air Space) <sup>b</sup>
0.5"	40 75	4.4 4.3
0.75"	40 75	5.4 5.2
1.00"	40 75	6.5 6.2
1.25"	40 75	7.5 7.1
1.50"	40 75	8.6 8.1
1.75"	40 75	9.6 9.1
2.00"	40 75	10.6 10.0
2.25"	40 75	11.7 11.0
2.50"	40 75	12.7 11.9

a Effective R-values determined using InsulFoam I. Higher density InsulFoam products will provide higher R-values.

b Requires 0.75"- 3.50" dead air space and the R-Tech MR facer towards the dead air space



### Typical Physical Properties of R-Tech\*

Proper	ty	Type I	Test Method
Nominal Density (pcf)		1.0	ASTM C303
C-Value (Conductance) BTU/(hr•ft2•°F)		00	ASTM C518
(newineb)	@ 25° F	.23 .24	or
(per inch)	@ 40° F @ 75° F	.24 .26	ASTM C177
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R-value	e		
(Thermal Resistance) (hr∙ft2∙°F)/BTU			ASTM C518 or
	@ 25° F	4.35	ASTM C177
(per inch)	@ 40° F	4.17	ASTWOTT
	@ 75° F	3.85	
Compressive Strength (psi, 10% deformation)		13	ASTM D1621
Flexural Strength (psi)		33	ASTM C203
Dimensional Stability (maximum %)		< 2%	ASTM D2126
Water Vapor Transmission (perms)		< 1.0	ASTM E96
Absorption (% vol.)		< 1.0	ASTM C272
Capillarity		none	-
Flame Spread		< 20	ASTM E84
Smoke Developed		150 - 300	ASTM E84

\*Properties are based on data provided by resin manufacturers, independent test agencies and Insulfoam.

## **Physical Properties**

Please refer to the appropriate R-Tech data sheet for typical physical properties.

## **Typical Cavity Wall Application**



## **Installation Recommendations**

- 1. Cut the inner wall mortar joints flush with the CMU to provide an even surface for the R-TECH Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) insulation board.
- 2. Beginning at the bottom of the inner wythe, install R-TECH boards with the metallic reflective facer towards the dead-air space. Cut R-TECH to fit snugly around all through-wall penetrations.
- Secure R-TECH in conformance with local building codes and/or specifier recommendations. Always keep the R-TECH above the level of the outer wall. Leave sufficient space (at least 1") between the R-TECH insulation and the outer wythe. You can use an EPS-compatible adhesive or mechanical fastener.
- 4. Stagger additional layers of R-TECH and butt the ends tightly.
- 5. If an additional air barrier is needed or desired, tape all joints with InsulFoam Poly-Guard 136 tape or other code-compliant sheathing tape.