

RAFTERLOC

Pitched Roof Board

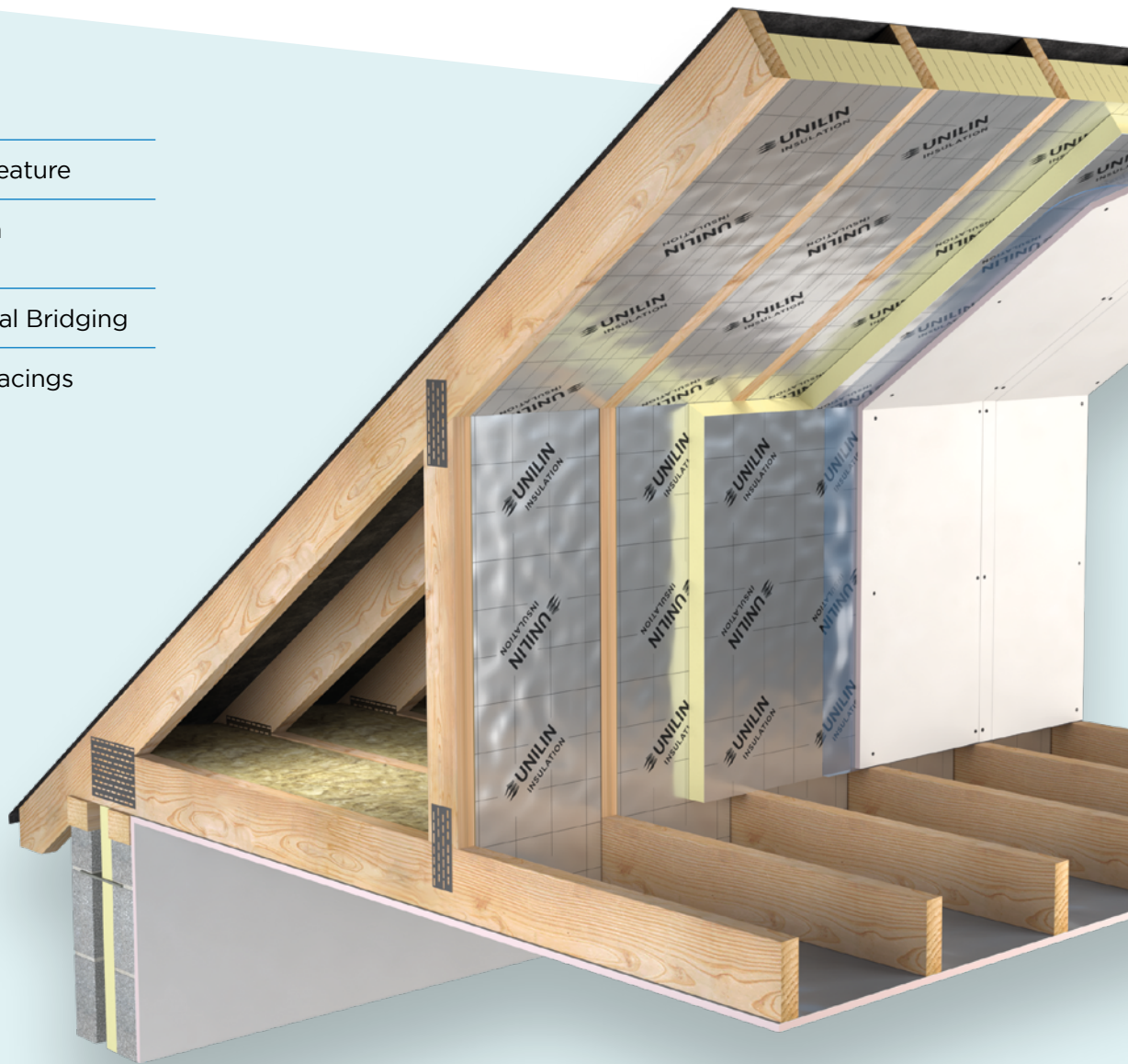
XT/RLOC

Variable width feature

Minimal intrusion
into living area

Reduced Thermal Bridging

Composite foil facings



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Width Variable Pitched Roof Board

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Unilin Rafterloc Pitched Roof Insulation has a width variation feature offering a 20-30mm adjustment margin to ensure a tight fitting insulation locked between rafters.

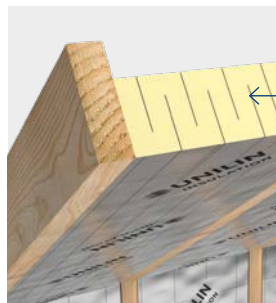
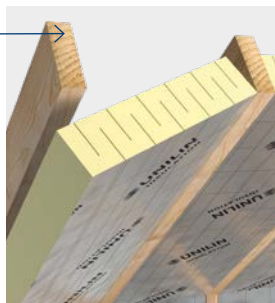
Used in conjunction with a layer of Unilin XT/TL or XT/PR_UF below the rafters, the Rafterloc system provides a solution to insulating sloped rafters with minimal wastage and reduced fitting time.

