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## UNILIN THIN-R INSULATION

### UNILIN THIN-R PITCHED ROOF BOARD (XT/PR\_UF)

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> relates to Unilin Thin-R Pitched Roof Board (XT/PR\_UF), comprising a rigid polyisocyanurate (PIR) foam board with a composite foil facing on both sides, for use as insulation installed above, between and/or below rafters in tiled or slated timber pitched roofs, horizontal ceilings, dwarf walls and dormer cheeks of new or existing domestic and non-domestic buildings, with height restrictions in some cases.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

#### The assessment includes:

##### Product factors:

- compliance with Building Regulations
- compliance with additional regulatory or non-regulatory information where applicable
- evaluation against technical specifications
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- uses and design considerations

##### Process factors:

- compliance with Scheme requirements
- installation, delivery, handling and storage
- production and quality controls
- maintenance and repair

##### Ongoing contractual Scheme elements†:

- regular assessment of production
- formal 3-yearly review



#### KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

- Section 1. Mechanical resistance and stability
- Section 2. Safety in case of fire
- Section 3. Hygiene, health and the environment
- Section 4. Safety and accessibility in use
- Section 5. Protection against noise
- Section 6. Energy economy and heat retention
- Section 7. Sustainable use of natural resources
- Section 8. Durability

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the product described herein. This product has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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## SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT AND COMPLIANCE

This section provides a summary of the assessment conclusions; readers should refer to the later sections of this Certificate for information about the assessments carried out.

### Compliance with Regulations

Having assessed the key factors, the opinion of the BBA is that Unilin Thin-R Pitched Roof Board (XT/PR\_UF), if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations:



#### The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

<b>Requirement:</b> B3(4)	<b>Internal fire spread (structure)</b>
Comment:	The product can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 2 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> B4(1)	<b>External fire spread</b>
Comment:	The product is restricted by this Requirement in some cases. See section 2 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> C2(c)	<b>Resistance to moisture</b>
Comment:	The product can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 3 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> L1(a)(i)	<b>Conservation of fuel and power</b>
Comment:	The product can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 6 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> 7(1)	<b>Materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:	The product is acceptable. See sections 8 and 9 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 7(2)	<b>Materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:	The product is restricted by this Regulation. See section 2 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 25B	<b>Nearly zero-energy requirements for new buildings</b>
<b>Regulation:</b> 26	<b>CO<sub>2</sub> emission rates for new buildings</b>
<b>Regulation:</b> 26A	<b>Fabric energy efficiency rates (applicable to England only)</b>
<b>Regulation:</b> 26A	<b>Primary energy rates for new buildings (applicable to Wales only)</b>
<b>Regulation:</b> 26B	<b>Fabric performance values for new dwellings</b>
<b>Regulation:</b> 26C	<b>Target primary energy rates for new buildings (applicable to England only)</b>
<b>Regulation:</b> 26C	<b>Minimum energy efficiency rating (applicable to Wales only)</b>
Comment:	The product can contribute to satisfying these Regulations. See section 6 of this Certificate.



#### The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b> 8(1)	<b>Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:	The product is acceptable. See sections 8 and 9 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 8(3)	<b>Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:	The product is restricted by this Regulation. See section 2 of this Certificate.

