

### 1. PRODUCT NAME

Airboard™ Insulation + Vapor Barrier

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### 3. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Airboard™ combines closed cell Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) rigid insulation with advanced polymeric facers for fast installation and excellent durability. The reflective metallic facers can boost the effective insulation value, if installed like a radiant heat barrier against dead air space. Airboards are vapor barriers and serve as an air barrier when the seams, penetrations and transitions are properly sealed. **Basic Use:** Continuous Rigid Insulation + Vapor Barrier for new construction & retrofits of foundation walls, concrete slabs, interior of above-grade walls (in heating climates), floors, frost walls, crawl-spaces, cathedral ceilings, attics, radiant floor heating systems, snow melt and de-icing systems and more in residential, commercial, and industrial buildings.



### 4. TECHNICAL DATA

#### Code Compliance

Airboard™ is third-party certified and complies with:

- National Building Code of Canada (NBCC): CAN/ULC-S701 Type 2
- IRC/IBC requirements for foamed plastic insulation: ASTM C578 Type II

#### Material Properties

Airboards are 4' x 8' [1.22m x 2.44m] with thicknesses from 1" to 6" [25-152mm] packed in bundles up to 12" high. The EPS insulation core is laminated on both sides with 1 mil [25.4µm] metallic reflective facers made of biaxially oriented polypropylene (BOPP) and other polymers. EPS is closed cell foam insulation that uses air as main ingredient. Airboard™ Insulation meets the requirements of CAN/ULC-S701 "Standard for Thermal Insulation, Polystyrene, Boards and Pipe Covering" and ASTM C578 "Standard Specification for Rigid, Cellular Polystyrene Thermal Insulation".

Airboard™ products exhibit the typical physical properties indicated in Table 1 and below when tested as represented. Insulation values for given thicknesses are listed in Table 2.

#### Applicable Standards

- ASTM C177 - Standard Test Method for Steady-State Heat Flux Measurements and Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Guarded-Hot-Plate Apparatus
- ASTM C203 - Standard Test Methods for Breaking Load and Flexural Properties of Block-Type Thermal Insulation
- ASTM C303 - Standard Test Method for Dimensions and Density of Preformed Block and Board—Type Thermal Insulation

- ASTM C518 - Standard Test Method for Steady-State Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Heat Flow Meter Apparatus
- ASTM C578 - Standard Specification for Rigid, Cellular Polystyrene Thermal Insulation
- ASTM C1338 - Standard Test Method for Determining Fungi Resistance of Insulation Materials and Facings
- ASTM C1512 - Standard Test Method for Characterizing the Effect of Exposure to Environmental Cycling on Thermal Performance of Insulation Products
- ASTM D1621 - Standard Test Method for Compressive Properties of Rigid Cellular Plastics
- ASTM D1622 - Standard Test Method for Apparent Density of Rigid Cellular Plastics
- ASTM D2126 - Standard Test Method for Response of Rigid Cellular Plastics to Thermal and Humid Aging
- ASTM D2863 - Standard Test Method for Measuring the Minimum Oxygen Concentration to Support Candle-Like Combustion of Plastics (Oxygen Index)
- ASTM D2842 - Standard Test Method for Water Absorption of Rigid Cellular Plastics
- ASTM E84 - Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials
- ASTM E96 - Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials
- ASTM E119 - Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Material
- ASTM E2178 - Standard Test Method for Air Permeance of Building Materials
- CAN/ULC-S101 - Standard Methods of Fire Endurance Tests of Building Construction and Materials
- CAN/ULC-S102 - Standard Method of Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of building Materials and Assemblies
- CAN/ULC-S701 - Standard for Thermal Insulation, Polystyrene, Boards & Pipe Covering
- NFPA 285 - Standard Fire Test Method for Evaluation of Fire Propagation Characteristics of Exterior Wall Assemblies Containing Combustible Components

TABLE 1. Airboard™ VB 160 Insulation + Vapor Barrier

Property	Units	Type 160	Test Std.	
Third-Party Certified EPS Type	Canada USA	2 II	CAN/ULC-S701 ASTM C578	
Compressive Resistance <sup>1,4</sup> @ 10% Deformation, minimum	psi kPa	16 110	ASTM D1621 Proc.A	
Thermal Resistance <sup>1,2,3</sup> minimum				
R-Value per inch thickness	ft <sup>2</sup> •hr•°F/ (BTU•in)	@25°F: 4.6 @40°F: 4.4 @75°F: 4.04	ASTM C518 or C177	
RSI per 25mm thickness	m <sup>2</sup> •°C/ (W•25mm)	@ -4°C: 0.81 @ 4°C: 0.77 @24°C: 0.7		
Water Vapor Permeance <sup>1,2</sup> tested at 1 inch thickness	perms ng/(Pa•s•m <sup>2</sup> )	0.13 7.4	ASTM E96 Proc.A desiccant	
Air Permeance <sup>2,a</sup> tested at 1 inch thickness	CFM/ft <sup>2</sup> at 1.57 psf l/(s•m <sup>2</sup> ) at 75 Pa	0.0002 0.001	ASTM E2178	
EPS Flexural Strength <sup>1</sup> minimum	psi kPa	35 240	ASTM C203 Proc.B	
EPS Water Absorption <sup>1,5</sup> maximum	% by Volume	3	ASTM D2842	
Dimensional Stability <sup>1</sup>	% linear change max.	1.5	ASTM D2126, 7 Days @ 70±2°C	

<sup>1</sup> The test methods used to determine the material properties provide a means of comparing different cellular plastic thermal insulations. They are intended for use in specifications, product evaluations and quality control but they are not intended to predict end-use product performance.

