Optimum performance rigid vacuum insulation panel – aged design value thermal conductivity 0.007 W/m-K

- Insulating performance up to five times better than other commonly available insulation materials
- Ideal for constructions where a lack of construction depth or space is an issue
- Certified by BDA Agrément* and LABC Registered Details
- Vacuum insulation panels are over 90% (by weight) recyclable
- Resistant to the passage of water vapour
- Ideal for new build and refurbishment
- Non-deleterious material

Kingspan

Low Energy – Low Carbon Buildings
Introduction

The Problem

When constructing a wall in new build situations or upgrading the thermal performance of walls in existing buildings there may be a requirement for both low U-values and the thinnest possible wall build-up.

For new-build applications, there are increasing regulatory requirements and economic reasons to improve energy efficiency. One of the more efficient approaches is to improve the thermal performance of the building fabric whilst keeping the overall construction as thin as possible. There are already high performance insulation products available that will fulfil some of these requirements, however in certain areas, for example where the design requirements are such, a new, thinner, product is needed.

In refurbishment there is arguably a greater need to keep wall build-ups as thin as possible. Space is already at a premium and there may be little space for installing new external wall insulation for example because of the available depth of eaves overhangs, encroachment into access routes and the creation of unsightly steps between adjacent insulated and uninsulated walls. Greater thicknesses of external wall insulation could necessitate extending eaves, longer and more costly fixings, trims and accessories, and may result in greater reveal depths, reducing natural daylight.

The Solution

The Kingspan OPTIM-R® External Wall System has been developed to help solve these problems. The Kingspan OPTIM-R® External Wall System is an optimum performance next generation insulation solution from Kingspan Insulation. It comprises rigid vacuum insulation panels with a microporous core which is evacuated, encased and sealed in a thin, gas-tight envelope, giving outstanding thermal conductivities and providing the thinnest possible solution to insulation problems.

The vacuum insulation panels are accompanied by premium performance rigid insulation infill panels which can be cut to fit around penetrations, reveals and where fixtures and fittings need to be installed.

In retrofit applications, the Kingspan OPTIM-R® External Wall System provides solutions for areas that previously could have remained un-insulated because of insufficient space available. In new constructions the Kingspan OPTIM-R® External Wall System can significantly enhance U-values in areas that would otherwise be accepted as denigrating the overall thermal performance.

With an aged design value thermal conductivity (λ) of 0.007 W/m·K, the Kingspan OPTIM-R® panels provide an insulating performance that is up to five times better than other commonly available insulation materials.

Design Service

The Kingspan OPTIM-R® External Wall System comprises 3 elements: Kingspan OPTIM-R® panels, Kingspan OPTIM-R® flex infill strips and Kingspan OPTIM-R® fix fixing strips. It comes with a supporting design service which ensures the ratio of the Kingspan OPTIM-R® panels to Kingspan OPTIM-R® flex and Kingspan OPTIM-R® fix for each project is maximised. The panel layout will be designed quickly and effectively, ready for client approval. Each layout will illustrate the size, number and location of the Kingspan OPTIM-R® panels. It will also illustrate the size, number and location of any Kingspan OPTIM-R® flex and Kingspan OPTIM-R® fix strips required.

Examples of a typical design layout can be seen in Figures 1 & 2.

For more details please contact the Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department (see rear cover).
Typical Constructions and U-values

Assumptions

The U−values in the tables that follow have been calculated, under a management system certified to the BBA Scheme for Assessing the Competency of Persons to Undertake U−value and Condensation Risk Calculations, using the method detailed in BS / I.S. EN ISO 6946: 2007 (Building components and building elements. Thermal resistance and thermal transmittance. Calculation method), and using the conventions set out in BR443 (Conventions for U−value calculations). They are valid for the constructions shown in the details immediately above each table.

For the new build examples, the internal wall finish is taken to be a 3 mm skim coated 12.5 mm plasterboard on dabs, unless stated otherwise. For the refurbishment examples, the internal wall finish is taken as 13 mm dense plaster unless stated otherwise. In all examples, where the external wall finish is rendered, this is taken to be a 10 mm polymer render.

NB When calculating U−values to BS / I.S. EN ISO 6946: 2007, the type of mechanical fixing used may change the thickness of insulation required. These calculations assume the use of stainless steel fasteners of cross sectional area of 7.44 mm² at a density of 2.88 per m² (for the ‘render carrier board’ or ‘Brick Slips’ options) or 4.4 per m² (for the ‘Ventilated Cladding’ options) and cross sectional area of 14.8 mm² at a density of 4.5 per m² (for insulated sheathing on steel frame with external masonry) for fixing the external finishes to the appropriate horizontal or vertical fix panels. The calculations also assume thermally broken fasteners with a thermal conductivity 1.00 W/m.K or less, the effect of which is insignificant, for the fixing of Kingspan OPTIM-R fix and Kingspan OPTIM-R flex strips.