<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Building standards – construction</b>
Standard:	2.4	Cavities
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Standard with reference to clause 2.4.2 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , and is restricted by this Standard with reference to clauses 2.4.4 <sup>(1)</sup> and 2.4.6 <sup>(2)</sup> . See section 2 of this Certificate.
Standard:	2.6	Spread to neighbouring buildings
Comment:		The product is restricted by this Standard in some cases, with reference to clauses 2.6.5 <sup>(1)</sup> and 2.6.6 <sup>(2)</sup> . See section 2 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.15	Condensation
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.15.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 3.15.3 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 3.15.4 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 3.15.5 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 3.15.7 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See section 3 of this Certificate.
Standard:	6.1(b)(c)	Energy demand
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 6.1.1 <sup>(1)</sup> and 6.1.2 <sup>(2)</sup> . See section 6 of this Certificate.
Standard:	6.2	Building insulation envelope
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 6.2.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.3 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.4 <sup>(2)</sup> , 6.2.6 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.7 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.8 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.9 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.10 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.11 <sup>(2)</sup> and 6.2.12 <sup>(1)</sup> . See section 6 of this Certificate.
Standard:	7.1(a)(b)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard. In addition, the product can contribute to a construction meeting a higher level of sustainability as defined in this Standard, with reference to clauses 7.1.4 <sup>(1)</sup> , 7.1.6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 7.1.7 <sup>(1)</sup> , 7.1.9 <sup>(2)</sup> and 7.1.10 <sup>(2)</sup> . See section 6 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Building standards – conversion</b>
Comment:		Comments made in relation to the product under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and Schedule 6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> .

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



## The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>23(1)(a)(i)</b>	<b>Fitness of materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:	<b>(iii)(b)(i)(ii)</b>	The product is acceptable. See sections 8 and 9 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>23(2)</b>	<b>Fitness of materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:		The product is restricted by this Regulation. See section 2 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Condensation</b>
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See section 3 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>35(4)</b>	<b>Internal fire spread – structure</b>
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See section 2 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>36(a)</b>	<b>External fire spread</b>
Comment:		The product is restricted by this Regulation in some cases. See section 2 of this Certificate.

Regulation:	39(a)(i)	Conservation measures
Regulation:	40(2)	Target carbon dioxide emission rate
Regulation:	43(1)(2)	Renovation of thermal elements
Regulation:	43B	Nearly zero-energy requirements for new buildings
Comment:	The product can contribute to satisfying these Regulations. See section 6 of this Certificate.	

## Additional Information

### NHBC Standards 2026

In the opinion of the BBA, Unilin Thin-R Pitched Roof Board (XT/PR\_UF), if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 7.2 *Pitched roofs*.

The opinion of the BBA does not amount to any endorsement or approval by the NHBC and does not in any way guarantee that the NHBC will approve such a product / system as compliant with the NHBC Technical Requirements and Standards.

## Fulfilment of Requirements

The BBA has judged Unilin Thin-R Pitched Roof Board (XT/PR\_UF) to be satisfactory for use as described in this Certificate. The product has been assessed for use as insulation installed above, between and/or below rafters in tiled or slated timber pitched roofs, horizontal ceilings, dwarf walls and dormer cheeks of new or existing domestic and non-domestic buildings, with height restrictions in some cases.

## ASSESSMENT

### Product description and intended use

The Certificate holder provided the following description for the product under assessment. Unilin Thin-R Pitched Roof Board (XT/PR\_UF) consists of a rigid PIR foam board, with a composite foil facing on both sides.

The product has the nominal characteristics shown in Table 1.

*Table 1 Nominal characteristics*

Characteristic	Value
Length (mm)	2400
Width (mm)	1200
Thickness (mm)	25 to 150
Edge profile	Square

### Ancillary Items

The Certificate holder recommends the following ancillary items for use with the product, but these materials have not been assessed by the BBA and are outside the scope of this Certificate:

- tile or slate roof finish
- roof tile underlay
- treated timber battens/rafters
- air and vapour control layer (AVCL)
- fixings
- proprietary airtightness tape
- gypsum plasterboard lining.

## Applications

The product is intended for use as insulation in the following applications, in new and existing domestic or non-domestic buildings, on tiled or slated pitched roofs, with height restrictions in some cases (see section 2):

- above sloping rafters
- above and between sloping rafters
- between sloping rafters
- between and below sloping rafters
- below horizontal ceiling joists
- between and/or to the inner face of studs in dwarf walls and dormer cheeks.

## Product assessment – key factors

The product was assessed for the following key factors, and the outcome of the assessments is shown below. Conclusions relating to the Building Regulations apply to the whole of the UK unless otherwise stated.

