

# SAFE-R PHENOLIC INSULATION

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# Ventilated, Warm or Hybrid Sloped Roofs

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**Safe-R Pitched Roof SR/PR** on sloped roofs (ventilated, hybrid or warm) provides the most efficient U-Values with minimal intrusion into valuable living space. The roof construction is a critical element in the building fabric and is an area at high risk of heat loss. Using SR/PR will reduce heat loss while also delivering excellent thermal bridging details.

Warm Roof construction is a particularly effective way of insulating complex roofs. Insulating above - or above and between - the roof timbers ensures that the structure is kept at or near the internal environmental conditions, reducing thermal stress and condensation risk.

**Benefits**

- Avoids intrusion into living area
- Reduced risk of condensation
- Superior performance phenolic insulation
- Lightweight and easy to install
- Reduced Thermal Bridging

**Specification Clause**

The pitched roof insulation shall be Safe-R SR/PR \_\_ \_mm manufactured to EN 13166 by Unilin Insulation, comprising a rigid Phenolic core between low emissivity foil facings. The SR/PR \_\_ \_mm with Agrément declared Lambda value as low as 0.020 W/mK to achieve a U-Value of \_\_ \_W/m<sup>2</sup>K for the roof element. To be installed in accordance with instructions issued by Unilin Insulation.

Refer to NBS clause P10 140, K11 695, K11 55, K10 245.

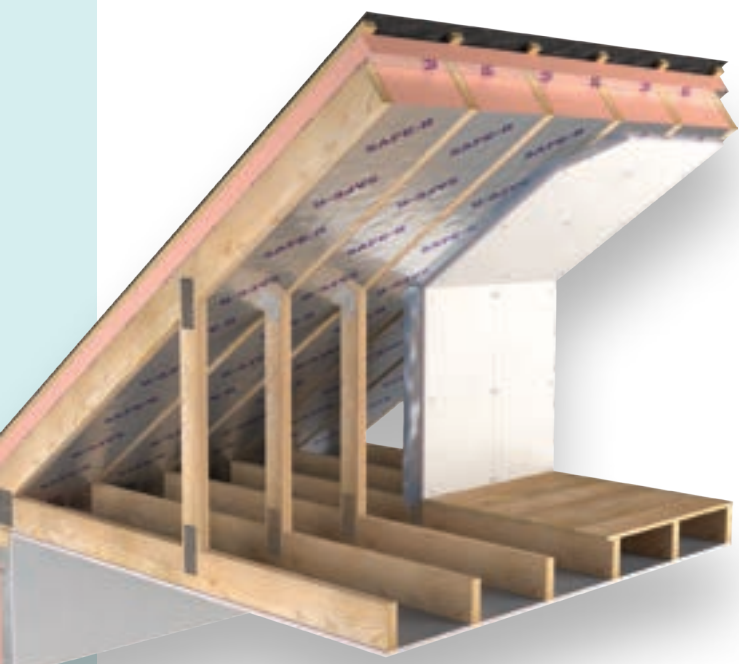
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**Thermal Resistances**

Thickness (mm)	R-Value (m <sup>2</sup> K/W)
25	1.05
40	1.70
50	2.35
60	2.85
75	3.55
80	3.80
100	5.00

**Resistance 'R' Values**

The resistance value of any thickness of material can be ascertained by simply dividing the thickness of the material (in metres) by its agrément declared lambda value, for example: Lambda 0.020 W/mK and thickness 100mm -> 0.100/ 0.020 -> R-Value = 5.00. In accordance with EN 13166, R-values should be rounded down to the nearest 0.05 (m<sup>2</sup>K/W).



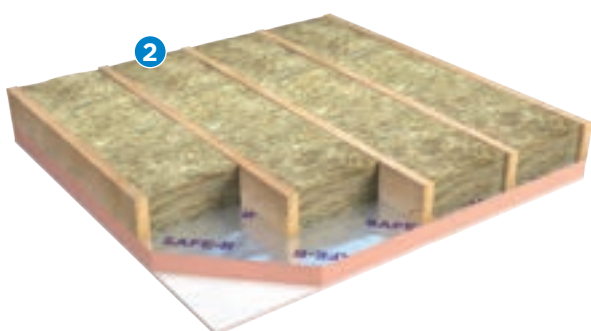
## SR/PR

### 1. Integral vapour control layer

In a conventional ventilated roof a 50mm clear ventilation gap should be maintained between the insulation and the roofing felt. In certain instances where a vapour permeable membrane is used the ventilation gap may be reduced or dispensed with, check with membrane manufacturer. Refer to manufacturer's guidelines.



2. In a ceiling, typically fibre glass is placed between and over the joists – this hides the top of the joist and may lead to health and safety concerns when the roof space is being accessed. The thermal bridge which occurs through the joists can be addressed by placing a layer of SR/PR to the underside, before the plasterboard is fixed. Safe-R SR/TB Drylining boards can also be used. This allows for the roof space to be accessed in a safe manner leaving the top of the joists exposed, which allows the roof space to be used for storage.



### Note

Alternatively, a layer of insulation - covered with chipboard or OSB - can also be placed over the joists. XT/Walk-R offers a ready made solution for this application.

### SR/PR

Length (mm)	2400
Width (mm)	1200
Thickness (mm)	25, 40, 50, 60, 75, 80, 100

Other thicknesses may be available depending on minimum order quantity and lead time.

