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**Agrément Certificate**

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Product Sheet 2

### ROCKWOOL CAVITY WALL INSULATION

#### THERMAL INSULATION CAVITY SLAB 032 FOR PARTIAL FILL APPLICATION

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> relates to Thermal Insulation Cavity Slab 032 for Partial Fill Application, unfaced stone mineral wool slabs for use as partial fill thermal insulation in external masonry cavity walls, without height restrictions (additional requirements apply for buildings above 25 metres), in new domestic and non-domestic buildings. The product is installed during construction.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

#### CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



#### KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

**Thermal performance** — the product has a declared thermal conductivity ( $\lambda_D$ ) of  $0.032 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  (see section 6).

**Water resistance** — the product will resist the transfer of water across the cavity (see section 7).

**Condensation** — the product can contribute to limiting the risk of condensation (see section 8).

**Behaviour in relation to fire** — the product has a reaction to fire classification of A1 to BS EN 13501-1 : 2018 (see section 9).

**Durability** — the product is durable, rot proof, water resistant and sufficiently stable to remain effective as insulation for the life of the building (see section 12).

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the product described herein. This product has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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## Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, Thermal Insulation Cavity Slab 032 for Partial Fill Application, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



### The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

<b>Requirement:</b> Comment:	<b>B3(4)</b>	<b>Internal fire spread (structure)</b> The product can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 9.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> Comment:	<b>B4(1)</b>	<b>External fire spread</b> The product is unrestricted by this Requirement. See section 9.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> Comment:	<b>C2(a)</b>	<b>Resistance to moisture</b> The product can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 7.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> Comment:	<b>C2(b)</b>	<b>Resistance to moisture</b> The product can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 7.2 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> Comment:	<b>C2(c)</b>	<b>Resistance to moisture</b> The product can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See sections 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> Comment:	<b>L1(a)(i)</b>	<b>Conservation of fuel and power</b> The product can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> Comment:	<b>7(1)</b>	<b>Materials and workmanship</b> The product is an acceptable material. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> Comment:	<b>7(2)</b>	<b>Materials and workmanship</b> The product is unrestricted by this Regulation. See section 9.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub> emission rates for new buildings</b>
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>26A</b>	<b>Fabric energy efficiency rates for new dwellings (applicable to England only)</b>
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>26A</b>	<b>Primary energy consumption rates for new buildings (applicable to Wales only)</b>
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>26B</b>	<b>Fabric performance values for new dwellings (applicable to Wales only)</b>
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>26C</b>	<b>Target primary energy rates for new buildings (applicable to England only)</b>
<b>Comment:</b>		The product can contribute to satisfying these Regulations. See sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this Certificate.



### The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b> Comment:	<b>8(1)</b>	<b>Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship</b> The product can contribute to a construction satisfying this Regulation. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> Comment:	<b>8(3)</b>	<b>Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship</b> The product is unrestricted by this Regulation. See section 9.1 of this Certificate.

<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Building standards applicable to construction</b>
Standard:	2.4	Cavities
Comment:		The product can contribute to a construction satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 2.4.2 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 2.4.4 <sup>(1)</sup> and 2.4.6 <sup>(2)</sup> . See section 9.1 of this Certificate.
Standard:	2.6	Spread to neighbouring buildings
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying the requirements of this Standard, with reference to clauses 2.6.5 <sup>(1)</sup> and 2.6.6 <sup>(2)</sup> . See section 9.1 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.4	Moisture from the ground
Comment:		The product can contribute to a construction satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.4.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 3.4.5 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See section 7.1 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.10	Precipitation
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.10.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 3.10.3 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See section 7.2 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.15	Condensation
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.15.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 3.15.4 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 3.15.5 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See sections 8.1, 8.2 and 8.5 of this Certificate.
Standard:	6.1(b)	Carbon dioxide emissions
Standard:	6.2	Building insulation envelope
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying clauses, or parts of, 6.1.1 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.1.2 <sup>(2)</sup> , 6.1.6 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.3 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.4 <sup>(2)</sup> , 6.2.5 <sup>(2)</sup> , 6.2.9 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.10 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.11 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 6.2.13 <sup>(2)</sup> of these Standards. See sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this Certificate.
Standard:	7.1(a)(b)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard. In addition, the product can contribute to a construction meeting a higher level of sustainability as defined in this Standard, with reference to clauses 7.1.4 <sup>(1)</sup> [Aspects 1 and 2], 7.1.6 <sup>(1)</sup> [Aspects 1 and 2], 7.1.7 <sup>(1)</sup> [Aspect 1], 7.1.6 <sup>(2)</sup> [Aspects 1 and 2], 7.1.9 <sup>(2)</sup> [Aspects 1 and 2], 7.1.10 <sup>(2)</sup> [Aspect 1]. See sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Building standards applicable to conversions</b>
Comment:		Comments in relation to the product under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and Schedule 6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> .

