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**Trade name of the construction product:**

INSTASOFT

**Product family to which the construction product belongs:**

Acoustic and thermal insulation products

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  - Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1062/2013<sup>2</sup> of 30 October 2013 on the format of the European Technical Assessment for construction products
  - European Assessment Document (EAD) : 040831-01-1201
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<sup>1</sup> OJEU, L 88 of 2011/04/04

<sup>2</sup> OJEU, L 289 of 2013/10/31

## Technical Provisions

### 1 Technical description of the product

#### 1.1 General

This ETA is being issued for the products specified on the cover page, on the basis of agreed data/information, deposited with the UBAtc, which identifies the products that have been assessed and judged. Changes to the product/production process, which could result in the deposited data/information being incorrect, should be notified to the UBAtc before the changes are introduced. The UBAtc will decide whether or not such changes affect the ETA and, if so, whether further assessment/alterations to the ETA, shall be necessary.



#### 1.2 Description of the construction product

The construction product is made of bonded foam, based on recycled polyurethane flakes. The construction product is supplied in the form of rolls and/or slabs and contains a mixture of different materials such as PU foam flakes (recyclates) and fibres.

The bonded foam is typically composed of:

- Recycled polyurethane:  $(80 \pm 5)\%$  (recyclates)
- Polyester low-melting fibres:  $(20 \pm 5)\%$  (this material comes from raw material sourcing but can be recycled from production of the bonded foam)

By 'recyclates' is meant: production and end-of-life waste having undergone recovery operations.

The assessed product is a slab with a nominal density of 80 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, a nominal thickness of 40 mm and has no facings.

The glue referred to in this ETA, is not covered by this ETA.

### 2 Specification of the intended use(s) in accordance with the applicable EAD

#### 2.1 Intended uses

The bonded foam is intended to be used as acoustic and thermal insulation for internal lining and partition applications and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation manual.

The product shall only be installed in areas where it is not exposed to wetting, weathering, condensation, wind or compression load.

The product shall be protected from precipitation, wetting or weathering during transport, storage and installation.

This European Technical Assessment does not cover the complete or finished insulation system. National design specifications and codes of practice and regulations apply.

#### 2.2 Working life/Durability

The provisions made in this ETA are based on the assumed working life of the bonded foam for an intended use of 25 years when installed in the works, provided that the bonded foam is subject to appropriate installation.

The indications given as to the working life of the construction product cannot be interpreted as a guarantee either given by the product manufacturer or by the UBAtc, but are regarded only as means for expressing the expected economically reasonable working life of the product.

### 3 Performance of the product and references to the methods used for its assessment

#### 3.1 Mechanical resistance and stability (BWR1)

Not applicable.

#### 3.2 Safety in case of fire (BWR 2)

##### 3.2.1 Reaction to fire

Classification according to EN 13501-1 and the mounting and fixing rules given in EN 15715.

The table below specifies the reaction to fire class that applies for the bonded foam in function of its end use application.

No performance was assessed for the bonded foam as such.

End use application	Reaction to fire class
Substrate: all types of substrate (including combustible types, e.g. particle board).	B-s1, d0
Surface product: all non-combustible mineral surface products of Euro classes A1 and A2 with a minimal thickness of 12 mm.	
Fixing: the bonded foam is bonded between the surface product and the substrate, using Recticel glue for acoustic insulation boards.	

#### 3.3 Hygiene, health and the environment (BWR 3)

##### 3.3.1 Content, emission and/or release of dangerous substances

The following scenarios for the intended use are applicable:

- IA2: Product with indirect contact to indoor air
- IA3: Product with no contact to indoor air
- S/W3: Product with no contact to soil-, ground- and surface water

Assessment of the release of VOC and SVOC according to the relevant parts of the EN ISO 16000 series of standards and according to CEN/TS 16516. The classification criteria for VOC and SVOC, as stated in EOTA TR 034 are taken into account.

The correspondence with the limit values specified in the following Member State's regulation, as declared by the manufacturer, has been verified by UBAtc by means of representative sampling and testing.

Belgium Belgian Royal Decree of 4/05/2014		
Compound	CAS no	Limit values [µg/m³]
R	-	≤ 1
TVOC	-	≤ 1000
TSVOC	-	≤ 100
Carcinogenic substances of categories 1A and 1B	-	≤ 1
Acetaldehyde	75-07-0	≤ 200
Toluene	108-88-3	≤ 300
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	≤ 100

France - Emission class A+ Decree 2011-321 of March 2011 and Order of 19 April 2011		
Compound	CAS no	Limit values for emission class A+ [µg/m³]
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	< 10
Acetaldehyde	75-07-0	< 200
Toluene	108-88-3	< 300
Tetrachloroethylene	127-18-4	< 250
Xylene	1330-20-7	< 200
1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene	95-63-6	< 1000
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	106-46-7	< 60
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	< 750
2-Butoxyethanol	111-76-2	< 1000
Styrene	100-42-5	< 250
TVOC	-	< 1000
Benzene	71-43-2	< 1
Trichloroethylene	79-01-6	< 1
DBP, Dibutylphthalate	84-74-2	< 1
DEHP, Diethylhexylphthalate	117-81-7	< 1

#### 3.4 Safety and accessibility in use (BWR 4)

Not applicable.