### Property & Units

Thermal Conductivity	0.020-0.023 (W/mK)
Compressive Strength	>120 (kPa)
Reaction to Fire	Euroclass B s1, d0

Unilin Declaration of Performance (DoP) for this product is available for download from our website.

### NOTE

In every roof space where there are cold water tanks or services, for H&S reasons the Contractor should construct a permanent boarded walkway to access services. This walkway should be supported above the first layer of insulation to prevent any compaction of insulation below the walkway.

# INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

## SR/PR

### Ventilated Roof

1. Fix positioning battens to inner face of rafters, flush with the top edge of the timber.
2. Allow space for ventilation gaps, normally 50mm. (May be reduced depending on breather membrane certification).
3. Cut boards with fine toothed saw to fit tightly between rafters, flush with the bottom of the rafter. Allow slight oversize of cut to achieve 'friction fit' and seal any gaps with expanding foam.
4. If an additional second layer is required, this should be fixed to the underside of the rafter. Run second layer transverse to the first with joints tightly butted. Fix with nails to hold insulation in place until plasterboard is installed.
5. Provide a separate vapour control layer between insulation and plasterboard or alternatively, tape the joints of the insulation with an aluminium foil tape.
6. Finish with plasterboard fixed with drylining screws. Screw fix every 150mm, 12mm from edge of boards ensuring a minimum 25mm penetration into the rafter or alternatively follow plasterboard manufacturer installations guidance.

**Alternatively the second layer can be achieved with SR/TB MF Drylining board.**

Repeat steps 1 to 3 and replace second layer with SR/TB MF, a ready made Phenolic insulation board bonded to plasterboard. Where joints between sheets of SR/TB MF are unsupported by the rafters, timber noggins should be installed. Seal and tape the joints of the plasterboard in accordance with Standard Drylining Practice.

### Hybrid Roof

Follow the same procedure as a ventilated roof except an approved Vapour Permeable underlay is used above the rafter allowing the 50mm ventilation space to be dispensed with. Typically, a 25mm unventilated void should be maintained; Agrément certification covering the membrane should be consulted.

### Warm Roof

1. Ensure cavity wall insulation has continued to roof height to meet with the roof insulation.
2. Fix a treated timber stop rail to the end of the rafter at the eaves.
3. Lay SR/PR staggered jointed over the rafters. Ensure joints are tightly butted and fill any gaps with expanding foam. Joints should be fully supported by rafters. Boards can be temporarily fixed with nails.
4. Fix 38mm x 50mm counter battens with approved fixings through the SR/PR into the rafter. The amount of fixings is determined by the fixing manufacturer who can also provide wind load calculations.
5. A breathable sarking membrane should be fitted; refer to manufacturer's Agrément certification. Ventilation may have to be provided subject to that certification and minimises the risk of interstitial condensation forming on the underside of the membrane. Providing an unventilated void under the membrane can improve the thermal performance.
6. Secure 50mm x 25mm tiling battens through counterbatten and SR/PR to the rafter.
7. If an additional second layer is required, this should be fixed between the rafters.
8. Cut boards with fine toothed saw to fit tightly between rafters, flush with the top of the rafter. Allow slight oversize of cut to achieve 'friction fit' and seal any gaps with expanding foam.
9. Provide a separate vapour control layer between the bottom of rafter and plasterboard.
10. Finish with plasterboard fixed with drylining screws. Screw fix every 150mm, 12mm from edge of boards ensuring a minimum 25mm penetration into the rafter or alternatively follow plasterboard manufacturer installations guidance.

# THERMAL PERFORMANCE

## SR/PR

### Typical U-Values



**Table 1**

U-Value calculations to EN ISO:6946 SR/PR Insulation for Pitched Roofs

#### Hybrid Roof

- Tiles
- Battens
- Breathable membrane
- Air layer between rafters
- SR/PR between rafters
- SR/PR below rafters
- Vapour control layer
- Plasterboard
- Plaster skim

#### Safe-R Thickness (mm)

#### Rafter Centres (mm)

Between	Under	600mm	400mm
100	40	0.16	0.17
100	50	0.15	0.15
120	40	0.14	0.15
120	50	0.13	0.14
100	75	0.12	0.13
120	75	0.11	0.12

\*Insulation thickness only

**Table 2**

U-Value calculations to EN ISO:6946 SR/PR Insulation for Pitched Roofs

#### Warm Roof

- Tiles
- Battens
- Breathable membrane
- SR/PR over rafters
- SR/PR between rafters
- Air layer between rafters
- Vapour control layer
- Plasterboard
- Plaster skim

#### Safe-R Thickness (mm)

#### Rafter Centres (mm)

Between	Over	600mm	400mm
100	50	0.14	0.14
75	75	0.14	0.15
80	80	0.14	0.14
100	60	0.13	0.13
100	75	0.12	0.12
120	50	0.12	0.12
120	-	0.15	0.15



## 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

#### Get in touch

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**ISO 45001** Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems

**ISO 9001** Quality Management Systems

**ISO 14001** Environmental Management Systems

**The Sustainable Solution**

Specifying Unilin Insulation is a real commitment to minimising energy consumption, harmful CO<sub>2</sub> 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 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 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 and 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 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, 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.