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MINERAL FIBER BLANKET INSULATION  
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PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 REFERENCES

The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM C665	(2017) Standard Specification for Mineral-Fiber Blanket Thermal Insulation for Light Frame Construction and Manufactured Housing
ASTM C930	(2019) Standard Classification of Potential Health and Safety Concerns Associated with Thermal Insulation Materials and Accessories
ASTM D3575	(2020) Flexible Cellular Materials Made From Olefin Polymers
ASTM D3833/D3833M	(1996; R 2011) Water Vapor Transmission of Pressure-Sensitive Tapes
ASTM D4397	(2016) Standard Specification for Polyethylene Sheeting for Construction, Industrial, and Agricultural Applications
ASTM D5359	(2015) Standard Specification for Glass Cullet Recovered from Waste for Use in Manufacture of Glass Fiber
ASTM E84	(2023) Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials
ASTM E96/E96M	(2021) Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials
ASTM E136	(2019a) Standard Test Method for Assessing Combustibility of Materials Using a Vertical Tube Furnace at 750 Degrees C

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH)

CDPH SECTION 01350	(2017; Version 1.2) Standard Method for the Testing and Evaluation of Volatile Organic Chemical Emissions from Indoor Sources using Environmental Chambers
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[ PROJECT TITLE ]  
[ PROJECT LOCATION ], Japan

[ JED TECHNICAL SERVICES REFERENCE NUMBER ]

GREEN SEAL (GS)

GS-36

(2013) Adhesives for Commercial Use

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA)

NFPA 31

(2020) Standard for the Installation of  
Oil-Burning Equipment

NFPA 54

(2021) National Fuel Gas Code

NFPA 70

(2023; ERTA 7 2023; TIA 23-15) National  
Electrical Code

NFPA 211

(2019) Standard for Chimneys, Fireplaces,  
Vents, and Solid Fuel-Burning Appliances

SCIENTIFIC CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS (SCS)

SCS

SCS Global Services (SCS) Indoor Advantage

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SCAQMD)

SCAQMD Rule 1168

(2017) Adhesive and Sealant Applications

TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY (TAPPI)

TAPPI T803 OM

(2010) Puncture Test of Container Board

U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NARA)

29 CFR 1910.134

Respiratory Protection

UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES (UL)

UL 2818

(2022) GREENGUARD Certification Program  
For Chemical Emissions For Building  
Materials, Finishes And Furnishings

JAPANESE STANDARDS ASSOCIATION (JSA)

JIS A 9504

(2021) Man Made Mineral Fibre Thermal  
Insulation Materials

## 1.2 SUBMITTALS

Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" or "S" classification. Submittals not having a "G" or "S" classification are [for Contractor Quality Control approval.][for information only. When used, a code following the "G" classification identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.] Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

SD-03 Product Data

Blanket Insulation

Recycled Content for Insulation Materials; S

[ SOLICITATION NUMBER ]

SEC[CONCEPT/INTERMEDIATE/FINAL/FINAL BACKCHECK/RTA]

[ PROJECT TITLE ]  
[ PROJECT LOCATION ], Japan

[ JED TECHNICAL SERVICES REFERENCE NUMBER ]

- [ Sill Sealer Insulation
- ] [ Vapor Retarder
- ] Pressure Sensitive Tape
- Accessories

SD-07 Certificates

Indoor Air Quality for Insulation Materials; S

Indoor Air Quality for Adhesives; S

SD-08 Manufacturer's Instructions

Insulation

### 1.3 CERTIFICATIONS

Submit required indoor air quality certifications and validations in one submittal package.

#### 1.3.1 Insulation Products

Provide product certified to meet indoor air quality requirements by UL 2818 (Greenguard) Gold, SCS Global Services Indoor Advantage Gold or provide certification by other third-party programs. Provide current product certification from certification body.

#### 1.3.2 Adhesives and Sealants

Provide products certified to meet indoor air quality requirements by UL 2818 (Greenguard) Gold, SCS Global Services Indoor Advantage Gold or provide certification or validation by other third-party programs that products meet the requirements of this Section. Provide current product certification documentation from certification body. When product does not have certification, provide validation that product meets the indoor air quality product requirements cited herein.

### 1.4 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

#### 1.4.1 Delivery

Deliver materials to site in original sealed wrapping bearing manufacturer's name and brand designation, specification number, type, grade, R-value, and class. Store and handle to protect from damage. Do not allow insulation materials to become wet, soiled, crushed, or covered with ice or snow. Comply with manufacturer's recommendations for handling, storing, and protecting of materials before and during installation.

#### 1.4.2 Storage

Inspect materials delivered to the site for damage; unload and store out of weather in manufacturer's original packaging. Store only in dry locations, not subject to open flames or sparks, and easily accessible for inspection and handling.