NB For the purposes of these calculations the standard of workmanship has been assumed good, and therefore the correction factor for air gaps has been ignored.

NB The figures below are for guidance only. A detailed U−value calculation and a condensation risk analysis should be completed for each project.

NB If your construction is different from those specified, and / or to gain a comprehensive U−value calculation along with a condensation risk analysis of your project, please consult the Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department for assistance (see rear cover).

N.B. For the purposes of these calculations, the bridging effect of Kingspan OPTIM-R fix and Kingspan OPTIM-R flex has been taken to be 30%.

New Build

Insulated Sheathing on Steel Frame

![Figure 3](image-url)

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Typical Constructions and U-values

**Insulated Sheathing on Steel Frame**

- **Kingspan OPTIM-R** fix strips
- Sarking board / sheathing
- Proprietary fixing rail
- Kingspan fix strips
- Transverse 200 mm batten
- Kingspan fix strips
- Kingspan Kingspan

**215 mm Solid Blockwork Wall**

- Levelling compound
- Kingspan fix strips
- Kingspan fix strips
- Mechanical fixing
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- Kingspan Kingspan
- Kingspan Kingspan
- Timber cladding on battens
- Render system incorporating EML or glass fibre mesh
- Mechanical fixing
- Slate / tile on tiling battens and vertical battens
- Render carrier board (magnesium silicate)
- Brick slips on carrier track

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Refurbishment

### 100 mm Brick / 50 mm Cavity / 100 mm Brick Wall

- Levelling compound
- Kingspan OPTIM-R fix strips
- Mechanical fixing
- Timber cladding on battens
- Render system incorporating EML or glass fibre mesh
- Brick slips on carrier track
- Render carrier board (magnesium silicate)

### Solid Brick Wall

- Levelling compound
- Kingspan OPTIM-R fix strips
- Mechanical fixing
- Timber cladding on battens
- Render system incorporating EML or glass fibre mesh
- Brick slips on carrier track
- Render carrier board (magnesium silicate)

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Typical Constructions and U-values

Linear Thermal Bridging at Openings
Linear thermal bridging describes the heat loss at junctions between elements, where the geometry of the junction means that a building’s primary insulation layer is not continuous or is reduced. This heat loss is represented by the junction’s psi (ψ) value. The ψ-values of all the linear thermal bridges in a building are used in whole building carbon dioxide emissions calculation software.

At a window or door openings, in a wall insulated with the Kingspan OPTIM-R® External Wall System, the linear thermal bridge is the reveal.

This linear thermal bridge can be avoided, by positioning the window frame so that its outer face is flush with the outer surface of the masonry wall, and overlapping the window frame with the external wall insulation.

If this is not possible, this linear thermal bridge can be reduced by insulating the reveal. The key factor is the thermal resistance (R-value) of this insulation layer.

Accredited Construction Details (England & Wales / Scotland / Northern Ireland) and Acceptable Construction Details (Republic of Ireland), collectively referred to here as ACDs, feature details for walls with external wall insulation, with reveals insulated with a material of minimum thermal resistance (R-value) of 0.60 m²K/W. These constructions have the following ψ-values: 0.50 W/m.K for a steel lintel with a perforated steel base, 0.30 W/m.K for other lintels (including steel lintels), 0.04 W/m.K for a sill and 0.05 W/m.K for a jamb.

Adhering to these constructions, entitles a designer to use a default ψ-value in whole building carbon dioxide emissions calculation software.

ACDs are specifically targeted at new build constructions but, where applicable, they are also considered best practice for refurbishment.

Reveals should be designed to accommodate the 20 mm Kingspan OPTIM-R® flex strips required to achieve an R-value of 0.6 m²K/W, and the depth of the cladding system (see Figure 11).

Design Considerations

Responsible Sourcing

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The Kingspan OPTIM-R® External Wall System is manufactured under a management system certified to ISO 14001: 2004.

Specification Clause

The Kingspan OPTIM-R® panels should be described in specifications as:-

The external wall insulation shall be the Kingspan OPTIM-R® External Wall System___ mm thick: comprising a rigid vacuum insulation panel with a microporous core which is evacuated, encased and sealed in a thin, gas-tight envelope. The product shall be manufactured under a management system certified to ISO 9001: 2008, ISO 14001: 2008, BS OHSAS 18001: 2007 and ISO 50001: 2011 and installed in accordance with the instructions issued by Kingspan Insulation Limited.

