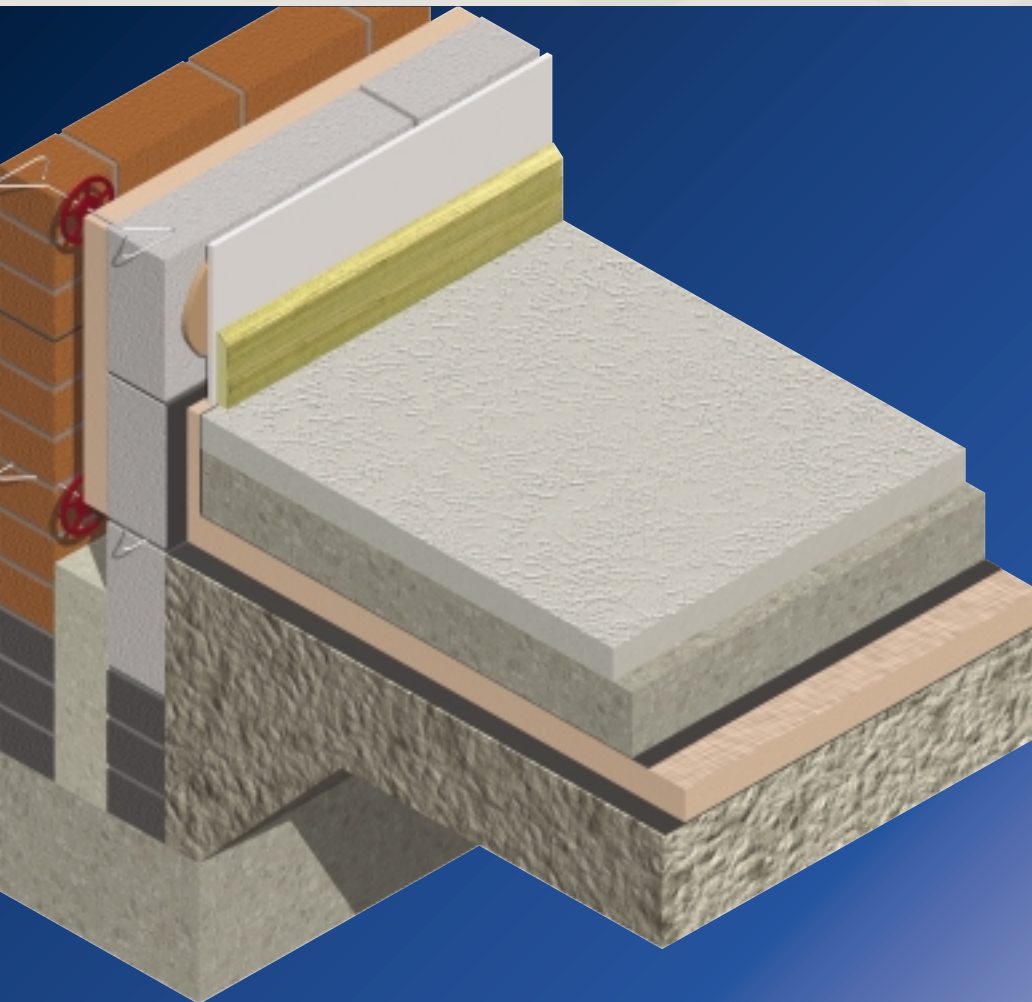


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INSULATION FOR SOLID CONCRETE AND SUSPENDED GROUND FLOORS



- Premium performance rigid phenolic insulation – thermal conductivity as low as 0.021 W/m-K
- Class 0 / Low Risk fire rating
- Negligible smoke obscuration
- No requirement for a vapour control layer
- Quick response floor heating – prevents heat loss through ‘heat sump’
- Minimises the cost of related items – soil removal, DPM’s, service connections
- Resistant to the passage of water vapour
- Easy to handle and install
- Ideal for new build and refurbishment
- Non-deleterious material
- CFC/HCFC-free with zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP)



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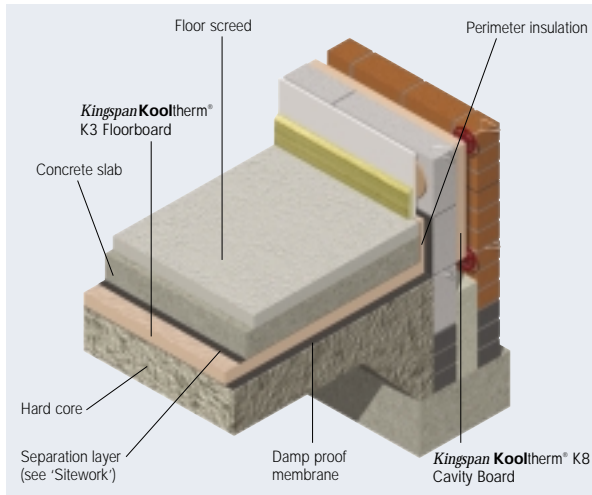