### 1 Mechanical resistance and stability

Data were assessed for the following characteristic.

#### 1.1 Behaviour under loading

The product was tested for compressive strength, and the result is given in Table 2.

Table 2 Compressive strength

Product assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result
Unilin Thin-R Pitched Roof Board (XT/PR_UF)	Compressive strength to BS EN 826 : 2013	Declared minimum compressive strength of the product at 10% deformation 140 kPa	Pass

### 2 Safety in case of fire

Data were assessed for the following characteristic.

#### 2.1 External fire spread

The resistance to fire exposure of a built-up roofing system will be dependent on the fire performance of the combined individual components and cannot be predicted from the classification of the insulation alone. The classification of a specific roof system must be confirmed by reference to the requirements of the documents supporting the national Building Regulations.

#### 2.2 Reaction to fire

2.2.1 The reaction to fire classification is given in Table 3.

Table 3 Reaction to fire classification

Product assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result
Unilin Thin-R Pitched Roof Board (XT/PR_UF)	BS EN 13165 : 2012	Declared value	F

2.2.2 On the basis of data assessed, the product will be restricted in use under the documents supporting the national Building Regulations, in some cases.

2.2.3 In England and Wales, the product, when used in roof pitches greater than 70°, must not be used on residential buildings with a storey 11 m or more in height, or on any other building with a storey 18 m or more in height.

2.2.4 In Scotland, the product, when used in roof pitches greater than 70°, must not be used less than 1 m from a relevant boundary or on buildings that have a storey 11 m or more above ground level.

2.2.5 In Northern Ireland, the product, when used in roof pitches greater than 70°, must not be used on buildings with a storey 18 m or more in height.

2.2.6 Designers must refer to the relevant national Building Regulations and guidance for detailed conditions of use, particularly in respect of requirements for substrate fire performance, cavity closers and barriers, fire stopping of service penetrations and combustibility limitations for other materials and components used in the overall wall construction.

### 2.3 Resistance to fire

Where the roof forms a junction with a compartment wall, the junction must maintain the required period of fire resistance.

## 3 Hygiene, health, and the environment

Data were assessed for the following characteristic.

### 3.1 Water vapour permeability

3.1.1 The product was tested for water vapour resistivity/resistance, and the results are given in Table 4.

Product assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result
PIR insulation core	BS EN 12086 : 2013	Value achieved	272 MN·s·g <sup>-1</sup> ·m <sup>-1</sup>
Composite foil facing			940 MN·s·g <sup>-1</sup>

3.1.2 For the purpose of assessing the risk of condensation, the water vapour resistivity/resistance values may be taken as stated in Table 4.

## 4 Safety and accessibility in use

Not applicable.

## 5 Protection against noise

Not applicable.

## 6 Energy economy and heat retention

Data were assessed for the following characteristics.

### 6.1 Thermal conductivity

The product was tested for thermal conductivity, and the result is given in Table 5.

Product assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result
Unilin Thin-R Pitched Roof Board (XT/PR_UF)	BS EN 13165 : 2012	Declared value ( $\lambda_D$ )	0.022 W·m <sup>-1</sup> ·K <sup>-1</sup>

## 6.2 Thermal performance

The foil facing was tested for emissivity and the result is given in Table 6.

**Table 6 Aged emissivity**

Product assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result
Composite foil facing	BS EN 15976 : 2011	Declared value	0.05

## 6.3 Conservation of fuel and power

6.3.1 The U value of a completed roof will depend on the insulation thickness, the number and type of fixings, and the roof structure and its internal finish. Example U values are given in Tables 7 to 10.

