

# EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (EPS) INSULATION BOARD SPECIFICATIONS

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## 1. SCOPE

- 1.1 This specification covers the type, physical properties and dimensions of Expanded Polystyrene Insulation Board intended for use in Dryvit Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS).
- 1.2 The use of the Expanded Polystyrene Insulation Board covered by this specification is regulated by building codes.

## 2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

- 2.1 ASTM Standards:
  - C 578 – Standard Specification for Rigid, Cellular Polystyrene Thermal Insulation
  - D 1623 – Standard Test Method for Tensile and Tensile Adhesion Properties of Rigid Cellular Plastics
  - D 2863 – Standard Test Method for Measuring the Minimum Oxygen Concentration to Support Candle-Like Combustion of Plastics (Oxygen Index)
  - E 84 – Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials
  - E 2430 – Standard Specification for Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Thermal Insulation Boards for Use in Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS)
- 2.2 Dryvit Systems, Inc. Requirements for Insulation Board Suppliers
- 2.3 Quality Control Standards Requirements
  - 2.3.1 Quality Control Manual and Inspection Procedures for Molders Supplying Dryvit Systems, Inc.
  - 2.3.2 ICC-ES AC12 – Acceptance Criteria for Foam Plastic Insulation
- 2.4 Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement for Insulation Board Suppliers

## 3. TERMINOLOGY

- 3.1 Description of terms specific to this specification.
  - 3.1.1 Dryvit Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EIFS) - a nonload bearing exterior wall cladding system consisting of an insulation board, an adhesive and/or mechanical attachment of the insulation board to the substrate, an integrally reinforced base coat on the face of the insulation board, a protective finish applied to the surface of the base coat and applicable accessories that interact to form an energy-efficient exterior wall.
  - 3.1.2 EPS - Expanded Polystyrene Insulation Board, which is affixed to the substrate and creates a layer of continuous insulation.
  - 3.1.3 PB System - a class of EIFS where the base coat varies in thickness depending on the number of layers or thickness of reinforcing material. The thickness can range from a nominal 1/16 in (1.6 mm) to 1/4 in (6.4 mm). The reinforcing material is typically glass fiber mesh, which is embedded in the base coat at the time of installation.
  - 3.1.4 PM System - A class of EIFS where the reinforcing material is typically glass fiber mesh, which is applied over the insulation board and mechanically fastened to the substrate. The base coat is applied over the reinforcing mesh at a nominal thickness of 3/16 in (4.8 mm) to 1/4 in (6.4 mm) and contains fiber reinforcement.

## 4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 This specification covers Type I Expanded Polystyrene Insulation Board (as defined by ASTM C 578) intended for use in Dryvit Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS).

## 5. ORDERING INFORMATION

- 5.1 Standard board sizes. The following are nominal dimensions. See Section 8 for dimensions and permissible variations. Specify:
  - 5.1.1 Thickness: 3/4 in (19 mm) min.
  - 5.1.2 Width: 24 in (610 mm)
  - 5.1.3 Length: 48 in (1219 mm) for PB Systems; 96 in (2438 mm) for PM Systems
- 5.2 Number of pieces and thickness required
- 5.3 Job name
- 5.4 Job address
- 5.5 Shipping address
- 5.6 Required delivery date
- 5.7 Contractor name
- 5.8 Contractor address
- 5.9 Billing information
- 5.10 Certificate of Compliance
- 5.11 Special Shapes

- 5.11.1 In addition to the ordering information required in Sections 5.1 through 5.10 above, dimensioned drawings or sketches shall be furnished for all special shapes.
- 5.12 All requests for insulation boards larger than the standard sizes or thicker than 4 in (102 mm) listed in Sections 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 above must be approved in writing by Dryvit Systems, Inc. Engineering Services Department.
- 5.13 EIF System to be used.

