Fiber Glass Building Insulation

1. PRODUCT NAME
CertainTeed Fiber Glass Building Insulation

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3. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

**Basic Use:** Fiber Glass Building Insulation is intended for use in either residential or commercial construction as thermal and acoustical insulation in ceilings, walls and floors.

The product is available unfaced or kraft faced and is designed for use in standard wood stud and steel frame assemblies.

**Benefits:** Installing Fiber Glass Building Insulation is an easy, cost effective method to help conserve energy in the residential and commercial new construction, remodeling and reinstallation markets. In addition to its thermal properties, Fiber Glass Building Insulation provides excellent acoustical performance. It is compression packaged for ease of handling, and its broad availability of R-Values, sizes and facings ensures the right product for the job.

**Composition and Materials:** The product is composed of yellow, uniformly textured, inorganic fibrous glass.

**Sizes:** Available standard sizes are listed in the table at left. Contact CertainTeed for non-standard sizes.

**Limitations:** The National Electrical Code prohibits installation of any insulation over or within 3" (76 mm) of recessed light fixtures, unless approved insulated ceiling (IC) lighting fixtures are used. Standard kraft facing is flammable and should not be left exposed. Kraft faced insulation must be installed behind and in substantial contact with the unexposed surface of the ceiling, floor or wall finish. Special care should be taken when working with an open flame. Where a flame spread rating of 25 is required, insulation must
be unfaced or have an FSK (flame-resistant foil) facing. Because of potential skin irritation, unfaced building insulation should not be installed in an exposed area where it will be subject to human contact. All building insulation should be kept dry. Wet fiber glass insulation will lose its effectiveness until it dries. Fiber glass will often dry naturally and regain its original R-Value. However, under conditions where the insulation will not dry thoroughly it should be removed and allowed to dry or be replaced.

4. TECHNICAL DATA

Applicable Standards:
- Model Building Codes:
  - ICC
  - New York City - MEA 18-80-M, unfaced.
  - New York - NYS UFPBC Article 15.
  - California and Minnesota Quality Standards.
- Material Standards:
  - (ASTM C665), Type I, unfaced.
  - (ASTM C665), Type II, Class C, Category 1, kraft faced.
- Fire Resistance:
  - Fire Hazard Classification:
    - (ASTM E84)
    - Unfaced Insulation: Max. Flame Spread Index: 25.
    - Max. Smoke Developed Index: 50.
    - Kraft faced insulation: Not rated.
- Noncombustibility:
  - (ASTM E136)
  - Unfaced insulation: Pass

5. INSTALLATION

For most areas, vapor retarders should be installed on the warm-in-winter side of the insulation (toward the interior). Check with local practice and building codes. CertainTeed insulation is not intended to be installed with the facing placed toward the exterior of the building.

Installation in wood framing:
- Studs—Faced insulation fits between wood studs with flanges stapled either to the faces or sides of the studs. Pull flanges taut while stapling every 8”–12” (203–305 mm) to prevent gaps. Unfaced rigid fit insulation is friction fit between studs.
- Ceiling joists—Faced insulation is placed between joists with vapor retarder facing down. Flanges can be stapled to bottom faces or sides of joists if insulation is installed before ceiling finish. Only unfaced insulation is installed over existing insulation.
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Cathedral Ceilings—Faced insulation with vapor retarder facing down is stapled between the rafters. A 1” air space is recommended between insulation and roof sheathing. If unfaced insulation is used, a separate vapor retarder should be installed where required.

Installation in steel framing:
- Standard practice for installing fiber glass batts in steel studs is to friction fit batts into stud cavities. When batts completely fill stud cavities they are constrained by studs at their edges and by wall facings front and rear. For faced product, use tabless batts or leave stapling flanges folded.
- When fiber glass batts are installed in steel ceiling or floor joists or rafters from below, they must be supported with wire or a ceiling finish material.
- Ventilation and vapor retarder requirements are the same as with wood framing.

6. AVAILABILITY AND COST

Manufactured and sold throughout North America. For availability and cost, contact your local contractor, retailer or distributor, or call CertainTeed Sales Support Group at 800-233-8990.

7. WARRANTY

Refer to CertainTeed’s Lifetime Limited Warranty for Fiber Glass Building Insulation (30-21-1321).

8. MAINTENANCE

No maintenance required.

9. TECHNICAL SERVICES

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