**Table 7 Example U values — pitched roof**

Target U value ( $W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$ )	Unilin Thin-R Pitched Roof Board (XT/PR_UF) insulation thickness (mm)		
	Over rafters <sup>(1)</sup>	Between and over rafters <sup>(2)</sup>	Between and under rafters <sup>(3)</sup>
0.09	— <sup>(5)</sup>	125 + 125	150 + 145 <sup>(4)</sup>
0.11	— <sup>(5)</sup>	105 + 100	120 + 120 <sup>(4)</sup>
0.12	— <sup>(5)</sup>	95 + 90	110 + 110 <sup>(4)</sup>
0.13	— <sup>(5)</sup>	85 + 85	105 + 100 <sup>(4)</sup>
0.15	135	75 + 75	90 + 90
0.16	125	70 + 70	85 + 80
0.18	110	60 + 60	75 + 75
0.20	100	55 + 55	70 + 65
0.25	75	40 + 40	55 + 50

- (1) Pitched roof construction — concrete tiles on 25 mm timber tile battens (well-ventilated) on low-resistance (LR) breather membrane; XT/PR\_UF insulation secured with 11 fixings per  $m^2$  — stainless steel ( $\lambda = 17 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ) with a cross-sectional area of  $9 mm^2$ , on 47 by 150 mm timber rafters (11.75%;  $\lambda = 0.13 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ) with a low-e ( $\epsilon = 0.05$ ) air cavity between the timbers; AVCL; 15 mm plasterboard ( $\lambda = 0.25 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ).
- (2) Pitched roof construction — concrete tiles on 25 mm timber tile battens (well-ventilated) on low-resistance (LR) breather membrane; XT/PR\_UF insulation secured with 11 fixings per  $m^2$  — stainless steel ( $\lambda = 17 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ) with a cross-sectional area of  $9 mm^2$ , above XT/PR\_UF insulation fitted tightly between the 47 by 150 mm timber rafters (11.75%;  $\lambda = 0.13 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ) with a residual low-e ( $\epsilon = 0.05$ ) air cavity between the timbers; AVCL; 15 mm plasterboard ( $\lambda = 0.25 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ).
- (3) Pitched roof construction — concrete tiles on 25 mm timber tile battens (well-ventilated) on sarking felt; minimum 50 mm well-ventilated cavity above XT/PR\_UF insulation fitted tightly between the 47 by 150 mm timber rafters (11.75%;  $\lambda = 0.13 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ); XT/PR\_UF insulation below rafters secured with 14.58 fixings per  $m^2$  — mild steel ( $\lambda = 50 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ) with a cross-sectional area of  $10.46 mm^2$ ; 15 mm plasterboard ( $\lambda = 0.25 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ).
- (4) With additional timber battens ( $\lambda = 0.13 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ) added beneath the 150 mm rafters, to maintain a 50 mm ventilated cavity above the insulation.
- (5) Can be achieved with the systems 'between and over rafters' and 'between and under rafters'.

**Table 8 Example U values — horizontal ceiling<sup>(1)</sup>**

Target U value ( $W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$ )	Unilin Thin-R Pitched Roof Board (XT/PR_UF) insulation thickness (mm)
0.09	150
0.11	110
0.12	95
0.13	85
0.15	65
0.16	55
0.18	40
0.20	30
0.25	25

- (1) Cold pitched roof construction — uninsulated tiled roof with a felt underlay ( $R = 0.2 m^2 \cdot K \cdot W^{-1}$ ); 150 mm horizontal timber joists ( $\lambda = 0.13 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ , 13% fraction) fully filled with mineral wool insulation ( $\lambda = 0.037 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ); XT/PR\_UF insulation secured with 4.4 fixings per  $m^2$  — stainless steel ( $\lambda = 17 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ) with a cross-sectional area of  $6.6 mm^2$ ; AVCL; 15 mm plasterboard ( $\lambda = 0.25 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ).