Sustainability & Responsibility

Kingspan Insulation has a long-term commitment to sustainability and responsibility: as a manufacturer and supplier of insulation products; as an employer; as a substantial landholder; and as a key member of its neighbouring communities.

A report covering the sustainability and responsibility of Kingspan Insulation Ltd’s British operations is available at www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk/sustainabilityandresponsibility.

NBS Specifications

Details also available in NBS Plus.
NBS users should refer to clause(s):
M21 210, M21 220, M21 230
(Standard and Intermediate)
M21 20 (Minor Works)

Water Vapour Control / Condensation

Consideration should be given to the risk of condensation, when designing thermal elements.

A condensation risk analysis should be carried out following the procedures set out in BS 5250: 2002 (Code of practice for the control of condensation in buildings). The Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department (see rear cover) can provide this service.

Fire Stops

Current Building Regulations / Standards should be considered with regard to the requirements for, and provision of, fire stops.
Sitework

Steel Frame with Insulating Sheathing

- The **Kingspan OPTIM-R** External Wall System should be installed to the outside of the steel frame structure (outside of the backing board / sheathing).
- The backing board / sheathing forming the face of the substrate against which the **Kingspan OPTIM-R** panels are installed should be clean, flat and free from protrusions.
- The **Kingspan OPTIM-R** fix strips, minimum 100 mm wide, should be installed vertically at maximum 600 mm horizontal centres, coinciding with a vertical steelwork member, in order to provide a fixing point for the subsequent attachment of the channel with wall tie system, to tie the external masonry skin to the steel frame structure. Strips should be of the same thickness as the specified **Kingspan OPTIM-R** panels. The **Kingspan OPTIM-R** fix strips should be mechanically fixed back to the structure using appropriate mechanical fasteners, preferably thermally broken.
- The **Kingspan OPTIM-R** panels should be installed between the **Kingspan OPTIM-R** fix strips with board edges lightly butted. All **Kingspan OPTIM-R** panels are to be installed with the film flaps against the substrate. Remaining areas of wall around openings and other details which cannot be insulated with the **Kingspan OPTIM-R** panels should be in-filled with an equal thickness of **Kingspan OPTIM-R** flex strips.
- The **Kingspan OPTIM-R** panels should be restrained to the backing board / sheathing using a suitable proprietary adhesive. For further advice on the specification of the proprietary adhesive and application guidance please contact the Kingspan Insulation Technical Services Department.
- The **Kingspan OPTIM-R flex** strips should be mechanically fixed back to the structure using appropriate mechanical fasteners, preferably thermally broken.
- Care should be taken to install the specified thickness of insulation around reveals (see Figure 11).
- Once the **Kingspan OPTIM-R** panels, **Kingspan OPTIM-R** fix and **Kingspan OPTIM-R** flex strips have been installed, self-drilling screws are fixed through the channel and the **Kingspan OPTIM-R** fix strips, into the steel structure behind. Once the channel is installed, wall ties can be positioned at any point along its length and are built into the bed joints of the outer leaf of brickwork.
- The spacing of ties is dependent on the type and height of the building and its geographical location. Advice should be sought from both the appropriate steel frame manufacturer and wall tie restraint system manufacturer. In the absence of any other guidance refer to: Ancon Building Products +44 (0) 114 275 5224 www.ancon.co.uk
When selecting the type of fixing and fixing frequency, consideration must be given to the weight of the cladding, the design of the wall and wind loading. For details on suitable fixings please consult the appropriate fixing and cladding manufacturer. Care must be taken to ensure fasteners do not penetrate the Kingspan OPTIM-R panels.

Wherever possible, care should be taken to avoid cold bridging when attaching services and ancillaries to the exterior of the building (see Figure 12).

Depending on the render finish being applied, advice must be sought from the render manufacturer on the Expanded Metal Lathing (EML) / glass fibre mesh and bedding mortar to be applied.

In refurbishment projects, sill extenders and flashings should be used around openings, with care taken to avoid cold bridging (see Figure 13).

Because insulated render systems are proprietary and utilise different mechanisms for attaching insulation to the wall structure, sitework guidance should be sought from the render system manufacturer. In the absence of any other guidance, the instructions laid out below may be followed.

The external masonry wall should be clean, flat, and free from protrusions.

Where an uneven surface remains, it is recommended that a levelling compound be applied.

External wall insulation should start 150 / 200 / 600* mm below the top surface of the ground floor insulation / perimeter insulation upstand (whichever is higher) for a concrete floor, or 200 mm below the top surface of the ground floor insulation / perimeter insulation upstand (whichever is higher) for a suspended timber floor.