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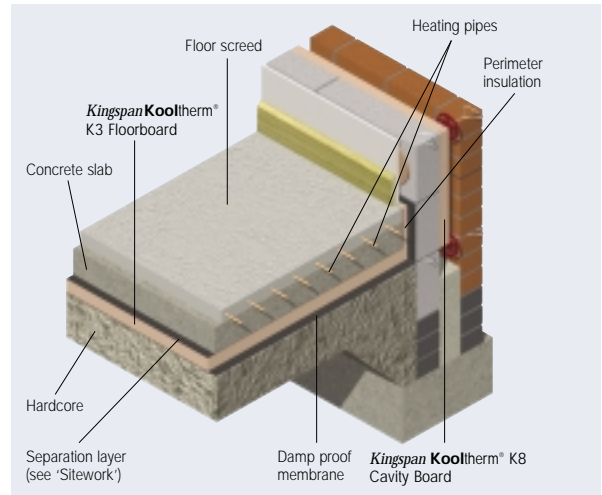


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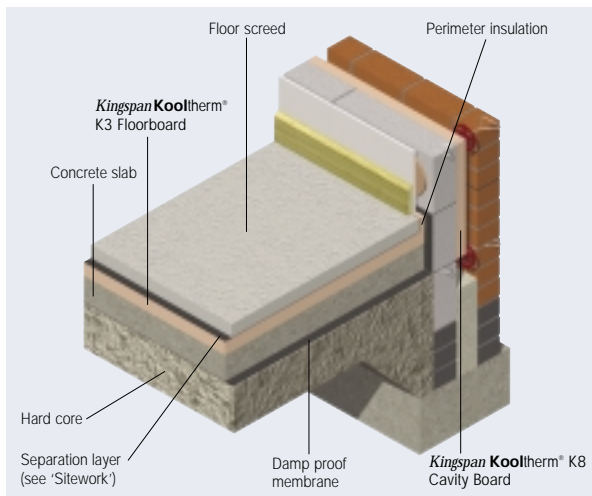


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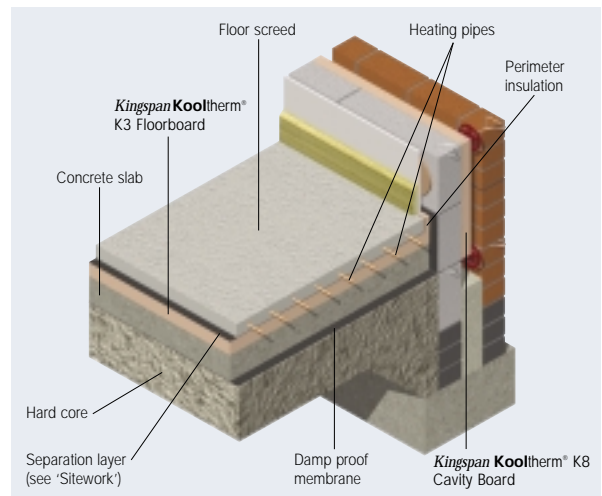


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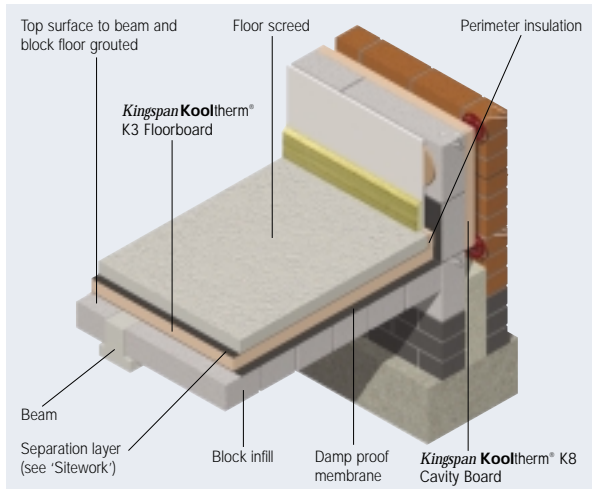


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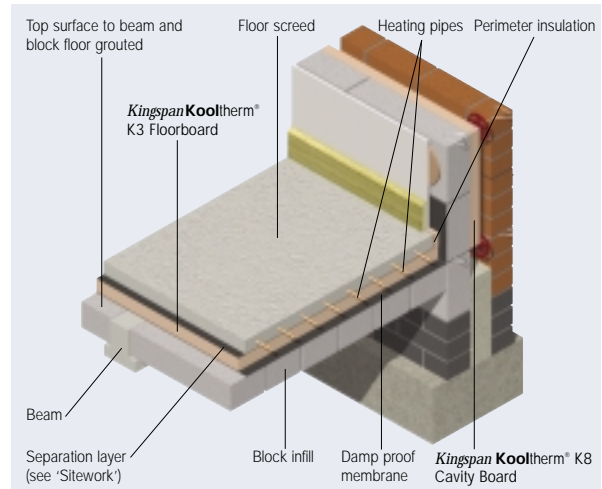