**Table 9 Example U values — dwarf wall<sup>(1)</sup>**

Target U value (W·m <sup>-2</sup> ·K <sup>-1</sup> )	Unilin Thin-R Pitched Roof Board (XT/PR_UF) insulation thickness – lining (mm)
0.13	90
0.15	70
0.17	50
0.18	45
0.21	30
0.26	25
0.28	25
0.30	25

(1) Dwarf wall construction — uninsulated tiled roof with a felt underlay ( $R = 0.2 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{K} \cdot \text{W}^{-1}$ ); 100 mm timber frame ( $\lambda = 0.13 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ , 15% fraction) fully filled with XT/PR\_UF insulation; XT/PR\_UF insulation as lining secured with 4.4 fixings per m<sup>2</sup> – stainless steel ( $\lambda = 17 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ ) with a cross-sectional area of 6.6 mm<sup>2</sup>; AVCL; 15 mm plasterboard ( $\lambda = 0.25 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ ).

**Table 10 Example U values — dormer cheek<sup>(1)</sup>**

Target U value (W·m <sup>-2</sup> ·K <sup>-1</sup> )	Unilin Thin-R Pitched Roof Board (XT/PR_UF) insulation thickness – lining (mm)
0.13	90
0.15	70
0.17	50
0.18	45
0.21	30
0.26	25
0.28	25
0.30	25

(1) Dormer cheek construction — 10 mm tile cladding; 25 mm well-ventilated cavity; breather membrane; 9 mm timber oriented strand board (OSB) sheathing board ( $\lambda = 0.13 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ ); 100 mm timber frame ( $\lambda = 0.13 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ , 15% fraction) fully filled with XT/PR\_UF insulation; XT/PR\_UF insulation as lining secured with 4.4 fixings per m<sup>2</sup> – stainless steel ( $\lambda = 17 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ ) with a cross-sectional area of 6.6 mm<sup>2</sup>; AVCL; 15 mm plasterboard ( $\lambda = 0.25 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ ).

6.3.2 On the basis of data assessed, the product can contribute towards a construction satisfying the national Building Regulations in respect of energy economy and heat retention.

## 7 Sustainable uses of natural resources

Not applicable.

## 8 Durability

8.1 The potential mechanisms for degradation and the known performance characteristics of the materials in the product were assessed.

8.2 Specific test data were assessed as given in Table 11.

**Table 11 Dimensional stability**

Product assessed	Assessment method	Requirement	Result
Unilin Thin-R Pitched Roof Board (XT/PR_UF)	BS EN 1604 : 2013 (70°C and 90% RH for 48 hours)	Length and width $\leq 1\%$ change Thickness $\leq 4\%$ change	Pass

### 8.3 Service life

Under normal service conditions, the product will have a life equivalent to the structure in which it is incorporated, provided it is designed, installed and maintained in accordance with this Certificate and the Certificate holder's instructions.

Information provided by the Certificate holder was assessed for the following factors:

### 9 Design, installation, workmanship, and maintenance

#### 9.1 Design

9.1.1 The design process was assessed by the BBA, and the following requirements apply in order to satisfy the performance assessed in this Certificate.

9.1.2 Roofs must be designed and constructed in accordance with the relevant clauses of BS 5250 : 2021, BS 5534 : 2014, BS 8103-3 : 2009, BS EN 351-1 : 2023, BS 8000-8 : 2023, and BS EN 1995-1-1 : 2004 and its UK National Annex, and this Certificate.

9.1.3 Design wind loading will depend largely on the building geometry and its geographical location and must be calculated by a suitably experienced and competent individual in accordance with BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005 and its UK National Annex. Snow loadings must be calculated in accordance with BS EN 1991-1-3 : 2003 and its UK National Annex.

9.1.4 The Certificate holder and fixing manufacturer must advise on the use of the correct proprietary fixings and fixing capacity, but such advice is outside the scope of this Certificate. When considering this and calculating the fixing spacing required to resist the calculated loadings, the requirements of BS EN 1995-1-1 : 2004 and its UK National Annex must be followed.

9.1.5 Construction elements must be designed and constructed to incorporate the normal precautions against moisture ingress before application of the product.

9.1.6 Vapour permeable roof tile underlays used in conjunction with the product must have a current BBA Certificate and must be used in accordance with, and within the limitations of, that Certificate.