Kingspan OPTIM-R fix strips, minimum 100 mm wide, should be installed horizontally at maximum 600 mm vertical centres, in order to provide a fixing point for the subsequent attachment of the render carrier board which will accept the render finish or the carrier track which will accept the brick slip system. Kingspan OPTIM-R fix strips should be of the same thickness as the specified Kingspan OPTIM-R panels. Kingspan OPTIM-R fix strips should be mechanically fixed back to the substrate using appropriate mechanical fasteners, preferably thermally broken.

The Kingspan OPTIM-R panels should be installed between Kingspan OPTIM-R fix strips with board edges lightly butted. All Kingspan OPTIM-R panels are to be installed with the film flaps against the substrate. Remaining areas of wall around openings and other details which can not be insulated with the Kingspan OPTIM-R panels should be in-filled with an equal thickness of Kingspan OPTIM-R flex strips.

The Kingspan OPTIM-R panels should be restrained to the substrate using a suitable proprietary adhesive. For further advice on the specification of the proprietary adhesive and application guidance please contact the Kingspan Insulation Technical Services Department.

The Kingspan OPTIM-R flex strips should be mechanically fixed back to the substrate using appropriate mechanical fasteners, preferably thermally broken.

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Once the Kingspan OPTIM-R, Kingspan OPTIM-R fix and Kingspan OPTIM-R flex strips have been installed, a render carrier board is installed in a continuous layer over the assembly and fixed back to the substrate through the horizontal Kingspan OPTIM-R fix strips in order to accept the render finish. Alternatively a carrier track can be installed to accept a brick slip finish.

When selecting the type of fixing and fixing frequency, consideration must be given to the weight of the cladding, the design of the wall and wind loading. For details on suitable fixings please consult the appropriate fixing and cladding manufacturer. Care must be taken to ensure fasteners do not penetrate the Kingspan OPTIM-R panels.

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Ventilated Cladding Systems

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- External wall insulation should start 150 / 200 / 600* mm below the top surface of the ground floor insulation / perimeter insulation upstand (whichever is higher) for a concrete floor, or 200 mm below the top surface of the ground floor insulation / perimeter insulation upstand (whichever is higher) for a suspended timber floor.

- Kingspan Optim-R* fix strips, minimum 100 mm wide, should be installed vertically at maximum 600 mm horizontal centres, in order to provide a fixing point for the subsequent attachment of the timber battens which will accept the ventilated cladding system. Strips should be of the same thickness as the specified Kingspan Optim-R panels. Kingspan Optim-R* fix strips should be mechanically fixed back to the substrate using appropriate mechanical fasteners, preferably thermally broken.

- The Kingspan Optim-R* panels should be installed between the Kingspan Optim-R* fix strips with board edges lightly butted. All Kingspan Optim-R* panels are to be installed with the film flaps against the substrate. Remaining areas of wall around openings and other details which cannot be insulated with the Kingspan Optim-R* panels should be in-filled with an equal thickness of Kingspan Optim-R* flex strips.

- The Kingspan Optim-R* panels should be restrained to the substrate using a suitable proprietary adhesive. For further advice on the specification of the proprietary adhesive and application guidance please consult the Kingspan Insulation Technical Services Department for assistance.

- Kingspan Optim-R* flex strips should be mechanically fixed back to the substrate, using appropriate mechanical fasteners, preferably thermally broken.

- Care should be taken to install the specified thickness of insulation around reveals (see Figure 11).

- Kingspan Optim-R* fix and Kingspan Optim-R* flex strips have been installed, a breathable membrane, e.g. Kingspan Nilvent®, is installed over the System and temporarily stapled or pinned in place to the vertical Kingspan Optim-R* fix strips.

- Minimum 38 mm x 38 mm vertical treated softwood timber battens are fixed through the breathable membrane and the installed Kingspan Optim-R* fix strips vertical to the substrate behind. Care must be taken to ensure fasteners do not penetrate the Kingspan Optim-R* panels.

- When selecting the type of fixing and fixing frequency for the vertical battens, consideration must be given to the weight of cladding to be fixed to them, the design of the wall, and wind loading. For details on suitable fixings, please consult the appropriate fixing and cladding manufacturer.

- If the cladding system is to be tile / slate hanging, horizontal tiling battens can then be fixed to the vertical battens.

- Horizontal tiling battens and the tile / slate cladding that is to be fixed to them should be installed in accordance with the tile / slate cladding manufacturers recommendations.

- Alternatively, timber cladding can be fixed directly to the vertical battens.