<sup>2</sup> Values are for 1 inch or 25mm thick samples with laminated skins intact and seams, fasteners & penetrations properly sealed. Better values will result for thicker materials.

<sup>3</sup> R means resistance to heat flow. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating power.

<sup>4</sup> The elastic limit is between 1% and 2% strain. Compressive resistances at 10% strain are provided for applications where the intended end-use can tolerate plastic (permanent) deformation under load.

<sup>5</sup> The lab-test method for water absorption uses complete submersion under a head of water for 96 hours, so the values are applicable to specific design requirements only when the end-use conditions are similar to test method requirements.

<sup>a</sup> not part of the industry consensus standards (ASTM C578, CAN/ULC-S701) and provided AS-IS solely for informational purposes.

### Environment Data

EPS has much lower environmental impacts than most other foamed plastic insulation materials. The **Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)** has been certified by UL Environment and is available on [www.airfoam.com](http://www.airfoam.com).

Airboard™ EPS may contain up to 30% pre-consumer recycled content. Airboard™ EPS **resists mold & fungi** growth per ASTM C1338 and has no nutritional value for insects. To protect against termites place adequate physical barriers such as membranes around below-grade EPS.

**Max. service temperature:** Long-Term Exposure 75°C [167°F]; Intermittent Exposure 80°C [176°F].

**Thermal expansion coefficient:** 5-7 • 10<sup>-5</sup>/°K

**Capillarity:** None.

### Surface Burning Characteristics

- Canada CAN/ULC-S102.2: Flame-Spread Rating ≤290, Smoke Developed Classification over 500
- USA ASTM E84 (UL 723)<sup>3</sup>: FSI ≤25, SDI ≤450 up to 6" thick
- Limiting Oxygen Index: min. 24% per ASTM D2863. Airfoam's EPS for construction applications contains a polymeric (non-HBCD) flame-retardant modifier.

<sup>3</sup> Ceiling measurement only, conducted through determination of flame spread index and smoke developed index with the removal of any contribution of molten materials ignited on the floor of the Steiner tunnel.

### Fire Protection

**CAUTION:** This product is combustible. Keep away from high heat and ignition sources. A protective barrier or a thermal barrier is required as specified in the appropriate building code.

¾ Hour Fire Rating for a Composite Wall Assembly with EPS Continuous Insulation per CAN/ULC-S101, ASTM E119.

Meets NFPA 285 with specific limitations for an exterior wall assembly with EPS Continuous Insulation.

For more information consult the SDS ([www.airfoam.com/SDS.pdf](http://www.airfoam.com/SDS.pdf)), your engineer, local building department or call Airfoam at 800.663.8162.

### Solubility & Incompatibility

Insoluble in water and in general chemically inert. EPS dissolves in hydrocarbons (e.g. fuels, oils, tar), organic solvents (e.g. acetone/ketones, benzene, paint thinner), ethers, esters, aldehydes and amines. The facers made of biaxially oriented polypropylene (BOPP) and polyethylene are incompatible with strong oxidizing agents, many hydrocarbons and aromatics.

## 5. INSTALLATION

Install Airboards in compliance with all applicable building codes. Airboard™ is easy to handle and install and can be cut with a utility knife or any sharp blade. Butt edges and ends tightly to adjacent boards. Ensure compatibility of any other product (such as adhesives, tapes, coatings or finishes) with Expanded Polystyrene and polypropylene/polyethylene facers. Airboard™ Insulation is a non-structural material. Airboard™ Insulation shall only be placed into an assembly where the moisture transport mechanisms are well understood and determined to be acceptable in accordance with accepted engineering practice (e.g. current ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals).

For safe handling and storage information refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) at [www.airfoam.com/SDS.pdf](http://www.airfoam.com/SDS.pdf) or request a printed copy.

**GHS Classification:** Non-Hazardous

**UV-Light Degradation:** Airboard™ Insulation can be exposed to direct sunlight for a few days. Prolonged exposure to ultraviolet light can degrade the facers and EPS.

Contact us or access the technical library at [www.airfoam.com](http://www.airfoam.com) for more specific installation instructions.

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**TABLE 2. Airboard™ VB 160 Thermal Resistance Properties by Thickness**

Material Thickness		R-Value <sup>1</sup> ft <sup>2</sup> •hr•°F/BTU	Rsi <sup>1</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> •°C)/W
1"	25.4mm	4.04	0.70
1.5"	38.1mm	6.06	1.05
2"	50.8mm	8.08	1.40
2.5"	63.5mm	10.1	1.75
3"	76.2mm	12.1	2.10
4"	101.6mm	16.2	2.80
5"	127mm	20.2	3.50
6"	152.4mm	24.2	4.20

<sup>1</sup> Taken at 75°F [24°C]

## 6. AVAILABILITY

Airboard™ is supplied from Surrey BC through our extensive distribution network. For product availability or to get in touch with your local distributor, call Airfoam at 800.663.8162 or +1.604.534.8626.

## 7. WARRANTY

Airfoam offers a limited product warranty for defective products. Please visit [www.airfoam.com/terms](http://www.airfoam.com/terms) for Terms and Conditions of Sale.

## 8. MAINTENANCE

No maintenance is required in normal use. EPS insulation that became wet can be dried out within reasonable times per ASTM C1512 tests using adequate drainage and/or ventilation.

## 9. TECHNICAL SERVICES

Airfoam can provide technical information and support to help address questions when using Airboard™ EPS Insulation. Technical personnel are available to assist with any insulation project. For technical assistance, contact Airfoam at:

Online: [www.airfoam.com/EPS-Insulation-Support.php](http://www.airfoam.com/EPS-Insulation-Support.php)

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## 10. FILING SYSTEM

Airboard™ Technical Specifications filed at: [www.airfoam.com](http://www.airfoam.com)



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