9.1.7 It is essential that detailing and jointing of the boards achieves a convection-free envelope of high vapour resistance. Any gaps must be filled and/or taped. Ridges, abutments and penetrations must also be sealed. Flue pipes passing through the insulation must be suitably sleeved.

9.1.8 A ventilated air space of minimum depth 50 mm may be required between the underside of the roof tile underlay and the upper face of the product, dependent on the specification of the roof tile underlay used (see section 9.1.15).

9.1.9 The guidance given in the documents supporting the national Building Regulations must be followed when the product is installed in close proximity to certain pipes and/or heat-producing appliances.

9.1.10 De-rating of electric cables must be considered in areas where the product restricts the flow of air. The use of suitable conduit or trunking is recommended. Cables under high electrical load must be long enough to be laid on top of the full depth of insulation, with a separating layer between the insulation and the electrical cables.

9.1.11 Where recessed lighting is used, provision must be made to prevent the fitting overheating.

9.1.12 Calculations of the thermal transmittance (U value) of a wall or roof must be carried out in accordance with BS EN ISO 6946 : 2017 and BRE Report BR 443 : 2019.

9.1.13 Care must be taken in the overall design and construction of junctions with other elements and openings to minimise thermal bridges and air infiltration and the detailed guidance can be found in the documents supporting the national Building Regulations must be followed.

#### ***Interstitial condensation***

9.1.14 Roofs will adequately limit the risk of interstitial condensation when they are designed and constructed in accordance with BS 5250 : 2021.

9.1.15 When installed with tightly butted joints and filled/sealed gaps and joints, the product will provide a continuous convection-free envelope of high vapour resistance. Therefore, a suitable vapour-permeable (low resistance - LR) roof tile underlay may be laid over the insulation boards without ventilated air space, unless the tiles/slates are tight fitting as defined in BS 5250 : 2021. When using a high resistance (HR) underlay, the space below it must be ventilated in accordance with BS 5250 : 2021, with a minimum 50 mm air gap between the top of the insulation board and the underside of the roof tile underlay, and a minimum 25 mm air gap between the top of the insulation board and the lowest point of the maximum allowable 15 mm roof underlay drape.

9.1.16 Where the product is installed in a roof with either a horizontal or sloping ceiling (i.e. room-in-the-roof), a 'warm roof' space is created, and ventilation must be designed in accordance with BS 5250 : 2021. However, any insulation in a horizontal ceiling must be removed.

9.1.17 Where high humidity may be expected, an air and vapour control layer (AVCL) with sealed and lapped joints, must also be installed unless a site-specific condensation risk analysis in accordance with BS 5250 : 2021 indicates otherwise.

### ***Surface condensation***

9.1.18 In England and Wales, roofs will adequately limit the risk of surface condensation when the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed  $0.35 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  at any point, and the junctions with walls are designed in accordance with section 9.1.13 of this Certificate.

9.1.19 In Scotland, roofs will adequately limit the risk of surface condensation when the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed  $1.2 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  at any point. Guidance may be obtained from BS 5250 : 2021. Further guidance may be obtained from BRE Report BR 262 : 2002 and section 9.1.13 of this Certificate.

### **9.2 Installation**

9.2.1 Installation instructions provided by the Certificate holder were assessed and judged to be appropriate and adequate.

9.2.2 Installation must be carried out in accordance with this Certificate and the Certificate holder's instructions. A summary of instructions and guidance is provided in Annex A.

9.2.3 Existing constructions must be in a good state of repair, with no evidence of rain penetration or damp. Defects must be made good prior to installation.

9.2.4 Any mould or fungal growth found to be present must be treated.

9.2.5 Installation must not be carried out until the moisture content of any timber is less than 20% by mass.

9.2.6 Ventilation of the roof space in accordance with BS 5250 : 2021 must be maintained.

9.2.7 During installation, care must be taken to ensure that the product is not subjected to any construction or foot traffic loads. Roof timbers of adequate strength must be used to support such loads.