The improvement in energy efficiency standards required by UK homeowners has demanded better insulation U-Values to be achieved with better detailing to ensure improved performance.

Benefits

- Variable width feature
- Time saving
- Reduced waste

Discrepancies in timber widths and spacings can result in excessive cutting and loose fitting insulation when using standard sized boards; Rafterloc ensures that a tight fit is achieved every time, ensuring improved detailing.



Rafterloc features a slotted mechanism that allows the board to lock between the rafters in pitched roof application.

Specification Clause

The pitched roof insulation shall be Unilin Insulation Thin-R XT/RLOC manufactured to EN 13165:2012 by Unilin Insulation, comprising of a rigid Polyisocyanurate (PIR) core between low emissivity foil facings. The Thin-R XT/RLOC __ mm with an Agrément declared Lambda value of 0.023 W/mK to achieve a U-Value of __ W/m²K for the roof element. To be installed in accordance with instructions issued by Unilin Insulation.

Refer to NBS clause P10 140, P10 15, P10 50. Uniclass 25 71 63 66.



Thermal Resistances

Thickness (mm)	R-Value (m²K/W)
100	4.30
125	5.40
150	6.50

Resistance 'R' Values

The resistance value of any thickness of Unilin insulation can be ascertained by simply dividing the thickness of the material (in metres) by its Agrément declared Lambda value, for example: Lambda 0.023 W/mK and thickness 100mm -> $0.100 / 0.023 = 4.30$. In accordance with EN 13165:2012, R-Values should be rounded down to the nearest 0.05 (m²K/W).



ROOFS

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Pitched Roof

- Unilin Rafterloc boards are for use in pitched roof constructions where the insulation follows the slope of the roof.
- Because of Unilin Rafterloc's thermal performance, a single layer of Rafterloc placed between the rafters alone may achieve the U-Value requirement. However, with the requirements for very low U-Values, and the fact that Thermal Bridging should be addressed, a two layer solution is generally required. A second layer of Unilin XT/PR_UF Pitched Roof Board should be placed below the rafter to provide a practical solution. Refer to product guides for ventilated roofs in Unilin XT/PR_UF literature for guidance.
- The Unilin Rafterloc features a slotted mechanism that allows the board to lock between the rafters in application. Discrepancies in timber widths and spacings can result in excessive cutting and loose fitting insulation when using standard sized insulation board; Rafterloc ensures that a tight fit is achieved.

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Length (mm)	1200
Width (mm)	370
Thickness (mm)	100, 125, 150

Property & Units

Thermal Conductivity	0.023 (W/mK)
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Unilin CE Declaration of Performance (DoP) for this product is available for download from our website.

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

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Single Layer

Following completion of roof cladding, fix timber battens to the inner face of rafters to provide a ground for fixing the Rafterloc. Position battens at a depth sufficient to allow insulation to sit flush with the underside of the rafters whilst maintaining the ventilation gap. The recommended 50mm airspace between the insulation and sarking felt may be reduced to 25mm when used in conjunction with an approved breather membrane above the rafter. Agrément certification covering the membrane should be consulted. If required, the Unilin Rafterloc can be cut with a trimming knife to fit areas that are closer than the standard spacing. The board should be cut accurately to facilitate tight fitting. Care should be taken to avoid Thermal Bridging at roof-wall junctions at eaves, gable walls and party walls. Complete installation as described to vertical studding and ceiling collars. A suitable vapour control layer should be fixed to the underside of the rafters at this stage. Finish with plasterboard.

Double Layer System Installation

A second layer of insulation should be added beneath the rafters. XT/PR_UF Pitched Roof Board should be butted tightly against adjoining panels and temporarily fixed to the underside of the rafter with large headed clout nails. A suitable vapour control layer should be provided. Finish with plasterboard. Alternatively an additional layer may be added in the form of a Unilin Thin-R Thermal Liner (Mechanically Fixed), which is a ready made PIR insulation board bonded to plasterboard and can be applied in a single fixing operation. The plasterboard joints should be sealed and tape in accordance with standard drylining practice.