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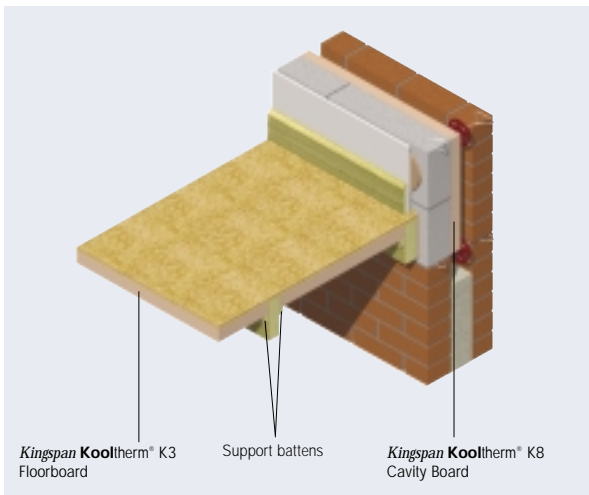


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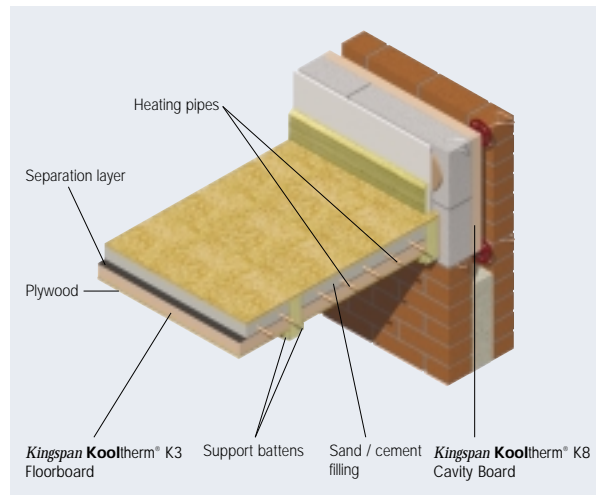


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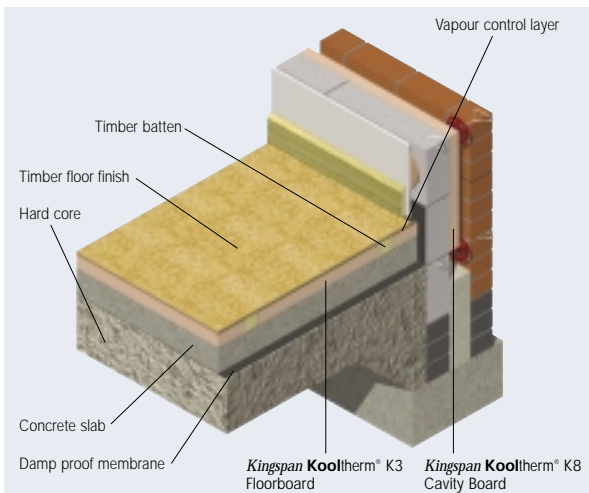


Figure 9 Timber Floor on Battens

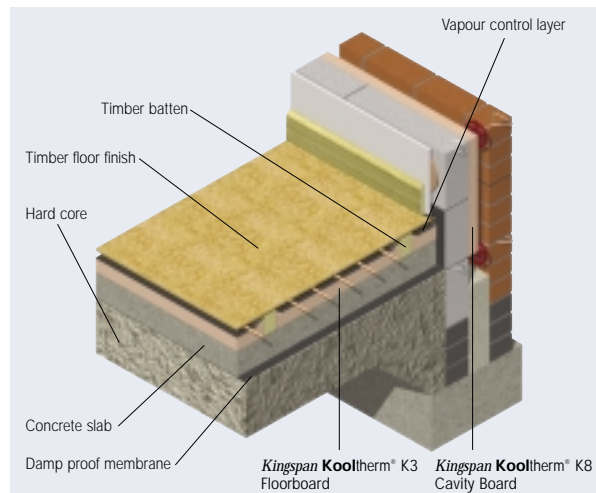


Figure 10 Underfloor Heating – Timber Floor on Battens

Specification Clause

Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard should be described in specifications as:-

The floor insulation shall be *Kingspan Kooltherm*® K3 Floorboard ___mm thick comprising a premium performance CFC/HCFC-free rigid phenolic insulation core with coated glass tissue facings on both sides manufactured to the highest standards under quality control systems approved to BS EN ISO 9001: 2000 by Kingspan Insulation Limited and shall be applied in accordance with the instructions issued by them.