### **9.3 Workmanship**

Practicability of installation was assessed by the BBA, on the basis of the Certificate holder's information. To achieve the performance described in this Certificate, installation of the product must be carried out by a competent general builder, or a contractor, experienced with this type of product.

### **9.4 Maintenance**

Once installed, provided that the roof tiles/slates are maintained in a weathertight condition, maintenance is not required.

## 10 Manufacture

10.1 The production processes for the product have been assessed and provide assurance that the quality controls are satisfactory according to the following factors.

10.1.1 The manufacturer has provided documented information on the materials, processes, testing and control factors.

10.1.2 The quality control operated over batches of incoming materials has been assessed and deemed appropriate and adequate.

10.1.3 The quality control procedures and testing to be undertaken have been assessed and deemed appropriate and adequate.

10.1.4 The process for management of non-conformities has been assessed and deemed appropriate and adequate.

10.1.5 An audit of each production location was undertaken, and it was confirmed that the production process was in accordance with the documented process, and that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated.

† 10.2 The BBA has undertaken to review the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

## 11 Delivery and site handling

11.1 The Certificate holder stated that the product is delivered to site in polythene-wrapped packs on pallets. Each pack of boards contains a label with the product and Certificate holder's names, board dimensions, year of manufacture, batch code and the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate.

11.2 Delivery and site handling must be performed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and this Certificate, including:

11.2.1 The product must be protected from prolonged exposure to sunlight and should be stored either under cover or protected with opaque polythene sheeting. Where possible, packs should be stored inside. If outside, the product must be stacked flat, and raised above ground level, away from contact with ground moisture.

11.2.2 Some handling difficulties may be experienced in windy conditions. Care must be exercised to avoid crushing the edges or corners. If damaged, the product must not be used.

11.2.3 The product must not be exposed to open flame or other ignition sources, or to solvents or other chemicals.

Supporting information in this Annex is relevant to the product but has not formed part of the material assessed for the Certificate.

### Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

### Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

### CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the product in accordance with harmonised European Standard EN 13165 : 2012.

### Management Systems Certification for production

The management system of the manufacturer has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015, BS EN ISO 14001 : 2015 and BS ISO 45001 : 2018 by BRE (Certificates 718 QMS, 718 EMS and 718 HS respectively).

### Additional information on installation

A.1 During installation, care must be taken to ensure that the product is not subjected to any construction or foot traffic loads.

A.2 It is important to ensure a tight fit between boards, between boards and rafters, and between boards and other detailed elements. At ridges and verges, boards must be cut to achieve tightly butted joints.

A.3 It is important to fill/seal gaps and joints in the insulation envelope, including at all service penetrations. See section 9.1.6 of this Certificate.

A.4 For installation of roof tiles or slates and internal lining boards, see sections A.26 and A.27.

#### **Installation over rafters**

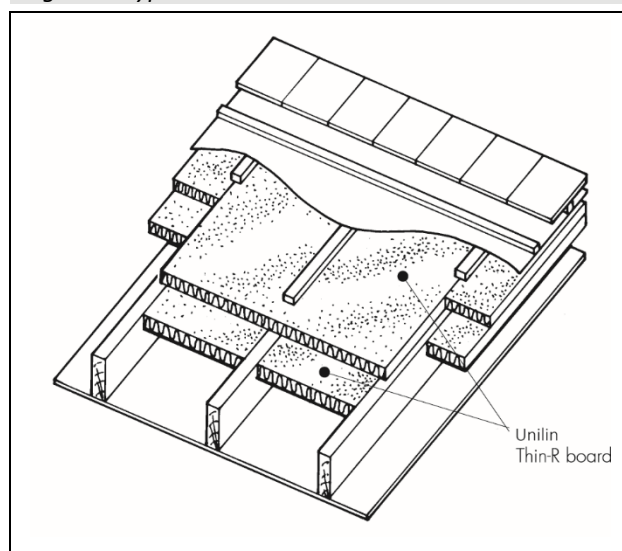
A.5 A treated timber stop rail, the same thickness as the product, is fixed to the rafters close to the eaves to provide a firm fixing point for the counter battens. The product is laid over the rafters, commencing at the stop rail. The product must be tightly butted and positioned in a staggered pattern, with all the joints running from eaves to ridge occurring over the rafters. The procedure is continued until the whole area is covered.