- If the cladding system is to be finished with render, the render carrier board (e.g. magnesium silicate building board, expanded metal lath) can be fixed directly to the vertical battens.

- The dry cladding system should be secured in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.

- Wherever possible, care should be taken to avoid cold bridging when attaching services and ancillaries to the exterior of the building.

- In refurbishment projects, sill extenders and flashings should be used around openings, with care taken to avoid cold bridging.
General

- The Kingspan OPTIM-R™ panels should not be used in association with solvent-based adhesive systems.
- The Kingspan OPTIM-R™ panels should not be exposed to naked flames or excessive heat.

Cutting

- The Kingspan OPTIM-R™ panels should not be cut or penetrated. The substrate must be clean, dry and level, and free of sharp objects or edges.
- Cutting of the Kingspan OPTIM-R™ fix and Kingspan OPTIM-R™ flex strips should be carried out either by using a fine toothed saw, or by scoring with a sharp knife, snapping the board over a straight edge and then cutting the facing on the other side.
- Ensure accurate trimming of the Kingspan OPTIM-R™ fix and Kingspan OPTIM-R™ flex strips to achieve close-butt joints and continuity of insulation.

Availability

- Please contact Kingspan Insulation for availability of the Kingspan OPTIM-R™ External Wall System.

Packaging and Storage

- The packaging of the Kingspan OPTIM-R™ External Wall System should not be considered adequate for outdoor protection. The Kingspan OPTIM-R™ External Wall System should be stored inside a building and raised off the floor.

Health and Safety

- Kingspan Insulation products are chemically inert and safe to use.
- A Safety Information Data Sheet for this product is available from the Kingspan Insulation website www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk/safety or www.kingspaninsulation.ie/safety.

Warning – do not stand on or otherwise support your weight on this product unless it is fully supported by a load bearing surface. Please note that the reflective surface on this product is designed to enhance its thermal performance. As such, it will reflect light as well as heat, including ultraviolet light. Therefore, if this panel is being installed during very bright or sunny weather, it is advisable to wear UV protective sunglasses or goggles, and if the skin is exposed for a significant period of time, to protect the bare skin with a UV block sun cream.
Product Details

Composition

The Kingspan OPTIM-R™ panels comprise a rigid vacuum insulation panel with a microporous core which is evacuated, encased and sealed in a thin, gas-tight envelope.

The Kingspan OPTIM-R™ fix and Kingspan OPTIM-R™ flex strips comprise a premium performance rigid insulation faced on both sides with a composite foil facing.

Standards and Approvals


The use of the Kingspan OPTIM-R™ External Wall System is covered by BDA Agrément Certificate BAE 15-035/01/C (thicknesses of 20 – 40mm) and by LABC Registered Details Certificate No. EWW488. For more information please contact the Kingspan Insulation Technical Services Department.

Standard Dimensions

The Kingspan OPTIM-R™ panels are available in the following standard size(s):

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Other sizes may be available dependent on order quantity. Please contact Kingspan Insulation for more details.

Compressive Strength

The compressive strength of the Kingspan OPTIM-R™ panels typically exceeds 160 kPa at 10% compression when tested to BS / I.S. EN ISO 826: 1996 (Thermal insulating products for building application. Determination of compression behaviour).

Durability

If installed correctly and protected from damage and penetration, the Kingspan OPTIM-R™ External Wall System can provide reliable long-term thermal performance over the lifetime of the building.

Resistance to Solvents, Fungi & Rodents

The Kingspan OPTIM-R™ External Wall System should not be used in association with solvent-based adhesive systems. Damaged boards or boards that have been in contact with solvents or acids should not be used.

The insulation core and facings used in the manufacture of the Kingspan OPTIM-R™ External Wall System resist attack by mould and microbial growth, and do not provide any food value to vermin.

Fire Performance

Details on the fire performance of Kingspan Insulation products may be obtained from the Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department (see rear cover).

Thermal Properties

The λ-values and R-values detailed below are quoted in accordance with BS / I.S. EN 12667: 2001 (Thermal performance of building materials and products. Determination of thermal resistance by means of guarded hot plate and heat flow meter methods. Products of high and medium thermal resistance), with allowance for ageing and edge effect of the encapsulating film to form the design value.

**Thermal Conductivity**

The Kingspan OPTIM-R™ panels achieve a thermal conductivity (λ-value) of 0.007 W/m·K (aged design value allowing for edge effect).

**Thermal Resistance**

Thermal resistance (R-value) of the Kingspan OPTIM-R™ panels vary with thickness and are calculated by dividing the thickness of the panel (expressed in metres) by the thermal conductivity.

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