Details also available in NBS Plus.
 NBS users should refer to clause(s):
 E20 200 (Standard and Intermediate)
 E20 30 (Minor Works)



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Design Considerations

Sustainability

In the past, erroneously, the relative environmental sustainability of insulation materials has been compared on the basis of embodied energy and ozone depletion potential. It is now recognised that a much wider basket of embodied environmental impacts (including those caused by their embodied energy), rather than embodied energy alone, is the only credible tool of comparison. Time has also annulled ozone depletion potential as an issue as all insulation materials are now banned from using CFC and HCFC blowing agents by law. For buildings designed to today's Building Regulations energy use standards it is now also known that the embodied environmental impacts of all of the materials and labour used to create a building are insignificant in comparison with the lifetime operational environmental impacts of that building, and so are of very limited importance. Since it is operational energy use that creates the vast majority of operational environmental impact, saving energy by specifying the lowest U-values possible is the most environmentally sustainable action to take.

However, one of the most neglected facts about environmentally sustainable buildings is that the longevity of their standards of operational energy use, and therefore the longevity of their operational environmental impacts, is critical. The performance of some insulants, such as mineral fibre, can deteriorate rapidly if exposed to water penetration, air movement or compression. This may increase operational energy use and hence compromise the environmental sustainability of the finished building to an alarming degree. Other insulation materials, such as rigid phenolic or rigid urethane, are not vulnerable to any of these problems.

In summary, designers should:

- (a) specify the lowest possible U-value regardless of insulation type;
- (b) design out the risk of their chosen insulant not performing as specified; and
- (c) if the latter is not possible, choose an insulant that is at low risk of failure e.g. a cellular plastic insulation material.

However, manufacturers should not rest on their laurels; it is a matter of social responsibility to be open and honest about the environmental impact of the manufacture of a product, and a full Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) based on a much wider basket of environmental impacts, rather than embodied energy alone, is recognised as the preferred tool to achieve this. Kingspan Insulation was the first insulation manufacturer to openly complete and publish independently certified Ecoprofiles (a type of LCA) on its product ranges. The Ecoprofile for the **Kingspan Therma™** range of rigid urethane insulation products was performed by Building Research Establishment (BRE). The product range comfortably achieves a BRE Green Guide A rating. Kingspan Insulation is currently completing a BRE Ecoprofile of its **Kingspan Kooltherm®** K-range of rigid phenolic insulation products.



But there is far more to sustainability than whether or not a product, process or company affects the environment in a positive or a negative way. A company can, and should, demonstrate its financial viability and social responsibility, as well as ensure that its materials and methods do not add unduly to the burden placed on the planet. Kingspan Insulation has now put the manufacture of its products at its Pembridge facility in Herefordshire through a rigorous independent appraisal of its economic, social, environmental and natural resource impacts using Arup's SPeAR® tool.

The results show a well balanced performance in terms of sustainability, and that Kingspan Insulation is already meeting legislation or best practice in most areas, even moving beyond best practice in some. Kingspan Insulation is the first and only construction material manufacturer to have taken this bold move and openly publish the results.

General

Consideration should be given to the recommendations of CP 102: 1973 (Code of practice for protection of buildings against water from the ground) and the information given in Building Research Establishment Digests numbers, 104 (Floor Screeds), and 145 (Heat Losses Through Ground Floors).

Un-reinforced floor screeds can be used in conjunction with **Kingspan Kooltherm®** K3 Floorboard in most applications. The compressive strength of **Kingspan Kooltherm®** K3 Floorboard offers considerable advantages over some historically more popular floor insulants. Providing a minimum compressive strength of 150 kPa at 10% compression allows greater floor loads to be considered and therefore additional scope in the use of **Kingspan Kooltherm®** K3 Floorboard. However, where floor loads are to be excessive, consideration should be given to the use of **Kingspan Styrozone®** extruded polystyrene insulation which offers greater compressive strength characteristics. For further information please contact the Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department (see rear cover).

Where **Kingspan Kooltherm®** K3 Floorboard is to be laid over a site fabricated concrete slab, the floor slab should be allowed to dry out fully prior to the application of **Kingspan Kooltherm®** K3 Floorboard. For those applications where the insulation and the damp proof membrane are below the slab, construction water should be allowed to dry out, e.g. by delaying the installation of the floor finish.

Surface condensation is unlikely to occur on the floor surface if the **Kingspan Kooltherm®** K3 Floorboard is laid over the slab due to the fast thermal response of the construction.

Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard is not recommended for use in direct contact with subsoil and must be used over the DPM. The surface of slabs should be smooth and free of projections. Beam and block floors should be level and grouted. Rough cast slabs should be levelled using a thin sand blinding to ensure boards are continuously supported.

Underfloor Heating Systems

The constructions shown in Figures 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 can be readily converted to accommodate underfloor heating systems. For a solid concrete floor, the position of the insulation is important in either exposing the thermal mass of the concrete floor to the heat provided by the system or isolating the thermal mass from it.