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).  
(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



## The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Fitness of materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:		The product is an acceptable material. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>28(a)</b>	<b>Resistance to moisture and weather</b>
Comment:		The product can contribute to a construction satisfying this Regulation. See section 7.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>28(b)</b>	<b>Resistance to moisture and weather</b>
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See section 7.2 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Condensation</b>
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See sections 8.1 and 8.2 of this Certificate.

<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>35(4)</b>	<b>Internal fire spread – structure</b>
<b>Comment:</b>		The product can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See section 9.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>36(a)</b>	<b>External fire spread</b>
<b>Comment:</b>		The product is unrestricted by this Regulation. See section 9.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>39(a)(i)</b>	<b>Conservation measures</b>
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>40(2)</b>	<b>Target carbon dioxide emission rate</b>
<b>Comment:</b>		The product can contribute to satisfying these Regulations. See section 6.1 and 6.2 of this Certificate.

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.3) of this Certificate.

### Additional Information

#### NHBC Standards 2022

In the opinion of the BBA, Thermal Insulation Cavity Slab 032 for partial fill application, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 6.1 *External masonry walls*.

#### UKCA marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of UKCA marking the product, in accordance with Designated Standard EN 13162 : 2012 + A2 : 2015.

#### CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the product, in accordance with harmonised European Standard EN 13162 : 2012 + A2 : 2015.

### Technical Specification

#### 1 Description

Thermal Insulation Cavity Slab 032 for Partial Fill Application consists of a water-repellent-treated stone mineral wool, formed into resilient slabs using a resin binder, with the nominal characteristics given in Table 1.

Characteristic (unit)	Thermal Insulation Cavity Slab 032
Length (mm)	1200
Width (mm)	455
Thickness (mm)	50, 100, 125, 150 & 200 <sup>(1)</sup>
Edge profile	Square

(1) Other slab thicknesses within the above range are available on request.

## 2 Manufacture

2.1 Raw materials, mixed to a controlled formulation, are melted in a furnace to produce molten stone. Stone fibres are produced from the molten stone using a rotary spinning process. The fibres are treated with a resin and formed into a continuous length of insulation to the required thickness. The insulation then passes into an oven which cures the resin. The insulation is then cut to the required dimensions to form the slabs.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management system of the manufacturer has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of ISO 9001 : 2015 and ISO 14001 : 2015 by BSI (Certificates FM 02262 and EMS 70301 respectively).

## 3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The slabs are delivered to site in polythene-wrapped packs. Each pack contains a label bearing the Certificate holder's name, board dimensions and the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate.

3.2 The slabs should be stored clear of the ground, on a clean level surface and preferably under cover to protect them from prolonged exposure to moisture or mechanical damage. Packs should be stored under cover until required for use.

3.3 It is recommended that dust masks, gloves and long-sleeved clothing are worn during the cutting and handling of the product.

3.4 Damaged or contaminated products must not be used. Wet slabs must be allowed to fully dry out before use.

## Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Thermal Insulation Cavity Slab 032 for Partial Fill Application.

## Design Considerations

## 4 Use

4.1 Thermal Insulation Cavity Slab 032 for Partial Fill Application is satisfactory for use as partial fill cavity wall insulation and is used to reduce the thermal transmittance (U value) of external cavity walls with masonry inner and outer leaves (where masonry includes clay and calcium silicate bricks, concrete blocks, and natural and reconstituted stone blocks). The product is for use in new domestic and non-domestic buildings without height restrictions (additional requirements apply above 25 metres). It is essential that walls are designed and constructed to incorporate the precautions given in this Certificate to prevent moisture penetration.

4.2 Two layers of slabs can also be installed if necessary in order to achieve the required U values (see section 6.2). In this case, vertical joints between the outer slabs must be staggered to those of the inner slabs.

4.3 As with other forms of cavity wall insulation, where buildings need to comply with *NHBC Standards 2022*, specifiers should observe the requirements of that document.