## 1.5 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

### 1.5.1 Respirators

Provide installers with dust/mist respirators, training in their use, and protective clothing, all approved by National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)/Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.134.

### 1.5.2 Other Safety Concerns

Consider other safety concerns and measures as outlined in ASTM C930.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 BLANKET INSULATION

ASTM C665 or JIS A 9504, Type [I, blankets without membrane coverings] [and] [II, blankets with non-reflecting coverings] [and] [III, blankets with reflective coverings]; Class [A, membrane-faced surface with a flame spread of 25 or less] [B, membrane-faced surface with a flame propagation resistance; critical radiant flux of 0.12 W/m<sup>2</sup> or greater], except a flame spread rating of [25] [75] [100] or less [and a smoke developed rating of 150 or less] when tested in accordance with ASTM E84.

#### 2.1.1 Thermal Resistance Value (R-VALUE)

The R-Value must be as indicated on drawings.

#### 2.1.2 Recycled Materials

Provide insulation materials containing the following minimum percentage of recycled material content by weight:

Fiberglass: 20 percent glass cullet complying with ASTM D5359

Provide data identifying percentage of recycled content for insulation materials.

#### 2.1.3 Prohibited Materials

Do not provide asbestos-containing materials.

#### 2.1.4 Reduced Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) for Insulation Materials

Provide certification of indoor air quality for insulation materials.

### ][2.2 SILL SEALER INSULATION

Provide polyethylene foam sill sealer [89][139][190][241] millimeters in width with the following characteristics:.

Physical Properties	Test Method	Measurement
Nominal Thickness	ASTM D3575	4.76 mm

<u>Physical Properties</u>	<u>Test Method</u>	<u>Measurement</u>
Compressive Strength	ASTM D3575	8.27 kPa
- Vertical Direction	Suffix D	
Tensile Strength	ASTM D3575	220 kPa
	Suffix T	

### ]]2.3 BLOCKING

Wood, metal, unfaced mineral fiber blankets in accordance with ASTM C665 or JIS A 9504, Type I, or other approved materials. Use only non-combustible materials meeting the requirements of ASTM E136 for blocking around chimneys and heat producing devices.

### [ 2.4 VAPOR RETARDER

[ a. 0.15 mm thick polyethylene sheeting conforming to ASTM D4397 and having a water vapor permeance of 57.2 ng/(Pa \* s \* m<sup>2</sup>) or less when tested in accordance with ASTM E96/E96M.

][b. Membrane with the following properties:

[ Water Vapor Permeance: ASTM E96/E96M: 57.2 ng/(Pa \* s \* m<sup>2</sup>)  
 ][ Maximum Flame Spread: ASTM E84: [25] [50] [\_\_\_\_\_]  
 ][ Combustion Characteristics: Passing ASTM E136  
 ][ Puncture Resistance: TAPPI T803 OM: [15] [25] [50]

### ]]]2.5 PRESSURE SENSITIVE TAPE

As recommended by the vapor retarder manufacturer and having a water vapor permeance rating of 57.2 ng/(Pa \* s \* m<sup>2</sup>) or less when tested in accordance with ASTM D3833/D3833M.

## 2.6 ACCESSORIES

### 2.6.1 Adhesive

As recommended by the insulation manufacturer. Provide non-aerosol adhesive products used on the interior of the building (defined as inside of the weatherproofing system) that meet either emissions requirements of CDPH SECTION 01350 (limit requirements for either office or classroom spaces regardless of space type) or VOC content requirements of SCAQMD Rule 1168. Provide aerosol adhesives used on the interior of the building that meet either emissions requirements of CDPH SECTION 01350 (use the office or classroom requirements, regardless of space type) or VOC content requirements of GS-36. Provide certification or validation of indoor air quality for adhesives.

### 2.6.2 Mechanical Fasteners

Corrosion resistant fasteners as recommended by the insulation manufacturer.

### 2.6.3 Wire Mesh

Corrosion resistant and as recommended by the insulation manufacturer.

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS

Before installing insulation, ensure that areas that will be in contact with the insulation are dry and free of projections which could cause voids, compressed insulation, or punctured vapor retarders. If moisture or other conditions are found that do not allow the workmanlike installation of the insulation, do not proceed but notify Contracting Officer of such conditions.

### 3.2 PREPARATION

#### 3.2.1 Blocking at Attic Vents and Access Doors

Prior to installation of insulation, install permanent blocking to prevent insulation from slipping over, clogging, or restricting air flow through soffit vents at eaves.[ Install permanent blocking around attic trap doors.][ Install permanent blocking to maintain accessibility to equipment or controls that require maintenance or adjustment.]