For a 24 hour heating cycle, allowing the heat from the underfloor heating system to penetrate the concrete slab will provide a more even heating regime over a 24 hour period (see Figure 2).

For intermittent heating cycles where a fast response time is required it is beneficial to have less thermal mass available to take up heat from the system and so placing the insulation layer below the screed or timber floor but above the concrete slab or beam and block floor is the best solution (see Figures 4, 6 and 10).

Underfloor heating systems can also be accommodated in suspended timber floors. This arrangement has low thermal mass and so is more suited to intermittent heating cycle applications (see Figure 8).

Heat Loss

It has been well documented that heat loss through a ground floor consists of two components:

- (a) heat loss through the floor perimeter, which is proportional to the length of perimeter and the temperature difference between inside and outside;
- (b) heat loss through the ground which depends on the temperature difference between inside and outside and the overall floor area.

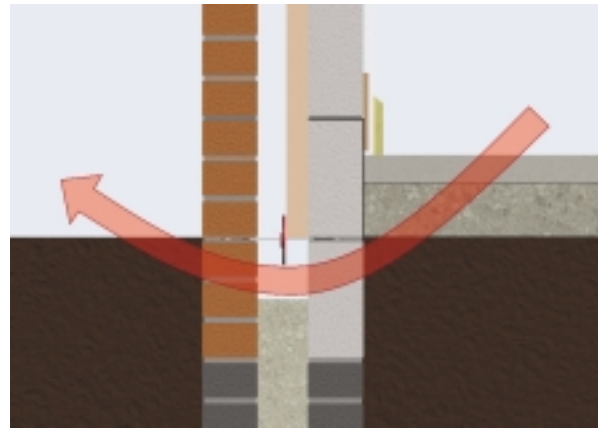


Figure 11 Heat Flow Through Slab

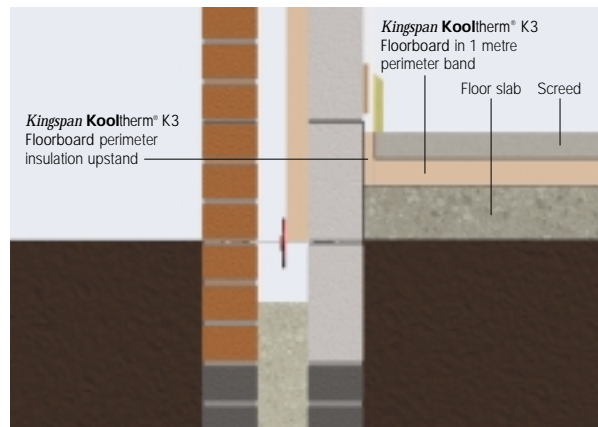


Figure 12 Perimeter Insulation

The greatest heat loss through an uninsulated floor is from the edges (Figure 11). Insulating the floor perimeter in a 1 metre band (Figure 12), will not only provide good insulating results but will also prevent the risk of cold bridging at the junction of the floor and external wall.

The thermal performance of an uninsulated domestic floor slab, however is relatively poor. To enhance the thermal performance, complete rather than perimeter insulation may need to be adopted.

Complete floor insulation offers significant advantages over perimeter insulation when considering the floor dimensions of typical dwellings, e.g. it provides quick response to heating.

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Typical U-values

The U-values shown below are calculated using the method detailed in BS / I.S. EN ISO 13370: 1998 (Thermal performance of buildings. Heat transfer via the ground. Calculation methods) which is required for compliance with Building Regulations / Standards revised after the year 2002.

Unlike roofs, walls and intermediate floors, U-value calculations for ground floors cannot be calculated in the normal manner with reference to the construction detail alone. Heat loss from ground floors depends upon the ratio of the exposed floor perimeter to the total floor area, the thickness of the basement wall and the depth of the basement.

Floor dimensions should be measured between the finished internal surfaces of the external walls, including projections. Non-usable space such as ducts and stairwells should be included when determining the area of the floor. Unheated spaces outside of the insulated fabric, such as attached garages or porches, should be excluded when determining the area of the floor but the length of the wall between the heated building and the unheated space should be included when determining the perimeter. The floor dimensions of semi-detached, terraced or other joined premises / dwellings can be taken either as those of the premises / dwelling itself or those of the whole building. Where extensions to existing buildings are under consideration, the floor dimensions should be taken as those of the entire building, including the extension.

NB The figures quoted are for guidance only. A detailed U-value calculation together with condensation risk analysis should be completed for each individual project. Please contact the Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department (see rear cover) for assistance.

NB For the purposes of these calculations using the method as detailed in BS / I.S. EN ISO 13370: 1998, the soil has been assumed to be clay or silt, the wall insulation is assumed to overlap the floor insulation by 200 mm minimum and the standard of workmanship has been assumed good and therefore the correction factor for air gaps has been ignored.