4.4 Buildings subject to the national Building Regulations should be constructed in accordance with the relevant recommendations of:

- BS EN 1996-1-1 : 2005, BS EN 1996-1-2 : 2005, BS EN 1996-2 : 2006 and BS EN 1996-3 : 2006, and their UK National Annexes.
- BS EN 845-1 : 2013 and BS 8000-3 : 2020.

4.5 New buildings not subject to regulatory requirements should also be built in accordance with the Standards identified in section 4.4.

4.6 Cavity wall ties and, if required, any additional ties to BS EN 845-1 : 2013 and PD 6697 : 2019 should be used for structural stability in accordance with BS EN 1996-1-1 : 2005, BS EN 1996-2 : 2006 and BS EN 1996-3 : 2006.

4.7 Care must be taken in the overall design and construction of walls incorporating the product to ensure the provision of appropriate:

- cavity trays and damp-proof courses (dpc)
- cavity barriers
- resistance to the ingress of precipitation, moisture and dangerous gases from the ground
- resistance to sound transmission when flanking separating walls and floors.

4.8 The use of cavity battens or boards is strongly recommended to prevent thermal bridging by mortar droppings.

#### **Buildings up to and including 25 metres high**

4.9 The residual cavity width to be maintained during construction is 50 mm. This may reduce to 25 mm in isolated areas due to individual construction features (a minimum of 50 mm residual cavity width is required by the NHBC). This may be achieved by designing a cavity width which takes into account the dimensional tolerances of the components which make up the wall (by referring to the British Standards relating to the bricks, blocks and slabs), or by using the data from the respective manufacturers. Allowances may need to be made for the quality of building operatives and the degree of site supervision or control available, and for the limitations in respect of exposure of the proposed building (as set out in Table 2).

*Table 2 Maximum allowable total exposure factors of different constructions*

Construction	Maximum allowable exposure factor $E^{(1)}$
All external masonry walls protected by: rendering (to BS EN 13914-1 : 2016), tile/slate hanging or timber, plastic or metal weatherboarding or cladding.	No restriction
One or more external masonry walls constructed from facing clay brickwork or natural stone (the porosity of which exceeds 20% by volume). Mortar joints must be flush-pointed or weatherstruck.	100
One or more external masonry walls constructed from calcium silicate bricks, concrete blocks, reconstituted stone, or natural stone (the porosity of which is less than 20% by volume), or any material with raked mortar joints.	88

(1) To BS 5618 : 1985.

4.10 From ground level, the maximum height of continuous cavity walls must not exceed 12 metres; above 12 metres, the maximum height of continuous cavity walls must not exceed 7 metres. In both cases, breaks should be in the form of continuous horizontal cavity trays and weepholes discharging to the outside.

4.11 An external render coat or other suitable finish should be applied in locations where such application would be normal practice; care should be taken to ensure that the residual cavity is not bridged by mortar.

## Buildings over 25 metres in height

4.12 The width of the residual clear cavity to be achieved is a minimum of 50 mm, and the following additional requirements apply:

- the specifier must take extra care when detailing to ensure that the introduction of the insulation does not affect the weather resistance of the wall. Above average site supervision is recommended during installation of the product.
- where, for structural reasons, the cavity width is reduced (eg by the intrusion of ring beams), a minimum residual cavity width of 25 mm must be maintained and extra care must be taken with fixings and weatherproofing (eg the inclusion of cavity trays with weepholes).

## 5 Practicability of installation

The product is designed to be installed by a competent general builder, or a contractor, experienced with this type of product.

## 6 Thermal performance



6.1 Calculations of the thermal transmittance (U value) of specific external wall constructions should be carried out in accordance with BS EN ISO 6946 : 2017 and BRE Report BR 443 : 2006, using the declared thermal conductivity ( $\lambda_D$ ) of  $0.032 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ .

6.2 The U value of a completed wall will depend on the insulation thickness, number and type of fixings, and the insulating value of the substrate masonry and its internal finish. Calculated U values for example constructions are given in Table 3.

