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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.

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## Korfil® Block Insulation

### Description

**Basic Use:** KORFIL Inserts are individually molded of expandable polystyrene and designed to fit standard two (2) core masonry units of 6, 8, 10 and 12-inch widths for use in both single wythe and cavity wall construction. Inserts are preinstalled at the block plant prior to delivery on the job site. In addition to nearly doubling the insulating characteristics of a masonry wall, KORFIL Inserts:

- Eliminate the need for on-site labor to insulate masonry walls.
- Do not deteriorate in insulation R-value with moisture or aging.
- Allow space within the cores for the escape of moisture. This space also allows for easy installation of utilities within the wall.
- Can be handled by masons just as easily as uninsulated blocks.
- Are cost-competitive when compared to the various other methods used to insulate concrete blocks.
- Have no effect on the fire rating of conventional concrete block walls.
- Improve both the dewpoint and sound transmission resistance of ordinary concrete blocks.

**Limitations:** Expanded polystyrene products of any type should not be exposed to temperatures in excess of 184°F.

**KORFIL** Inserts are made from flame-retardant treated expandable polystyrene. Like all foamed plastics, good fire procedures must be followed during storage and installation. Inserts give off no toxic products of combustion, except carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide, concentrations of which are far less than those given off by equal volumes of wood products. Expandable polystyrene contains no fluorocarbons and no formaldehyde.

**Composition and Materials:** KORFIL Inserts are individually molded from expandable polystyrene in a minimum density of 1.3 lbs. per cu. ft. Inserts are packaged at the point of manufacture in heat-sealed, clear polyethylene bags.

### Applicable Standards:

- ASTM C 578 Type X, replacing Federal Specifications HH-I-524C. Specification for Rigid Cellular Polystyrene Thermal Insulation.
- ASTM C 90 Standard Specification for Loadbearing Concrete Masonry Units.

**Technical Data:** The Thermal Properties tables show the thermal resistance (Rt), including inside and outside air surface resistances of .68 and .17 hr-ft<sup>2</sup>-°F/BTU, respectively, and the U-values for various densities of concrete masonry units. See Thermal Properties charts.

**Physical Characteristics:** See Physical Properties chart below.

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Property	Value
Typical Density lbs./cu. ft.	1.3
Thermal Resistance (R) per inch of thickness at 75°	5.00
Water Vapor Permeance per inch of thickness	1.1
Water Absorption % Volume	<1.0
Flame Spread Rating*	<5.0

\* This numerical flame spread is not intended to reflect hazards presented by this or any other material under actual conditions.

### Installation

**Preparatory Work:** None required. Inserts are placed in blocks prior to delivery to the job site. Inserts do not affect the handling of blocks so no added labor is involved.

**Precautions:** During storage and installation, good fire safety procedures should be followed. Care should be taken to make certain all broken or damaged inserts are replaced.

**Thermal Properties:\***

Standard 2 Core Masonry Units Insulated with KORFIL Block Insulation Inserts. U-values are based on conventional 3/8" Mortar Joint Construction, U-value units are BTU/HR/FT<sup>2</sup>/F<sup>o</sup>.

6 Inch — 2 Core Masonry Unit				
DENSITY OF BLOCK—LBS/FT <sup>3</sup>	CORES EMPTY		CORES INSULATED	
	R <sub>t</sub>	U	R <sub>t</sub>	U
80	2.64	.38	6.45	.16
95	2.42	.41	5.39	.19
105	2.29	.44	4.76	.21
115	2.17	.46	4.21	.24
125	2.05	.49	3.69	.27
135	1.95	.51	3.25	.31

8 Inch — 2 Core Masonry Unit				
DENSITY OF BLOCK—LBS/FT <sup>3</sup>	CORES EMPTY		CORES INSULATED	
	R <sub>t</sub>	U	R <sub>t</sub>	U
80	2.86	.35	7.74	.13
95	2.61	.38	6.55	.15
105	2.46	.41	5.83	.17
115	2.33	.43	5.17	.19
125	2.21	.45	4.56	.22
135	2.10	.48	4.01	.25

10 Inch — 2 Core Masonry Unit				
DENSITY OF BLOCK—LBS/FT <sup>3</sup>	CORES EMPTY		CORES INSULATED	
	R <sub>t</sub>	U	R <sub>t</sub>	U
80	3.00	.33	8.52	.12
95	2.73	.37	7.25	.14
105	2.57	.39	6.48	.15
115	2.43	.41	5.76	.17
125	2.31	.43	5.09	.20
135	2.19	.46	4.48	.22

12 Inch — 2 Core Masonry Unit				
DENSITY OF BLOCK—LBS/FT <sup>3</sup>	CORES EMPTY		CORES INSULATED	
	R <sub>t</sub>	U	R <sub>t</sub>	U
80	3.12	.32	9.38	.11
95	2.83	.35	8.09	.12
105	2.66	.38	7.27	.14
115	2.52	.40	6.51	.15
125	2.38	.42	5.78	.17
135	2.26	.44	5.11	.20

12 Inch Cavity Wall, 4 Inch Outer Wythe, 1/2 Air Space, 8 Inch 2 Core Block				
DENSITY OF BLOCK—LBS/FT <sup>3</sup>	CORES EMPTY		CORES INSULATED	
	R <sub>t</sub>	U	R <sub>t</sub>	U
80	4.26	.23	9.14	.11
95	4.01	.25	7.95	.13
105	3.86	.26	7.23	.14
115	3.73	.27	6.57	.15
125	3.61	.28	5.96	.17
135	3.50	.29	5.41	.18

\* The R- and U-values presented are based upon the ASHRAE Series-Parallel Isothermal Planes method as detailed in the ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals, 1993 Edition, Chapter 22, page 22.4. Physical block dimensions were obtained from ASTM C 90. Additional information was obtained from NCMA Technical Publication TEK 6-2, 1988. A complete Engineering Report covering the values listed is available upon request.

**Availability and Cost**

**Availability:** KORFIL Inserts are manufactured under protection of a United States Patent. They are sold only to concrete block manufacturers. Contact a CBIS/KORFIL representative for order and delivery information. KORFIL Inserts are nonproprietary.

**Cost:** Specific price information is available only through local block manufacturers.

**Warranty:** KORFIL products are warranted to meet published specifications at the time of delivery. For further information, contact a CBIS/KORFIL representative.

**Maintenance:** No maintenance is necessary.

**Technical Services:** Support is provided by full-time, technically-trained CBIS/KORFIL sales representatives and technical service personnel, backed by a central research and development department and technical service staff.

For further information, contact CBIS/KORFIL, Inc.

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