U-values of Uninsulated Slab-on-ground, Concrete Raft and Solid Floors

Perimeter / Area Ratio	U-value (W/m ² ·K)
$\frac{P (m)}{A (m^2)}$	
0.1	0.22
0.2	0.37
0.3	0.49
0.4	0.60
0.5	0.70
0.6	0.78
0.7	0.86
0.8	0.93
0.9	0.99
1.0	1.05

U-values of Uninsulated Suspended Timber Ground Floors

Perimeter / Area Ratio	U-value (W/m ² ·K)
$\frac{P (m)}{A (m^2)}$	
0.1	0.26
0.2	0.41
0.3	0.52
0.4	0.61
0.5	0.69
0.6	0.75
0.7	0.80
0.8	0.85
0.9	0.89
1.0	0.92

Solid Concrete Ground Based Floor

The calculations below are valid for all dense concrete ground based floor types with continuous *Kingspan Kooltherm*[®] K3 Floorboard and no thermal bridging. If your P/A ratio lies between two of the numbers shown in the table below, for a worst case scenario, please use the P/A ratio shown that is the next highest i.e. for 0.57 use 0.6. For a more precise calculation or if your construction is any different, please contact the Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department (see rear cover).

Thickness (mm)	U-values (W/m ² ·K) for a Range of Thicknesses of <i>Kingspan Kooltherm</i> [®] K3 Floorboard and Floor Perimeter / Area Ratios									
	Perimeter / Area (m ⁻¹)									
	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
20	0.16	0.26	0.33	0.38	0.43	0.46	0.49	0.51	0.53	0.54
25	0.16	0.24	0.30	0.35	0.38	0.41	0.43	0.45	0.46	0.47
30	0.15	0.23	0.28	0.32	0.35	0.37	0.39	0.40	0.42	0.43
40	0.14	0.21	0.25	0.28	0.30	0.32	0.33	0.34	0.35	0.36
50	0.12	0.18	0.21	0.24	0.25	0.26	0.27	0.28	0.29	0.29
60	0.12	0.17	0.19	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.26
70	0.11	0.15	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.23
75	0.11	0.15	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.22
80	0.10	0.14	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.21
90	0.10	0.13	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.19
100	0.09	0.12	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17

Beam & Dense Block Floor

The calculations below are based on a beam and dense block ground floor with continuous *Kingspan Kooltherm*[®] K3 Floorboard and no thermal bridging. If your P/A ratio lies between two of the numbers shown in the table below, for a worst case scenario, please use the P/A ratio shown that is the next highest i.e. for 0.57 use 0.6. For a more precise calculation or if your construction is any different, please contact the Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department (see rear cover).

Thickness (mm)	U-values (W/m ² ·K) for a Range of Thicknesses of <i>Kingspan Kooltherm</i> [®] K3 Floorboard and Floor Perimeter / Area Ratios									
	Perimeter / Area (m ⁻¹)									
	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
20	0.21	0.30	0.36	0.40	0.43	0.45	0.47	0.48	0.50	0.51
25	0.20	0.28	0.33	0.36	0.39	0.40	0.42	0.43	0.44	0.45
30	0.19	0.26	0.31	0.34	0.36	0.37	0.38	0.39	0.40	0.41
40	0.18	0.24	0.27	0.29	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.34	0.34	0.35
50	0.16	0.21	0.23	0.25	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.28
60	0.15	0.19	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.25	0.25
70	0.14	0.17	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22
75	0.13	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21
80	0.13	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
90	0.12	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18
100	0.11	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17

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Suspended Timber Ground Floor

The calculations below are valid for all suspended timber ground based floor types with **Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard** between 50 mm wide joists at 400 mm centres overlain with 18 mm chipboard. If your P/A ratio lies between two of the numbers shown in the table below, for a worst case scenario, please use the P/A ratio shown that is the next highest i.e. for 0.57 use 0.6. For a more precise calculation or if your construction is any different, please contact the Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department (see rear cover).

Thickness (mm)	U-values (W/m ² ·K) for a Range of Thicknesses of Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard and Floor Perimeter / Area Ratios									
	Perimeter / Area (m ⁻¹)									
	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
20	0.22	0.32	0.38	0.42	0.46	0.48	0.50	0.52	0.54	0.55
25	0.21	0.30	0.36	0.39	0.42	0.45	0.46	0.48	0.49	0.50
30	0.20	0.29	0.34	0.37	0.40	0.42	0.43	0.45	0.46	0.47
40	0.19	0.26	0.31	0.34	0.36	0.37	0.38	0.39	0.40	0.41
50	0.18	0.24	0.27	0.30	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.34	0.35	0.35
60	0.17	0.22	0.25	0.27	0.29	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.32	0.32
70	0.16	0.21	0.23	0.25	0.26	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.29	0.29
75	0.16	0.20	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.28
80	0.15	0.20	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.27
90	0.15	0.19	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.24	0.24	0.25	0.25
100	0.14	0.18	0.19	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.23

Timber Floor on Battens

The calculations below are valid for all timber floors on battens with **Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard** between 50 mm wide battens at 600 mm centres overlain with 22 mm chipboard. If your P/A ratio lies between two of the numbers shown in the table below, for a worst case scenario, please use the P/A ratio shown that is the next highest i.e. for 0.57 use 0.6. For a more precise calculation or if your construction is any different, please contact the Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department (see rear cover).

