Pre-Insulated Masonry

Conserves Energy

Structural tests verify that inserts can be left in place in grouted reinforced masonry construction.
CBIS/KORFIL operates molding facilities in Massachusetts, Ohio and Utah to produce Expandable Polystyrene (EPS) Insulation Inserts that are sold only to Concrete Block Manufacturers. Our products are tested and have been code authorized for use in grouted reinforced Masonry construction. Our company is quality and customer focused to assure conformance to mandated Energy Codes.

You’re invited to learn more about CBIS/Korfil, at www.cbisinc.com.

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Other labor-saving advantages include
- No waste or cleanup costs
- No theft or breakage from vandalism
- No lost time and rework if on-site inspection rejects the quality or method of insulation installation
- Work done by other trades is performed with little danger of damage to insulation
- Costs are firm – not estimated values
- Allows easy installation of pipes, conduits, etc.
- Improves dewpoint
- Improves sound resistance
- Eliminates concerns of shrinkage, toxic fumes and odors
- Improves the ability of blocks to resist 100 mph wind-driven rain
- Enables blocks to be easily handled; can be saw cut and moved unpalletized with fork lifts
- Can be used above or below grade
- Provides guaranteed consistent insulation value
- Permits excess moisture to escape

CBIS / KORFIL Company Profile

Description
Both KORFIL and ICON Inserts are individually molded from EPS. They are designed to fit standard 2-core masonry units of 6, 8, 10 and 12-inch widths. The Hi-R Wall System is a specially designed concrete masonry unit and individually molded EPS insulation insert. The assembly provides a wall system capable of achieving higher thermal R values than conventional masonry, with little effect on structural integrity.

Physical Properties of Expandable Polystyrene
Reference ASTM C578
Standard Type X

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<td>Typical Density lbs./cu. ft.</td>
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<td>Water Absorption % Volume</td>
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* This numerical flame spread is not intended to reflect hazards presented by this or any other material under actual conditions.

Applications and Advantages

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## Thermal Properties*

Standard 2 Core Masonry Units Insulated with either KORFIL or ICON Block Insulation Inserts. U-values are based on conventional 3/8" Mortar Joint Construction. U-value units are Btu/hr/sq. ft./deg-F.

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### 6 Inch - 2 Core Masonry Unit

- **80**: 2.64 0.38 6.45 0.16
- **95**: 2.42 0.41 5.39 0.19
- **105**: 2.29 0.44 4.76 0.21
- **115**: 2.17 0.46 4.21 0.24
- **125**: 2.05 0.49 3.69 0.27
- **135**: 1.95 0.51 3.25 0.31

### 8 Inch - 2 Core Masonry Unit

- **80**: 2.86 0.35 7.74 0.13
- **95**: 2.61 0.38 6.55 0.15
- **105**: 2.46 0.41 5.83 0.17
- **115**: 2.33 0.43 5.17 0.19
- **125**: 2.21 0.45 4.56 0.22
- **135**: 2.10 0.48 4.01 0.25

### 10 Inch - 2 Core Masonry Unit

- **80**: 3.00 0.33 8.52 0.12
- **95**: 2.73 0.37 7.25 0.14
- **105**: 2.57 0.39 6.48 0.15
- **115**: 2.43 0.41 5.76 0.17
- **125**: 2.31 0.43 5.09 0.20
- **135**: 2.19 0.46 4.48 0.22

### 12 Inch - 2 Core Masonry Unit

- **80**: 3.12 0.32 9.38 0.11
- **95**: 2.83 0.35 8.09 0.12
- **105**: 2.66 0.38 7.27 0.14
- **115**: 2.52 0.40 6.51 0.15
- **125**: 2.38 0.42 5.78 0.17
- **135**: 2.26 0.44 5.11 0.20

### 12 Inch Cavity Wall, 4 Inch Outer Wythe, 3/4 Inch Air Space, 8 Inch Wide Hi-R Unit

- **80**: 4.26 0.23 9.14 0.11
- **95**: 4.01 0.25 7.95 0.13
- **105**: 3.76 0.26 7.23 0.14
- **115**: 3.73 0.27 6.57 0.15
- **125**: 3.61 0.28 5.96 0.17
- **135**: 3.50 0.29 5.41 0.18

### **1.** Hi-R Wall System only. 2. Hi-R Wall System, 1/2 inch gypsum board on furring strips. 3. Hi-R Wall System, 1/2 inch foil-backed gypsum board on furring strips.

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Meeting Federal and State Mandated Energy Efficiency Standards and Codes with CBIS Inserts.

The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) published Standard 90.1, “Energy Efficient Design of New Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings,” in 1989. The Standard includes significant reductions in required R-values for thermal mass walls, such as concrete masonry, based on the energy savings from mass construction. The R-values required by Standard 90.1 are based on equivalent energy performance.

Since it was published in 1989, Standard 90.1 has been incorporated into the BOCA National Building Code, the SBCCI Standard Building Code, and the CABO Model Energy Code.

The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) has been designed to be compatible with the entire family of International Codes published by the International Code Council (ICC). One should check how this International Energy Conservation Code will impact each state’s thermal requirements for both residential and commercial construction.

Specifications for KORFIL and ICON Insulated Concrete Masonry Units and the KORFIL Hi-R Wall System

1. Description

In writing specifications, please select, as applicable, the products shown in brackets: Insulation shall be [KORFIL Block Insulation] [KORFIL Hi-R Insulation] [ICON Universal Inserts], as produced by Concrete Block Insulating Systems, Inc. The expanded polystyrene shall be individually molded to have a minimum density of 1.3 P.C.F., and shall conform to ASTM C578 Standard Type X.

2. Scope

The walls to be insulated shall be as noted and shown on drawings and schedules.

3. Installation

Inserts shall be installed in the cores of blocks at the Block Producer’s Plant so that blocks with inserts already installed are delivered to the job site. Inserts shall be properly installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications to allow blocks to be handled without danger of insert dislodgment.

4. General Requirements

Expanded Polystyrene Insulation, like all foamed plastic, is classified as combustible. During storage and installation, observe good fire safety practices. Blocks containing damaged or mutilated inserts will not be accepted.

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