THERMAL PERFORMANCE

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Typical U-Values



Table 1

U-Value calculations to EN ISO:6946:2017
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Hybrid Roof build up:

- Tiles
- Battens
- Breather membrane
- Air layer between rafters (Low Emissivity)
- XT/RLOC between rafters
- XT/PR_UF (ROOFS) below rafters
- Vapour control layer
- Plasterboard
- Plaster skim

Thickness Below Rafters

Rafterloc Thickness

	30mm	40mm	50mm	60mm	70mm
100mm	0.20	0.18	0.16	0.15	0.14
125mm	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.13
150mm	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.12

Unvented sloped roof, rafters at 400mm centres - approved vapour permeable membrane required, maintain 25mm void.
XT/TL Thermal Laminate may be used to underside (Add thickness of plasterboard).

HANDLING, CUTTING & STORAGE

Unilin insulation should be stored off the ground, on a clean, flat surface and must be stored under cover. The polythene wrapping is not considered adequate protection for outside exposure. Care should be taken to protect the insulation in storage and during the build process.

The insulation boards can be readily cut using a sharp knife or fine toothed saw. Ensure tight fitting of the insulation boards to achieve continuity of insulation as asked for within the ACDs. Appropriate PPE should be worn when handling insulation. Please refer to Health & Safety data sheets on our website.

The boards are wrapped in polythene packs and each pack is labelled with details of grade/type, size and number of pieces per pack.

Durability

Unilin Insulation products are stable, rot proof, provide no food value to vermin and will remain effective for the lifetime of the building, depending on specification and installation. Care should be taken to avoid contact with acids, petrol, alkalis and mineral oil. When contact is made, clean materials in a safe manner before installation.





Expect more Knowledge

Unilin Insulation, formerly Xtratherm, is one of the UK's largest manufacturers and suppliers of insulation. We have a 20-plus year history of working in partnership with construction professionals to close the gap between design and as-built performance.

Higher standards of fabric performance call for greater adherence to best practice detailing. To achieve this and to 'close the gap' between design and build, we provide a dedicated Technical Team, all qualified to the highest standards of competency in U-Value calculation and condensation risk analysis.

Here to support you

- BRE listed Thermal Bridging Detailing
- BRE Trained Modelling
- BBA/TIMSA calculation competent
- Warranted Calculations available
- Immediate technical response
- SAP Qualified
- Insulation systems to deliver real onsite performance

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ISO 9001:2015+A1:2024 Quality Management Systems

ISO 14001:2015+A1:2024 Environmental Management Systems

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The Sustainable Solution

Specifying Unilin Insulation is a real commitment to minimising energy consumption, harmful CO₂ emissions and their impact on the environment. Using our products is one of the most effective ways to reduce energy consumption – in fact, after just eight months the energy they save far outweighs the energy used in their production. In addition, our manufacturing facilities operate to an ISO 14001:2015+A1:2024 certified Environmental Management System.

Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)

An Environmental Product Declaration or EPD for a construction product indicates a transparent, robust and credible step in the pursuit and achievement of real sustainability in practice, it is a public declaration of the environmental impacts associated with specified life cycle stages of that product. Unilin EPDs have been independently verified in accordance with EN 15804+A2:2019 and ISO 14025:2010 accounting for stages of the LCA from A1 to A3, with options A4-A5 and modules C1-C4 and D included. The process of creating an EPD allows us to improve performance and reduce resource wastage through improvements in product design and manufacturing efficiency. They play a crucial role in manufacturing and construction and are increasingly asked for by industry.

EPDs and BREEAM

BREEAM is primarily trying to encourage designers to take EPDs into consideration when specifying products. BREEAM requires EPDs to be verified by a third-party. For the Mat 02 category, points are awarded based on whether EPDs are generic, manufacturer-specific, or product-specific. Non 3rd party verified EPDs to EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 cannot be accepted. All of Unilin EPDs are externally verified.

Responsible Sourcing

Unilin has BES 6001 certification for responsible sourcing. The second BREEAM credit under that category is based on responsibly-sourced materials – at least 80% of the total insulation used in roofs, walls, ground floors and services must meet any of tier levels 1 to 6 in the BREEAM table of certification schemes. Our Environmental Management System is certified under EN ISO 14001:2015+A1:2024, and our raw materials come from companies with similarly certified EMS (copies of all certificates are available for BREEAM assessments). This level of responsible sourcing meets tier level 6 in the BREEAM table.

Good workmanship and appropriate site procedures are necessary to achieve expected thermal and airtightness performance. Installation should be undertaken by professional tradespersons. The example calculations are indicative only, for specific U-Value calculations contact Unilin Insulation Technical Support. Unilin technical literature, Agrément certifications and Declarations of Performance are available for download on the Unilin Insulation website. The information contained in this publication is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate at the time of publication but any recommendations or suggestions which may be made are without guarantee since the conditions of use are beyond our control. Updated resources may be available on our websites. All images and content within this publication remain the property of Unilin Insulation.