## 6. MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURE

- 6.1 Insulation board shall be molded closed cell in compliance with ASTM E 2430 and ASTM C 578 Type I. The boards shall be covered by Quality Control Manual and Inspection Procedures for Molders Supplying Dryvit Systems, Inc. or an ICC-ES report demonstrating compliance to the requirements of ICC-ES AC10.
- 6.2 Insulation board shall meet the oxygen index, flammability and smoke development requirements of this specification. See Table I. The boards shall be covered by third party certification of flame spread and smoke development requirements.

## 7. PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

### 7.1 Inspection Requirements

7.1.1 In accordance with the Third Party Certification and Quality Assurance Program. Third party certification shall include ASTM C 578, ASTM E 2430, and flame spread/smoke development.

7.1.2 As otherwise deemed necessary by Dryvit Systems, Inc.

7.1.3 Physical properties shall be in accordance with Table I. Tensile strength values are only required to be evaluated at the beginning of the program.

### 7.2 Qualification Requirements

7.2.1 All dimensional requirements are described in Section 8.

7.2.2 All workmanship, finish and appearance requirements are described in Section 9.

7.2.3 Combustibility Characteristics - Insulation board is an organic material and is, therefore, combustible. It should not be exposed to flames or other ignition sources. The values obtained by ASTM D 2863 and ASTM E 84/UL723 do not necessarily indicate or describe the fire risk of the materials in end use configuration and are used in this specification primarily to distinguish between insulation formulated with flame retardants and those not so formulated.

7.2.4 Molded billets shall be dimensionally stable prior to being cut into boards or special shapes. Molded billet conditioning shall comply with ASTM E 2430.

**NOTE: Suppliers furnishing insulation board or shapes conditioned under ASTM E 2430 Section 4.1.9.2 shall advise Dryvit Systems, Inc. and the Third Party Certification and Quality Assurance Agency in writing. The Block Molders plant shall be inspected by the Third Party Certification and Quality Assurance Agency and approved by Dryvit Systems, Inc. prior to the use of this conditioning method.**

## 8. DIMENSIONS AND PERMISSIBLE VARIATIONS

8.1 Insulation board covered by this specification shall conform to the nominal dimensions in Section 5.1.

### 8.2 Dimensional Tolerances:

Length:  $\pm 1/16$  in ( $\pm 1.6$  mm)

Width:  $\pm 1/16$  in ( $\pm 1.6$  mm)

Thickness:  $3/4$  in (19 mm) to 1 in (25 mm)  $\pm 1/16$  in ( $\pm 1.6$  mm); greater than 1 in (25 mm)  $\pm 1/16$  in ( $\pm 1.6$  mm)

8.3 Edge Trueness - Unless otherwise specified and approved by Dryvit Systems, Inc., insulation board shall be furnished with true edges. Edges shall not deviate more than  $1/32$  in (0.8 mm) in 12 in (305 mm).

8.4 Face Flatness - Insulation board shall be furnished flat and shall not exhibit any bowing of more than  $1/32$  in (0.8 mm) in the length.

8.5 Squareness - Insulation board shall not deviate from squareness by more than  $1/32$  in (0.8 mm) in 12 in (305 mm) of total length or width.

## 9. WORKMANSHIP, FINISH AND APPEARANCE AT TIME OF DELIVERY

9.1 Defects - Insulation board shall have no defects that will adversely affect its service qualities. It shall be of uniform texture and free from foreign inclusions, broken edges or corners, slits or objectionable odors.

9.2 Crushing and Depressions - Insulation board shall have no crushed or depressed areas on any surface exceeding  $1/16$  in (1.6 mm) in depth on more than 5% of the total surface area.

9.3 Voids - Insulation board shall have no more than 8 voids having dimensions larger than  $1/8$  in (3.2 mm) x  $1/8$  in (3.2 mm) x  $1/8$  in (3.2 mm) per 8 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.74 m<sup>2</sup>) of surface area.

9.4 Projections - Insulation board shall be free of surface projects or wire marks in excess of  $1/16$  in (1.6 mm).

**10. SAMPLING AND INSPECTION**

- 10.1 Sampling shall be in accordance with the Third Party Certification and Quality Assurance Program.
- 10.2 As otherwise deemed necessary by Dryvit Systems, Inc.