Thickness (mm)	U-values (W/m ² ·K) for a Range of Thicknesses of Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard and Floor Perimeter / Area Ratios									
	Perimeter / Area (m ⁻¹)									
	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
20	0.17	0.27	0.34	0.40	0.45	0.49	0.52	0.54	0.57	0.58
25	0.16	0.26	0.32	0.38	0.42	0.45	0.48	0.50	0.51	0.53
30	0.16	0.25	0.31	0.36	0.39	0.42	0.44	0.46	0.47	0.49
40	0.15	0.23	0.28	0.32	0.35	0.37	0.39	0.40	0.42	0.43
50	0.14	0.21	0.25	0.29	0.31	0.32	0.34	0.35	0.36	0.37
60	0.13	0.20	0.24	0.26	0.28	0.29	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.33
70	0.13	0.18	0.22	0.24	0.26	0.27	0.28	0.29	0.30	0.30
75	0.12	0.18	0.21	0.23	0.25	0.26	0.27	0.28	0.29	0.29
80	0.12	0.17	0.21	0.22	0.24	0.25	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.28
90	0.12	0.17	0.19	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.26
100	0.11	0.16	0.18	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.24	0.24

Sitework

Laying Below the Floor Slab

After the site has been prepared and foundations where appropriate built to damp proof course level the damp proof membrane (minimum 300 micron / 1200 gauge polythene) should be laid over the well compacted hard-core, sand blinded, with joints well lapped and folded to prevent the passage of ground water. The membrane should be brought up the surrounding foundation walls until it is sufficiently above the height of the wall damp proof course so that it will connect with or form the DPC. The **Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard** insulation should be laid break-bonded with the joints tightly butted. A strip of the boarding should be placed vertically around the perimeter of the floor slab in order to prevent cold bridging of the slab. Boards are overlaid with a separating layer of building paper to BS 1521: 1972 (1994) (Specification for waterproof building papers), Grade B1F or polythene sheet (not less than 125 micron / 500 gauge). The subsequent application of the concrete slab and screed or other flooring material is similar to those laid over an uninsulated floor (see Figure 1).

Laying Below the Floor Screed

Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard is simply laid loose over the concrete floor slab or beam and block floor with the necessary water and vapour proof protection. Board joints should be tightly butted, staggered, and laid to a break-bonded pattern. The floor slab should be uniformly flat without steps or gaps to provide continuous bearing support to the **Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard**. Beam and block floors should be level and grouted. A thin section of board should be used around the perimeter of the floor area being insulated. This should be placed vertically against the abutting wall so that it connects with the insulation laid over the slab and protects the edge of the screed, so preventing cold bridging of the floor screed. Boards are overlaid with a separating layer of building paper to BS 1521: 1972 (1994) (Specification for waterproof building papers), Grade B1F or polythene sheet (not less than 125 micron / 500 gauge) between the screed and the **Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard** to prevent the wet screed penetrating joints between the boards. Use a sand and cement screed laid to a minimum thickness of 65 mm for domestic construction and 75 mm elsewhere (see Figure 3).

Laying in Suspended Timber Floors

The application of **Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard** in suspended floor constructions should be carried out before commencement of floor boarding. **Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard** should be cut to fit snugly between joists. It should be supported on softwood timber battens, proprietary galvanised steel saddle clips or galvanised nails partially driven into the side of the joists. Battens / nails should be placed at an appropriate height to suit the thickness of board being employed and nails should remain 40 mm proud of the joist.

The boards should then be laid between the joists so that they are supported by the battens / nails. Any narrow gaps between a joist and perimeter wall should be insulated by specially cut pieces of board. They should be supported on blocks nailed to the underside of the joists. Where water services, including central heating pipes, run below the floor boards the location of the **Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard** insulation can be lowered to create an insulated duct for the services. Access from beneath the floor may later be obtained by removal of the batten / nail supports, from the underside (see Figure 7). **Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard** is not suitable for placing over timber joists.

Laying Between Battens Under a Timber Floor

The subfloor should be level and flat. **Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard** should be cut to fit snugly between battens. Any narrow gaps between battens and perimeter wall should be insulated by specially cut pieces of board. Board joints should be tightly butted.

Underfloor Heating Systems

Please refer to the instructions of the specific underfloor heating system manufacturer.

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Cutting

Cutting 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 to achieve close-butting joints and continuity of insulation.

Availability

Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard is available through specialist insulation distributors and selected builders' merchants throughout the UK, Ireland and Europe.

Packaging

Depending on quantity, the boards are supplied in labelled packs shrink-wrapped in polythene.