#### 3.5 Protection against noise (BWR 5)

##### 3.5.1 Airflow resistance

Assessment according to EN ISO 9053-1.

Performance:  $R_s = 417 \text{ Pa.s/m}$

##### 3.5.2 Sound absorption

Assessment according to EN 13165, clause 4.3.10, and according to EN ISO 354 and EN ISO 11654.

Measuring setup according to type A-mounting as described in EN ISO 354, Annex B.

Performance:  $\alpha_w = 0,65$

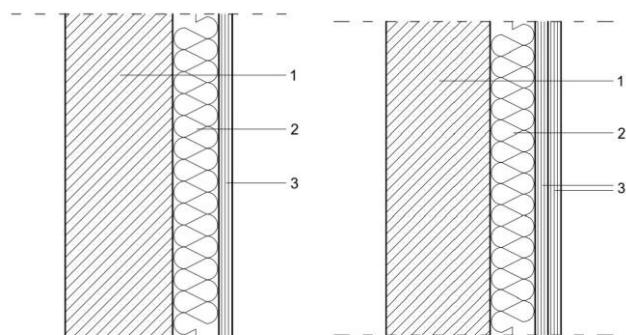
##### 3.5.3 Airborne sound insulation

Assessment according to EN ISO 10140-2 and EN ISO 10140-5 and classification of the results according to EN ISO 717-1.

The assessed constructions consisted in a 100 mm thick wall made of aerated concrete blocks, to which bonded foam thickness 40 mm was glued, and covered with a single and a double layer of 12,5 mm thick plasterboard (also glued). See figure 1.

The following glue was used: Glue for acoustic insulation boards by Recticel Insulation.

**Figure 1: The assessed constructions for airborne sound insulation**



- 1: 100 mm aerated concrete blocks (density ca. 64 kg/m³)  
2: 40 mm bonded foam  
3: 12,5 mm plasterboard (density ca. 12,5 kg/m²)

The weighted sound reduction index,  $\Delta R_w$ , = 9 dB for the variant with 1 plasterboard.

The weighted sound reduction index,  $\Delta R_w$ , = 14 dB for the variant with 2 plasterboards.

### 3.6 Energy economy and heat retention (BWR 6)

#### 3.6.1 Tensile strength perpendicular to faces

Assessment according to EN 13165, clause 4.3.5, and according to EN 1607.

Performance: TR40 ( $\geq 40$  kPa)

#### 3.6.2 Geometry

##### 3.6.2.1 Length and width

Assessment according to EN 13165, clause 4.2.2, and according to EN 822.

Tolerances on length and width:

Dimensions (mm)	Tolerances (mm)
< 1000	$\pm 5$
1000 to 2000	$\pm 7,5$
2001 to 4000	$\pm 10$

##### 3.6.2.2 Thickness

Assessment according to EN 13165, clause 4.2.3, and according to EN 823.

Performance: T2 ( $40 \pm 2$  mm)

##### 3.6.2.3 Squareness

Assessment according to EN 13165, clause 4.2.4, and according to EN 824.

Performance: deviation from squareness on length and width,  $S_b, \leq 5$  mm/m

#### 3.6.2.4 Flatness

Assessment according to EN 13165, clause 4.2.5, and according to EN 825.

The deviation from flatness,  $S_{max}, \leq 5$  mm (surface area  $\leq 0,75$  m²) and  $\leq 10$  mm (area  $> 0,75$  m²).

#### 3.6.3 Density

Assessment according to EN 13165, clause E.7, and according to EN 1602.

Performance: ( $80 \pm 5$ ) kg/m³

#### 3.6.4 Water vapour transmission

No performance assessed.

#### 3.6.5 Dimensional stability

Assessment according to EN 1603.

Test conditions: 23°C / 50% relative humidity.

Performance: DS(N)2 ( $\Delta \epsilon_{l,b} \pm 0,2\%$ )

#### 3.6.6 Water absorption

No performance assessed.

#### 3.6.7 Thermal conductivity

Assessment according to EN 12667.

The declared thermal conductivity is determined on the basis of the statistical value of thermal conductivity,  $\lambda_{90/90}$ .

The declared thermal conductivity is given at a mean temperature of 10°C and with a moisture content equal to the one in equilibrium with air at 23°C and relative humidity of 50%.

Performance:  $\lambda_D = 0,037$  W/m.K

### 3.7 Sustainable use of natural resources (BWR 7)

Not applicable.