**11. REJECTION**

- 11.1 Material that fails to conform to the requirements of this specification shall be rejected.
  - 11.1.1 Rejection shall be reported in writing within five (5) days to the producer or supplier and Dryvit Systems, Inc.
- 11.2 The insulation board supplier may resubmit rejected materials after removal of that portion not conforming to this specification.
  - 11.2.1 The reinspection and resubmittal shall be completed within three (3) days of notification by telephone or written communication.

**12. CERTIFICATION**

- 12.1 Upon request, certification of compliance with this specification shall promptly be forwarded to Dryvit Systems, Inc. or their designee.

**NOTE: See Appendix A for sample certification format.**

**13. PRODUCT MARKING**

- 13.1 Insulation boards shall be marked (stamped) in accordance with the requirements of this section.
  - 13.1.1 Each board shall be marked on one edge.
  - 13.1.2 In addition, one board in each package shall be marked on both faces.
- 13.2 Stamp design and layout shall be in accordance with the requirements of the applicable building code.

**NOTE: Suppliers may add their company name if they so desire.**

**14. PACKAGING**

- 14.1 All insulation boards shall be packaged in polyethylene bags as required by Dryvit Systems, Inc.
- 14.2 Alternate methods of packaging shall be submitted to Dryvit Systems, Inc. and approved in writing prior to use.
- 14.3 The supplier shall mark the lot number on each package as required.

**15. INDEMNIFICATION**

- 15.1 Insulation board supplier shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless Dryvit Systems, Inc. for any loss, cost or damage incurred by Dryvit Systems, Inc. as a result of the Insulation Board Supplier's and/or the insulation board's failure to meet these specifications.

Information contained in this specification conforms to Dryvit Systems, Inc.'s requirements as of the date of publication of this document. To ensure that you are using the latest, most complete information, contact Dryvit Systems, Inc. at:

One Energy Way  
West Warwick, RI 02893  
(401) 822-4100

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TABLE I

## Properties and Requirements of EPS for Use in Dryvit EIFS

Classification (ASTM C 578)	Type 1
Density, lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.95 (15.2) min. 1.25 (20.0) max.
Thermal Resistance of 1.00 in (25 mm) thickness, min. F·ft <sup>2</sup> ·h/Btu (K·m <sup>2</sup> /W)	
40 °F (4.4 °C)	4.00 (0.70)
75 °F (23.9 °C)	3.60 (0.63)
Compressive strength, min., psi (kPa)	10.0 (69)
Tensile strength, min., psi (kPa)	15.0 (103)
Flexural strength, min., psi (kPa)	25.0 (172)
Water vapor permeance of 1.00 in (25 mm) thickness, max., perm (ng/Pa·s·m <sup>2</sup> )	5.0 (287)
Water absorption by total immersion, max., volume %	4.0
Dimensional stability (change in dimensions), max. %	2.0
Oxygen index, min., volume %	24.0
Flame spread, max.	25.0
Smoke development, max.	450
Board thickness, Class PB and PM	
Maximum	See Note*
Minimum	3/4 in (19 mm)
Board width, max.	
Class PB	24 in (610 mm)
Class PM	24 in (610 mm)
Board length, max.	
Class PB	48 in (1219 mm)
Class PM	96 in (2438 mm)

\* **NOTE: Contact Dryvit System, Inc. Engineering Department for thicknesses exceeding 4 inches.**

**APPENDIX A**

(To be typed on supplier's letterhead.)

Dryvit Systems, Inc.  
One Energy Way  
West Warwick, RI 02893

Attention:  
RE: Insulation Board Certification

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to certify that the Expanded Polystyrene Insulation Board supplied to the above-referenced project meets the requirements of the current edition of the "Dryvit Specification for Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Insulation Board" published by Dryvit Systems, Inc.

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Owner, Principal or Corporate Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Distributor  
Contractor

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