Table 3 Example U values<sup>(1)(6)</sup>

U value requirement ( $\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ )	Insulation thickness (mm)	
	100 mm dense block <sup>(2)</sup> 13 mm dense plaster <sup>(3)</sup>	100 mm AAC block <sup>(4)</sup> Plasterboard on dabs <sup>(5)</sup>
0.17	200	150
0.18	200	150
0.20	150	125
0.21	150	125
0.22	125	100
0.23	125	100
0.25	125	100
0.26	125	100
0.27	100	100
0.28	100	100
0.30	100	100
0.35	100	100

(1) Assumes fixing correction for fully penetrating stainless steel fixings ( $\lambda = 17 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ) at 2.5 per  $\text{m}^2$  with a cross-sectional area of  $12.5 \text{ mm}^2$ . Construction includes a 102.5 mm thick brick ( $\lambda = 0.77 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ) outer leaf and a 50 mm clear cavity ( $R = 0.18 \text{ m}^2\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{W}$ ).

(2) Dense block ( $\lambda = 1.13 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ) and mortar ( $\lambda = 0.88 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ), at 6.6%.

(3) Plaster ( $\lambda = 0.57 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ).

(4) AAC block ( $\lambda = 0.12 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ) and mortar ( $\lambda = 0.88 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ), at 6.6%.

(5) 15 mm plaster dabs cavity ( $R = 0.17 \text{ m}^2\cdot\text{K}/\text{W}$ ) 20% bridged with adhesive ( $\lambda = 0.43 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ), 12.5 mm plasterboard ( $\lambda = 0.25 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ).

(6) The Certificate holder should be contacted for further information on specific sizes.

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### Junctions

6.3 The product can contribute to maintaining continuity of thermal insulation at junctions with other elements and minimise thermal bridges and air infiltration. Detailed guidance can be found in the documents supporting the national Building Regulations.

## 7 Water resistance



7.1 The product may be used in situations where they bridge the dpc in walls; dampness from the ground will not pass through to the inner leaf provided the wall is detailed in accordance with the requirements and provisions of the national Building Regulations.

7.2 Constructions incorporating the product and built in accordance with the Standards listed in section 4.5, will resist the transfer of precipitation to the inner leaf and satisfy the national Building Regulations.

7.3 In all situations, it is particularly important to ensure during installation that:

- installation is carried out to the highest level on each wall, or the top edge of the insulation is protected by a cavity tray
- cavity trays are used with appropriate stop ends and weep holes at lintel level
- cavity battens and/or boards are used during construction to prevent bridging by mortar droppings
- wall ties are installed correctly and are thoroughly clean
- excess mortar is cleaned from the cavity face of the leading leaf and any debris removed from the cavity
- mortar droppings are cleaned from the exposed edges of installed slabs
- the dpc at ground level does not project into the cavity as it can form a trap for mortar bridging
- insulation slabs are properly installed and butt-jointed
- raked or recessed mortar joints are avoided in very severe exposure areas.

7.4 Window and door opening reveals should be constructed incorporating a cavity barrier/closer/dpc, as required.

## 8 Condensation

### Interstitial condensation



8.1 Walls will adequately limit the risk of interstitial condensation when they are designed and constructed in accordance with BS 5250 : 2021, and the relevant guidance.

8.2 For the purposes of assessing the risk of interstitial condensation, the insulation vapour resistivity may be taken as approximately  $5 \text{ MN}\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$ .

8.3 If the product is to be used in the external walls of rooms expected to have high humidity, care must be taken to provide adequate ventilation to avoid possible problems from the formation of interstitial condensation.

### Surface condensation



8.4 Walls will adequately limit the risk of surface condensation when the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed  $0.7 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  at any point and the junctions with other elements are designed in accordance with the guidance referred to in section 6.3.



8.5 For buildings in Scotland, constructions will be acceptable where the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed  $1.2 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  at any point and the junctions with other elements are designed in accordance with the guidance referred to in BS 5250 : 2021. Further guidance may be obtained from BRE Report BR 262 : 2002 and section 6.3 of this Certificate.

## 9 Behaviour in relation to fire



9.1 The product has a reaction to fire classification<sup>(1)</sup> of A1 to BS EN 13501-1 : 2018 .

(1) MPA NRW report No. 231001026-3, dated 9 November 2020 is available from the Certificate holder on request.



9.2 Designers should refer to the relevant national Building Regulations and guidance for detailed conditions of use, particularly in respect of requirements for substrate fire performance, cavity closers and barriers, fire stopping of service penetrations and combustibility limitations for other materials and components used in the overall wall construction.

## 10 Proximity of flues and appliances

Detailed guidance can be found in the documents supporting the national Building Regulations for the provisions that are applicable when the system is installed in close proximity to certain flue pipes and/or heat-producing appliances.

## 11 Maintenance

As the product is confined within the wall cavity and has suitable durability (see section 12), maintenance is not required.