#### 3.2.2 Blocking Around Heat Producing Devices

Install non-combustible blocking around heat producing devices to provide the following clearances:

- a. Recessed lighting fixtures, including wiring compartments, ballasts, and other heat producing devices, unless these are certified by the manufacturer for installation surrounded by insulation: 75 mm from outside face of fixtures and devices or as required by NFPA 70 and, if insulation is to be placed above fixture or device, 600 mm above fixture.
- b. Masonry chimneys or masonry enclosing a flue: 50 mm from outside face of masonry. Masonry chimneys for medium and high heat operating appliances: Minimum clearances required by NFPA 211.
- c. Vents and vent connectors used for venting the products of combustion, flues, and chimneys other than masonry chimneys: Minimum clearances as required by NFPA 211.
- d. Gas Fired Appliances: Clearances as required in NFPA 54.
- e. Oil Fired Appliances: Clearances as required in NFPA 31.

Blocking around flues and chimneys is not required when insulation blanket, including any attached vapor retarder, passed ASTM E136, in addition to meeting all other requirements stipulated in Part 2. Blocking is also not required if the chimneys are certified by the manufacturer for use in contact with insulating materials.

### 3.3 INSTALLATION

#### 3.3.1 Insulation

Install and handle insulation in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Keep material dry and free of extraneous materials. Any materials that show visual evidence of biological growth due to presence of moisture must not be installed on the building project. Ensure personal protective clothing and respiratory equipment is used as required. Observe safe work practices.

##### 3.3.1.1 Electrical wiring

Do not install insulation in a manner that would sandwich electrical wiring between two layers of insulation.

##### 3.3.1.2 Continuity of Insulation

Install blanket insulation to butt tightly against adjoining blankets and to studs, rafters, joists, sill plates, headers and any obstructions. [Where insulation required is thicker than depth of joist, provide full width blankets to cover across top of joists.] Provide continuity and integrity of insulation at corners, wall to ceiling joints, roof, and floor. Avoid creating thermal bridges.

##### 3.3.1.3 Installation at Bridging and Cross Bracing

Insulate at bridging and cross bracing by splitting blanket vertically at center and packing one half into each opening. Butt insulation at bridging and cross bracing; fill in bridged area with loose or scrap insulation.

##### [3.3.1.4 Cold Climate Requirement

Place insulation to the outside of pipes.

##### ] [3.3.1.5 Insulation Blanket with Affixed Vapor Retarder

Locate vapor retarder as indicated. Do not install blankets with affixed vapor retarders unless so specified. Unless the insulation manufacturer's instructions specifically recommend not to staple the flanges of the vapor retarder facing, staple flanges of vapor retarder at 150 mm intervals flush with face or set in the side of truss, joist, or stud. Avoid gaps and bulges in insulation and "fishmouth" in vapor retarders. Overlap both flanges when using face method. Seal joints and edges of vapor retarder with pressure sensitive tape. Stuff pieces of insulation into small cracks between trusses, joists, studs and other framing, such as at attic access doors, door and window heads, jambs, and sills, band joists, and headers. Cover these insulated cracks with vapor retarder material and tape all joints with pressure sensitive tape to provide air and vapor tightness.

##### ] [3.3.1.6 Insulation without Affixed Vapor Retarder

Provide snug friction fit to hold insulation in place. Stuff pieces of insulation into cracks between trusses, joists, studs and other framing, such as at attic access doors, door and window heads, jambs, and sills, band joists, and headers.

]3.3.1.7 Sizing of Blankets

Provide only full width blankets when insulating between trusses, joists, or studs. Size width of blankets for a snug fit where trusses, joists or studs are irregularly spaced.

]3.3.1.8 Special Requirements for Ceilings

Place insulation under electrical wiring occurring across joists. Pack insulation into narrowly spaced framing. Do not block flow of air through soffit vents. [Attach insulation to attic door by adhesive or staples.]

]3.3.1.9 Installation of Sill Sealer

Size sill sealer insulation and place insulation over top of masonry or concrete perimeter walls or concrete perimeter floor slab on grade. Fasten sill plate over insulation.

]3.3.1.10 Special Requirements for Floors

Hold insulation in place with corrosion resistant wire mesh, wire fasteners, or wire lacing.

]3.3.1.11 Access Panels and Doors

Affix blanket insulation to access panels greater than one square foot and access doors in insulated floors and ceilings. Use insulation with same R-Value as that for floor or ceiling.

]3.3.2 Installation of Separate Vapor Retarder

Apply continuous vapor retarder as indicated. Overlap joints at least 150 mm and seal with pressure sensitive tape. Seal at sill, header, windows, doors and utility penetrations. Repair punctures or tears with pressure sensitive tape.

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