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Airpacks Ltd Manufacturer of Expanded Polystyrene Silver EPS Standard Density Technical Data Sheet

Physical Properties of Airpacks Expanded Polystyrene Standard Density Silver Material

Property	Declared Value	Test Method
Long Term Water absorption by diffusion	WD (V) 10 (less than 10%)	EN12088
Dimensional Stability	DS(N) 2	EN 1603
Thermal conductivity 'λ' value 15-20 kg/m ³ White	0.030 W/mK	EN 12667
Thermal Resistance 15-20 kg/m ³ 70mm	2.330 m ² K/W	EN 12667
75mm	2.500 m ² K/W	
80mm	2.666 m ² K/W	
85mm	2.833 m ² K/W	
90mm	3.000 m ² K/W	
95mm	3.166 m ² K/W	
100mm	3.333 m ² K/W	
Compressive stress/strength 15-20 kg/m ³	>92 kPa	EN 826
Bending strength 15-20 kg/m ³	>171.1 kPa	EN 12089
Water vapour diffusion resistance factor λ	20 to 40	Tabulated Value
Water vapour permeability λ	0.018 – 0.036 mg/(Pa.N.M)	Tabulated Value

Water vapour penetration and condensation risk

Airpacks Expanded Polystyrene has a significant resistance to the passage of water vapour therefore minimising the risk of condensation when in use.

Durability

Airpacks Expanded Polystyrene products are rot-proof and durable. The products are judged to be stable and will remain effective as an insulation system for the life of the building once installed properly. Airpacks Expanded Polystyrene will retain its laminate performance over the lifetime of the building.

General Data

1. Use of Substance

Used primarily for foamed thermal insulation and for extensive range of cushioning and insulation packaging. Finished goods are based on a moulding process that makes use of steam.

2. Hazard Identification

Expanded Polystyrene products although combustible are unlikely to become ignited unless exposed to naked flames. Should flame spread within the cavity wall, the amount of air would be insufficient to support combustion and flame spread would be minimal.

3. First Aid Measures

Eyes: Irrigate immediately with copious amounts of water until clear. If irritation persists obtain prompt medical attention.

Skin: Not applicable

Ingestion: Will pass through system without breaking down.

4. Fire Fighting Measures

Carbon dioxide, Dry chemical powder, Foam, Halon. Do not use water jets, spray only. Hazardous Combustion – Smoke, Oxides of Carbon.

5. Physical and Chemical Properties

Density typically between 10 and 30 kg per cubic metre.

White in colour.

Product is none abrasive.

6. Stability and Reactivity

Not applicable

7. Toxicological Information

Expanded Polystyrene is CFC and HCPC free material and is physically and chemically inert. It contains no known biological or physiological irritant.

8. Cutting & Shaping

Expanded Polystyrene boards contain residual amounts of Pentane (<1%wt), Styrene Monomer and Hydrogen Bromide (FRA Grades only). When forming, cutting or shaping care must be taken to avoid ignition by burning or hot-wire cutting methods. During hot-wire cutting, adequate ventilation must be provided to prevent respiratory tract and eye irritation which may be caused by any fumes which may be generated.

9. Disposal Considerations

Expanded polystyrene may be recycled or placed in an approved licensed landfill.

10. Behaviour in Fire

Airpacks Polystyrene Insulation is available in two grades.

Grade N = Normal Type used for domestic and industrial insulation and is suitable for most applications.

Grade A = FRA: Flame Retardant Additive. This renders material more difficult to ignite and is auto extinguishable.

The fire rating of a structure is taken as the fire rating of the product on the outer surface. This being the surface that comes into direct contact with a flame.

When subjected to a constant heat of 230°C and above, EPS emits inflammable vapours which will easily and quickly ignite. Melting point is 200°C and ignition temperature in the air is 350°C.