## 12 Durability



The product is durable, rot proof, water resistant and sufficiently stable to remain effective as insulation for the life of the building.

## Installation

### 13 General

13.1 The Certificate holder will provide on-site demonstrations on request, to ensure correct installation from the outset.

13.2 Adequate supervision of the installation should be maintained and the Certificate holder must have right of access to site to ensure correct installation.

13.3 It is recommended that the internal leaf is constructed ahead of the external leaf so that any mortar protruding into the cavity space from the back of the external leaf can be cleaned off before installing the product. Slabs must not be pushed into a completed cavity.

13.4 Vertical joints in the slabs must be staggered and all joints tightly butted. Where penetrations occur in the cavity, the slabs should be carefully cut to fit.

13.5 If installation of the slabs is terminated below the highest level of the wall, the top edge of the insulation must be protected by a cavity tray and alternate perpendicular joints raked out, to provide adequate drainage of water from the tray.

13.6 Where required, door and window reveals should incorporate a cavity barrier/closer. It is recommended that BBA-approved cavity barriers/closers are used.

### 14 Procedure

14.1 The first run of slabs should start at least 150 mm below the dpc level to provide some edge insulation for the floor. It is also important that the slabs are not in contact with the ground.

#### Wall ties

14.2 Wall ties should be spaced at 600 mm centres horizontally and 450 mm vertically. When placing wall ties horizontally they should be at 600 mm maximum centres in rows, ie not staggered. The width of the first course of slabs can be cut to suit the height of the next row of wall ties. The width of cut slabs should always be 5 mm greater than the width to be insulated.

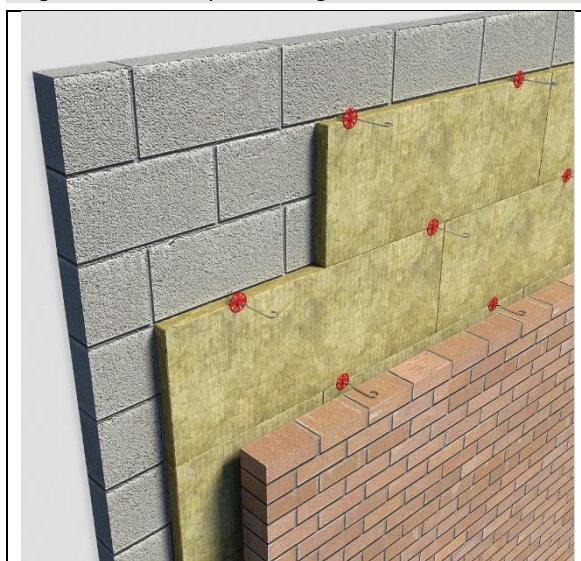
14.3 Wall ties should be built in and not pushed into joints; they should be positioned so that they slope downwards towards the outer leaf.

14.4 Additional ties may be required to satisfy the structural requirements and/or to ensure adequate retention of slabs or cut pieces. The cut pieces should be held against the inner leaf by retaining devices, which may be clipped to the wall ties.

14.5 It is recommended that any mortar protruding into the cavity space from the back of the leading leaf is cleaned off before installing the slabs.

14.6 A complete section of the leading leaf is built to one course above the next row of wall ties spaced at a maximum of 600 mm horizontally (Figure 1), to ensure that each slab is secured at a minimum of three points in accordance with BS EN 1996-1-2 : 2005. All mortar joints must be properly filled, particularly the perpend (see Figure 1).

*Figure 1 Wall tie positioning*



14.7 Slabs are compressed slightly and placed between the upper and lower wall ties to form a closely jointed run.

### **Mortar droppings**

14.8 Before installing each course of slabs, excess mortar must be removed from the inside face of the leading leaf, and mortar droppings cleaned from the exposed edges of the slabs. This is made easier using a cavity board (Figure 2). This cleaning sequence should be maintained progressively until reaching the wall plate or cavity tray. It is important for the insulation to be installed to the highest level of each wall with all areas of the wall insulated (see section 13.5).