A.6 Any gaps must be sealed with flexible sealant or expanding foam. Large-headed clout nails can be used as a temporary securing measure until the counter battens are secured into place.

#### **Between and over rafters**

A.7 The product is cut to size and placed between the rafters on timber batten carriers or sarking clips, which are fixed with nails. The upper face of the product must be kept flush with the top of the rafter. The second layer is placed over the rafters, as described in sections A.5 and A.6.

Figure 1 Typical installation



### Between rafters

A.8 Following completion of the roof boarding, the product is cut to size and placed between the rafters. Timber battens or clips are fixed to the inner face of the rafters, allowing sufficient depth for the insulation to sit flush with the underside of the rafters.

A.9 A sealed polythene AVCL with a minimum thickness of 125 µm with lapped and sealed joints is placed over the rafter face before applying the internal finish.

### Between and under rafters

A.10 If required, after installation as described in section A.8, a second layer of the product may be added below the rafters running transverse to the first, to provide a staggered layer, and secured accordingly.

A.11 The product must be butted tightly against each other to prevent gaps. Taping the joints with a foil tape provides an effective AVCL and an air permeability barrier. To achieve an adequate bond, the product must be clean and free from any contamination.

A.12 The insulation is sealed at all service penetrations.

### Horizontal ceiling above a room in the roof — below joists only

A.13 Mineral wool is packed between the ceiling joists, flush with the upper surface of the ceiling joist.

A.14 The product is temporarily fixed to the underside of the timber joists.

A.15 The line of the timber joists is marked on the boards to allow fixing of plasterboard. The plasterboard is fixed over the product and secured with conventional nails or screws of the appropriate length and finished as normal.

### External finishing — warm roofs

A.16 The vapour-permeable roof tile underlay is laid in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

A.17 Treated counter battens (minimum 38 mm deep) are fixed at each rafter run, from eaves to ridge, using the proprietary fixings at the required centres in accordance with the fixing manufacturer's instructions. The counter batten is also fixed to the anchor batten, with short lengths being tightly butted together.

A.18 Tiling laths are fixed horizontally at spacings to suit the specified tiles or slates, with the nails penetrating the full depth of the laths and counter batten.

## **Internal finishing**

A.19 The AVCL and plasterboard are fixed over the product and secured with conventional nails or screws to the appropriate length and finished as normal.

### **Dwarf walls and dormer cheeks — between studs and lining**

A.20 Timber stop battens or clips are fixed to the inner face of the studs, allowing sufficient depth for the insulation to sit flush with the inside of the studs. The product is cut to size and placed between the studs and held in place with clout nails.

A.21 A second layer of the product is temporarily fixed to the inner face of the timber studding.

A.22 The line of the timber studs is marked on the boards to allow fixing of plasterboard.

A.23 The product must be butted tightly against each other to prevent gaps. Taping the joints with a foil tape provides an effective AVCL and an air permeability barrier. To achieve an adequate bond, the product must be clean and free from any contamination.

A.24 The insulation is sealed at all service penetrations.

A.25 The plasterboard is fixed over the product and secured with conventional nails or screws to the appropriate length and finished as normal.

## **Finishing**

A.26 Roof tiles or slates are installed in accordance with the relevant clauses of BS 5534 : 2014. When applying roof tiles or slates, the recommendations of the manufacturer must be followed.

A.27 Internal lining panels appropriate to the application, for example standard gypsum plasterboard to BS EN 520 : 2004, must be fixed in accordance with BS 8000-8 : 2023, and the required decoration applied.

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- BS ISO 45001 : 2018 *Occupational health and safety management systems — Requirements with guidance for use*

## Conditions of Certificate

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