## 4 Assessment and verification of constancy of performance (AVCP) system applied, with reference to its legal base

For the products covered by EAD 040831-01-1201, the applicable European legal act is Decision<sup>3</sup> 1999/91/EC of the European Commission for thermal insulating products, as amended by Decision<sup>4</sup> 2001/596/EC of 8 January 2001 and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/364<sup>5</sup>. The systems to be applied has been specified in the table below.

**Table 1: System of assessment and verification of constancy of performance applicable to the products covered by EAD 040831-01-1201**

Product(s)	Intended use(s)	Level(s) or class(es) (reaction to fire)	System(s) of assessment and verification of constancy of performance <sup>(1)</sup>
Thermal insulation products	Any	-	3
	For uses subject to reaction to fire regulations	(A1, A2, B, C)*	1
		(A1, A2, B, C)**, D, E	3
		(A1 to F)***, NPD****	4

(1) Systems 1, 3 and 4: see Regulation (EU) N° 305/2011, Annex V

\* Products/materials for which a clearly identifiable stage in the production process results in an improvement of the reaction to fire classification (e.g. an addition of fire retardants or a limiting of organic material).

\*\* Products/materials not covered by footnote (\*).

\*\*\* Products/materials that do not require to be tested for reaction to fire (e.g. products/materials of classes A1 according to Commission Decision 96/603/EC, as amended).

\*\*\*\* 'No performance declared' in accordance with Regulation (EU) N° 305/2011, Article 6(f).

## 5 Technical details necessary for the implementation of the AVCP system

### 5.1 Tasks of the manufacturer – Factory production control

#### 5.1.1 General

The manufacturer shall establish, document and maintain a FPC system to ensure that the products are placed on the market conform to the stated performance characteristics. The FPC system shall consist of procedures, regular inspections and tests and/or assessments and the use of the results to control raw and other incoming materials or components, equipment, the production process and the product.

The results of inspections, tests or assessments requiring action shall be recorded, as shall any action taken. The action to be taken when control values or criteria are not met shall be recorded.

### 5.1.2 Equipment

All weighing, measuring and testing equipment shall be calibrated and regularly inspected according to documented procedures, frequencies and criteria.

### 5.1.3 Raw materials and components

The specifications of all incoming raw materials and components shall be documented, as shall the inspection scheme for ensuring their conformity.

### 5.1.4 Non-conforming products

In the event of any non-conformity of any product, that product shall be placed into quarantine and action taken to rectify the cause of the non-conformity. Products may not subsequently be dispatched until the problem has been resolved.

### 5.1.5 Tests and frequencies

All the elements, requirements and provisions adopted by the manufacturer are documented in a systematic manner in the form of written policies and procedures. This production control system ensures that the product is in conformity with the European Technical Assessment (ETA).

### 5.2 Tasks of the notified body - Assessment of the performance of the construction product

Assessment tests have been conducted under the responsibility of the assessment body (UBAtc) in accordance with EAD 040831-01-1201.

The assessment results should be used for the purpose of assessment of the performance of the construction product in accordance with Regulation (EU) N° 305/2011, Annex V.

<sup>3</sup> OJEU, L 29 of 1999/02/03

<sup>4</sup> OJEU, L 209 of 2001/08/02

<sup>5</sup> OJEU, L 68 of 2016/03/15



## Annex I: Reference documents

EAD 040831-01-1201	Factory-made bonded foam to be used as acoustic and thermal insulation	EN 13165	Thermal insulation products for buildings - Factory made rigid polyurethane foam (PU) products - Specification
EN 822	Thermal insulating products for building applications - Determination of length and width	EN 13501-1	Fire classification of construction products and building elements - Part 1: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests
EN 823	Thermal insulating products for building applications - Determination of thickness	EN 15715	Thermal insulation products - Instructions for mounting and fixing for reaction to fire testing - Factory made products
EN 824	Thermal insulating products for building applications - Determination of squareness	EN ISO 354	Acoustics - Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room
EN 825	Thermal insulating products for building applications - Determination of flatness	EN ISO 717-1	Acoustics - Rating of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements - Part 1: Airborne sound insulation
EN 1602	Thermal insulating products for building applications - Determination of the apparent density	EN ISO 9053-1	Acoustics - Determination of airflow resistance - Part 1: Static airflow method
EN 1603	Thermal insulating products for building applications - Determination of dimensional stability under constant normal laboratory conditions (23°C/50% relative humidity)	EN ISO 10140-2	Acoustics - Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements - Part 2: Measurement of airborne sound insulation
EN 1607	Thermal insulating products for building applications - Determination of tensile strength perpendicular to faces	EN ISO 10140-5	Acoustics - Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements - Part 5: Requirements for test facilities and equipment
EN 12667	Thermal performance of building materials and products - Determination of thermal resistance by means of guarded hot plate and heat flow meter methods - Products of high and medium thermal resistance	EN ISO 11654	Acoustics - Sound absorbers for use in buildings - Rating of sound absorption
		EN ISO 16000	Indoor air


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