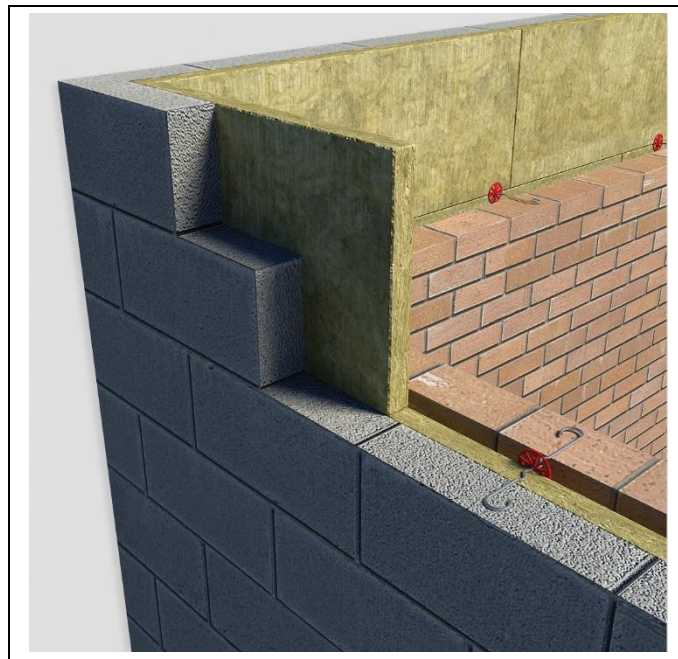
*Figure 2 Use of a cavity board when clearing off mortar*



### **Corners**

14.9 At corner joints, edges must be cut accurately to ensure close butting (see Figure 3).

*Figure 3 Slabs at corner detail*



### **Wall openings**

14.10 With openings such as doors and windows, it is recommended that a continuous lintel or cavity tray is used. Individual lintels or cavity trays should have stopends and be adequately drained. Slabs should be cut to butt tightly against the cavity barrier/closer/dpc or wall ties.

### **Cut pieces**

14.11 The slabs must be cut cleanly, using a sharp, long bladed knife and a straight edge. It is essential that cut pieces of slabs completely fill the spaces for which they are intended and are adequately secured; gaps must not be left in the insulation.

14.12 It is essential that all the joints between the insulation slabs are clean and tightly butted.

14.13 The second leaf is built to the same level as the slabs.

14.14 This sequence is repeated to the top of the wall. Alternatively, the top of the slabs can be protected by using a cavity tray.

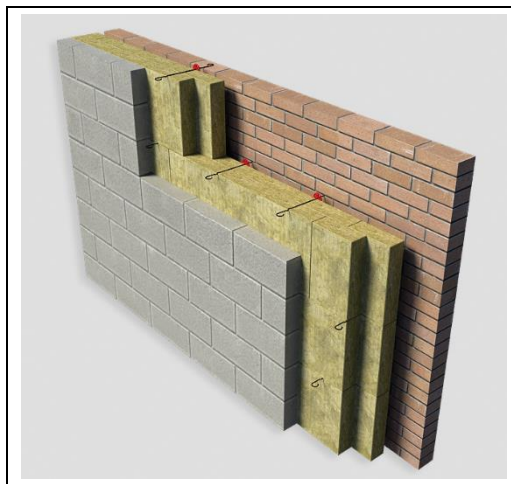
### Multi layering (when required)

14.15 Where two or three layers of the insulation slabs are used, a similar procedure must be followed as for the single layer (see sections 14.1 to 14.15). The first layer is fitted against the outer masonry leaf followed by the second and, if relevant, third layer.

14.16 When multi layering, the vertical joints between the outer slabs must be staggered to those of the inner slabs.

14.17 For cavities exceeding 150 mm, the Certificate holder's instructions must be followed regarding the type of ties to be used, and the installation should be carried out in accordance with BS EN 1996-1-2 : 2005, BS EN 1996-2 : 2006 and BS EN 1996-3 : 2006.

Figure 4 Multi layering



### Protection

14.18 Exposed areas of slabs should always be covered at the end of the day's work or in driving rain.

14.19 All building involving the products, particularly interrupted work, must conform to BS EN 1996-2 : 2006, clauses 3.2 *Acceptance, handling and storage of materials* and 3.6 *Curing and protective procedures during execution*.

## Technical Investigations

### 15 Tests

Results of tests were assessed to determine:

- resistance to rain penetration of an insulated cavity wall
- reaction to fire
- thermal conductivity
- water absorption
- density of air-dry slabs
- dimensional accuracy
- dimension stability.

## 16 Investigations

16.1 Existing data on material safety, durability and properties in relation to fire were evaluated.

16.2 A condensation risk analysis was carried out.

16.3 A series of U value calculations were carried out.

16.4 A calculation was undertaken to confirm the thermal conductivity value ( $\lambda_D$ ).

16.5 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

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