

THERMAX INSULATION/FINISH BOARDS

Exposed wall applications in metal buildings with low humidity



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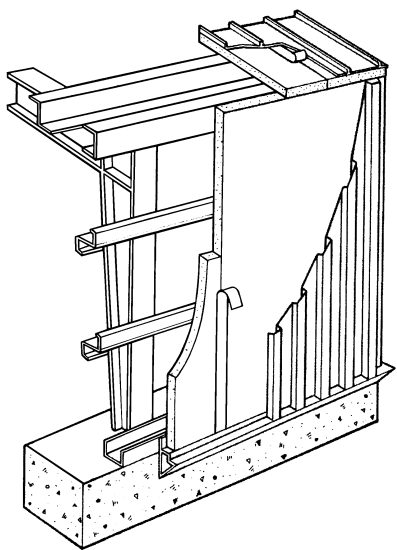


Figure 1

THERMAX* insulation/finish boards used in exposed applications help safeguard metal building systems that have low humidity** against thermal loss, moisture buildup and even fire damage.

Use THERMAX insulation/finish board products for exposed wall insulation applications in agricultural, commercial and industrial buildings such as factories, warehouses, agricultural structures, cold storage structures and similar facilities.

Installed perpendicular to framing, THERMAX insulation/finish boards should span no fewer than three framing members with insulation board joints breaking over framing or meeting the roof edge (Figure 1).

**Buildings in which humidity is less than 50 percent

Products

THERMAX insulation/finish boards are designed as an insulation and interior finish. The boards are closed-cell products that are highly resistant to heat flow. All THERMAX insulation/finish board products feature a polyisocyanurate foam core with glass fiber reinforcement, and are surfaced with different solid aluminum foil facers. The reinforced core, plus chemical modifications, adds to improved fire performance and enhanced dimensional stability.

The bonded aluminum foil facers serve as effective moisture vapor retarders. THERMAX Sheathing has aluminum foil facers on both sides. THERMAX Light Duty, Heavy Duty and Heavy Duty Plus all have an aluminum foil facer on one side with a white-coated facer on the other. This design provides an aesthetically appealing decorative effect.

The products listed here have varying thicknesses and facings, ideally suiting THERMAX insulation/finish boards for meeting specific designs and requirements in the walls of metal buildings with low humidity.

Advantages

There are several advantages to using THERMAX insulation/finish board products:

- Excellent insulation – high R-value (6.5 per inch) without need for thermal barriers; can be left exposed according to building codes
- Exceptional fire protection – fire damage contained by minimal spread of flame and smoke
- Broad range of product thicknesses – allows for sizing to meet U-value/energy code requirements, allowing R-value and thickness to be tailored for design needs and minimal material cost
- Easy and fast installation

Joint Treatment for Moisture Control

Even in low-humidity buildings, condensation can build up when insulation joints are left exposed. The joint treatments described here will help control moisture buildup, air-flow and heat flow.

TABLE 1

THERMAX Recommendations	
Insulation/Finish Boards	Surface Facers
THERMAX Sheathing	1.0 mil (0.025 mm) aluminum both sides
THERMAX Light Duty	1.25 mil (0.032 mm) white embossed aluminum/1.25 mil embossed aluminum
THERMAX Heavy Duty	4.0 mil (0.1 mm) white embossed aluminum/1.25 mil embossed aluminum
THERMAX Heavy Duty Plus	16.5 mil (0.42 mm) white embossed aluminum sheet bonded to 1.0 mil aluminum/1.0 mil plain aluminum

GOOD SYSTEM

Leave square edge joints untreated. Tape the joint on the board's backside with 3" THERMAX tape (Figure 2). Taping serves as protection against moisture penetration and gives the exterior of the boards a continuous surface.

Note: When temperature difference is greater than 30°F between the inside and outside of the building, condensation may occur.

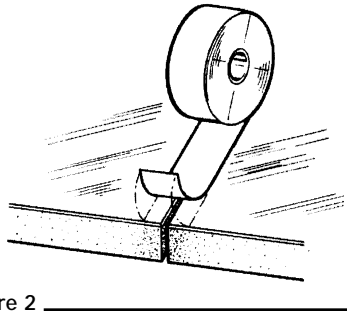


Figure 2

BETTER SYSTEM

Factory-produced shiplap joint used with a recommended sealant^{††} (Figure 3). Long edges of THERMAX insulation/finish boards are shiplapped, which will often leave an uneven joint on the exposed side. Taping the joints on the backside of the board with 3" THERMAX tape will help protect against moisture penetration and provide a continuous surface on the board's exterior. Sealant is field-applied in the shiplap and at the end joints over roof framing.

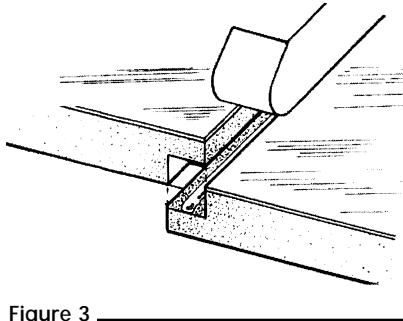


Figure 3

BEST SYSTEM

THERMAX White PVC Clip Strip with sealant (Figure 4). Install PVC Clip Strip on exposed joints and tape the backside of joints on the boards with 3" THERMAX tape. The PVC Clip Strip must be caulked with a recommended sealant^{††}.

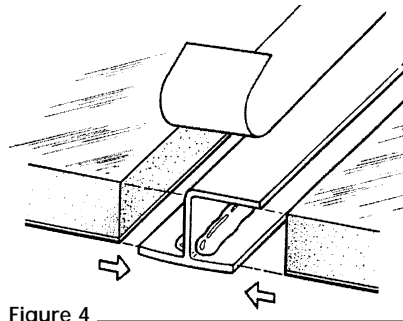


Figure 4

^{††}To produce a continuous air vapor retarder, use Vulkem 116, Sikaflex 201 or equivalent sealant.

Performance Tests

Factory Mutual (FMRC Standard 4880) – Subject to the conditions of approval as Class 1 wall and ceiling panels when installed as described in the current edition of the FMRC Approval Guide. **FACTORY MUTUAL SYSTEM APPROVED.**

Compliances

- BOCA: Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. Research Report No. 98-25 and National Building Code Sect. 2603.0.
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