Storage

The polythene packaging of Kingspan Insulation products should not be considered adequate for long term outdoor protection. Ideally, boards should be stored inside a building. If, however, outside storage cannot be avoided, then the boards should be stacked clear of the ground and covered with a polythene sheet or weatherproof tarpaulin. Boards that have been allowed to get wet should not be used.

Health and Safety

Kingspan Insulation products are chemically inert and safe to use. A leaflet on this topic which satisfies the requirements set out in the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 1988 (COSHH) is available from the Kingspan Insulation Marketing Department (see rear cover).

Warning – do not stand on or otherwise support your weight on this board unless it is fully supported by a load bearing surface.

Product Description

The Facings

Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard is faced on both sides with a plain (coated) glass tissue autohesively bonded to the insulation core during manufacture.

The Core

The core of *Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard* is a premium performance CFC/HCFC-free rigid phenolic insulant of typical density 35 kg/m³.

CFC/HCFC-free

Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard is manufactured without the use of CFCs/HCFCs and has zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP).



Product Data

Standards and Approvals

Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard is manufactured to the highest standards under a quality control system approved to BS EN ISO 9001: 2000 (Quality management systems Requirements).



Manufactured to BS EN ISO 9001: 2000
Certificate No. 388

Standard Dimensions

Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard is available in the following standard size(s):

Nominal Dimension	Availability
Length (m)	2.4 (1.2)
Width (m)	1.2 (0.6)
Insulant Thickness (mm)	Refer to local distributor or Kingspan Insulation price list for current stock and non-stock sizes.

Compressive Strength

The compressive strength of *Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard* typically exceeds 150 kPa at 10% compression and 125 kPa at 5% when tested to BS EN 826: 1996 (Thermal insulating products for building applications. Determination of compression behaviour).

Water Vapour Resistance

Modified to include board facings, the boards achieve a resistance greater than 15 MN·s/g when tested in accordance with BS 4370-2: 1993 (Methods of test for rigid cellular materials. Methods 7 to 9). *Kingspan Kooltherm® K3 Floorboard* should always be installed over a separate damp proof membrane (minimum 1200 gauge).

Durability

If correctly applied, **Kingspan Kooltherm® K3** Floorboard has an indefinite life. Its durability depends on the supporting structure and the conditions of its use.

Resistance to Solvents, Fungi & Rodents

The insulation core is resistant to short-term contact with petrol and with most dilute acids, alkalis and mineral oils. However, it is recommended that any spills be cleaned off fully before the boards are installed. Ensure that safe methods of cleaning are used, as recommended by the suppliers of the spilt liquid. The insulation core is not resistant to some solvent-based adhesive systems, particularly those containing methyl ethyl ketone. Adhesives containing such solvents should not be used in association with this product. Damaged boards or boards that have been in contact with harsh solvents or acids should not be used.

The insulation core and facings used in the manufacture of **Kingspan Kooltherm® K3** Floorboard resist attack by mould and microbial growth, and do not provide any food value to vermin.

Fire Performance

The rigid phenolic insulation core of **Kingspan Kooltherm® K3** Floorboard will achieve the results given below, which enable it to be classified by the Building Regulations as being Class 0 and as Low Risk by the Building Standards in Scotland.

The fire rating of **Kingspan Kooltherm® K3** Floorboard boards when subjected to British Standard fire tests, will vary, depending on the particular application.

Test	Result
BS 476-6: 1989 (Fire tests on building materials and structures. Method of test for fire propagation for products)	Index of performance (I) not exceeding 12 and sub Index (i) not exceeding 6 (for rigid phenolic insulation core)
BS 476-7: 1997 (Fire tests on building materials and structures. Method of test to determine the classification of the surface spread of flame of products)	Class 1 rating
BS 5111-1: 1974 (Smoke Obscuration)	< 5%

Further 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 quoted are in accordance with the principles in the Harmonised European Standard BS EN 13166: 2001 (Thermal insulation products for buildings – Factory made products of phenolic foam (PF) – Specification) using so called 90 / 90 principles. Comparison with alternative products may not be appropriate unless the same procedures have been followed.

Thermal Conductivity

The boards achieve a thermal conductivity (λ -value) of 0.024 W/m·K (insulant thickness 15–24 mm), 0.023 W/m·K (insulant thickness 25–44 mm), 0.021 W/m·K (insulant thickness \geq 45 mm).

Thermal Resistance

Thermal resistance (R-value) varies with thickness and is calculated by dividing the thickness of the board (expressed in metres) by its thermal conductivity.

Insulant Thickness (mm)	Thermal Resistance (m ² ·K/W)
20	0.80
25	1.05
30	1.30
40	1.70
50	2.35
60	2.85
70	3.30
75	3.55
80	3.80
90	4.25
100	4.75

Refer to local distributor or Kingspan Insulation price list for current stock and non-stock sizes.

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