



THERMAFIBER® Safing™ Insulation

UL- and OPL-labeled* safing insulation for firestops and fire-containment systems

- Firestop product for curtain wall fire and smoke containment systems, floor and wall penetrations, and head-of-wall construction joints.
- Fire resistant and noncombustible.
- Economical; installs quickly and easily.
- Aids sound control in many assemblies.
- Available in unfaced felt (plain) or with a tough scrim-reinforced foil facing (FSP).
- Durable; nondeteriorating and noncorrosive.

Description

THERMAFIBER® Safing Insulation is a mineral-wool-type insulation that resists temperatures up to 2,000 °F (1,093 °C), thus offering superior fire protection in a wide variety of fire-rated applications. It is a UL- and OPL-labeled product especially intended for tested UL and OPL Designs, as well as many other fire- and smoke-tested assemblies. This product is noncombustible per Standard NFPA 220 when tested in accordance with ASTM E 136, and moisture-resistant, noncorrosive, nondeteriorating, mildew-proof and vermin-proof. It permits dry construction for all-year-round work. Also, THERMAFIBER® Safing Insulation is available plain, or with scrim-reinforced foil facing (FSP) that serves as a vapor retarder and/or smoke barrier.

THERMAFIBER® Safing Insulation is compatible with both THERMAFIBER® Curtain Wall CW Insulations and THERMAFIBER® FIRESpan™ Insulations.

Perimeter Fire Containment, Penetrations and Construction Joints

THERMAFIBER® Safing Insulation is a key element in a wide variety of fire-tested construction assemblies. It is used with THERMAFIBER® Curtain Wall and FIRESpan™ Insulations in applications to contain both fire and smoke to the area of origin. For mid- and high-rise buildings, especially, that means that fire and smoke must be prevented from spreading to the next floor. Since the floor assembly is typically a fire-rated system, a possible route for the fire spread is through and up the exterior curtain wall system. THERMAFIBER® Safing Insulation is also used in conjunction with various fill, void or cavity materials, such as sealants and caulks, in wall and floor penetration (poke-through) applications, as well as in head-of-wall construction joints.

It is important to note that one of the most valuable yet misunderstood applications of THERMAFIBER® Safing Insulation is its use in exterior curtain wall assemblies to safe-off the opening between concrete floor slabs and the curtain wall assemblies. Many people still believe the myth that all thermal insulations are the same when used in the curtain wall spandrel panels as long as THERMAFIBER® Safing Insulation is used in the assembly. **(This is simply not true).** Actual fire tests have proven that low-melt-point insulations, such as fiberglass types, will disintegrate quickly once exposed to fire, leaving the curtain wall unprotected. Then, as the now-unprotected curtain wall disintegrates or falls away, the safing insulation will no longer be supported, and the fire will spread to the floor(s) above. Effective perimeter fire containment can only be achieved when a fire-compatible product with the ability to resist high temperatures (such as THERMAFIBER® Curtain Wall Insulations or THERMAFIBER® FIRESpan™ Insulations) is used in conjunction with the THERMAFIBER® Safing Insulation, acting together as a system. (See TF871 and TF686 for additional information).

Installation

Perimeter Installation

In curtain wall fire-containment applications, THERMAFIBER® Safing Insulation fills the void between the slab edge and the curtain wall insulation to contain fire. Foil-faced insulation impedes the passage of smoke and noxious gases. Install THERMAFIBER® Safing Insulation, of proper width (2" to 8" max. opening), in safe-off area (foil side up, if required) between THERMAFIBER® FIRESpan™ or CW Curtain Wall Insulation and floor slabs, on safing "Z" clips spaced as required, 24" or 12" o.c. maximum, leaving no voids. Install safing wider than opening to ensure compression fit. See specific test description for proper installation details. Install proper topping material, such as THERMAFIBER® SMOKE SEAL Compound, FIRECODE Compound or FIRE BARRIER Spray, as indicated in the specific test description or architectural specification.

Penetration Application

THERMAFIBER® Safing Insulation provides a noncombustible, fire-resistant forming/packing material for many types of penetrations in walls and floor/ceilings. In all poke-through penetrations, clean substrate of dirt, dust, grease, oil, efflorescence, loose material or other matter. With a serrated knife, cut THERMAFIBER® Safing Insulation slightly wider than the opening. Compress and tightly fit the minimum thickness and density of insulation required (per system specification) completely around penetrant. For floor slab openings, compress or install THERMAFIBER® Safing Insulation according to details indicated in the specific test description or architectural specification to seal completely around cables, ducts, piping or other utilities.

Construction Joint Application

THERMAFIBER® Safing Insulation is also used as a forming material in head-of-wall construction joints. It is compressed and slid into joint openings to completely fill the gap between the top of the wall and the steel deck.

* UL is an abbreviation for Underwriters Laboratories Inc.; OPL is an abbreviation for Omega Point Laboratories, Inc.

Technical Data	Surface Burning Characteristics (According to ASTM E 84)	Product Designation Safing, Regular (Unfaced)	Flame Spread 15	Smoke Developed 0
		Safing (Foil-Faced)	25	0
	Products have a class A interior finish rating per NFPA 101, life safety code.			

Product Density	Approximate Density Tolerance			Minimum Thickness	Application Method
	Product Designation	Density	Tacoma		
	Safing	4.0	±0.5	-0.5 +1.0	1"
	Safing	6.0	±0.75	-0.75 +2.0	1-1/2"
	Safing	8.0	±1.0	-1.0 +2.0	1"

(1) On packaging weight basis.

Thermal Conductivity and Thermal Resistance (according to ASTM C 510)	Product Designation		"k" @ 75 jF (24 jC) BTU á in./hr. á sq. ft. á jF		"R" value for insulation only "R" = 4.0 per inch of thickness. "R" = 4.16 per inch of thickness. "R" = 4.3 per inch of thickness.
	Safing	4.0 pcf	0.25		
	Safing	6.0 pcf	0.24		
	Safing	8.0 pcf	0.23		
	(1) R = thickness divided by "k."				

Product Data	Standards Compliance	THERMAFIBER Safing Insulation meets the following: ASTM C 665 Federal Specification HH-I-521 F Safing insulation as Types I and III, Class A, Category ASTM C 612-00 Federal Specification HH-I-558 B Safing insulation as Types IA, IB and II. ASTM E 136 Rated noncombustible as defined by NFPA Standard 220 when tested according to ASTM E 136. ASTM E 814 or UL 147 Safing insulation used in conjunction with MOOSE SEAL Compound, FIRECODE Compound, FIRE BARRIER Spray, or other approved material. UL 2079 -Safing insulation used in conjunction with various fill, void or cavity materials, such as sealants and caulks. ASTM C 553 THERMAFIBER Insulations absorb less than 1% moisture by weight and volume. Safing insulation products are approved New York City Board of Standards & Approvals 19-48-SM & 39-74-SM.
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Composition and Materials	THERMAFIBER Blankets are a mineral fiber material manufactured from slag, a by-product of iron ore reduction, and naturally occurring rock.
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Warranty	System performance following substitution of materials or compromise in assembly design cannot be certified and may result in failure of fire performance under certain conditions. Products and systems provided by Thermafiber LLC are warranted to be free from defects in material workmanship. Contact Thermafiber LLC for complete warranty details.
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Storage	Store in a cool, dry place.
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Submittal Approvals:	Job Name	
	Contractor	Date

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