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**REPORT SUBJECT:**

EnerSpan® Insulation  
DuroSpan® GPS Insulation

### 1.0 SCOPE OF EVALUATION

This Research Report addresses compliance with the following Codes:

- 2018, 2015, 2012, and 2009 *International Code Building®* (IBC)
- 2018, 2015, 2012, and 2009 *International Residential Code®* (IRC)
- 2015 and 2010 *National Building Code of Canada* (NBC) – See Section 8.1
- 2012 *International Green Construction Code®* (IgCC) – See Section 8.2

EnerSpan® Insulation and DuroSpan® GPS Insulation have been evaluated for the following properties:

- Physical properties
- Surface-burning characteristics
- Thermal resistance
- Attic and crawl space installation
- Exterior walls in Types I – IV construction
- Use in Type V construction

See Table 1 for applicable Code sections related to these properties.

NOTE: This report references 2018 Code sections. Section numbers for earlier code editions may differ. This report references 2015 NBC sections with [2010] NBC code sections in brackets where they differ.

### 2.0 USES

EnerSpan® and DuroSpan® GPS Insulations are used for non-structural thermal insulation in wall assemblies, roof, ceiling or floor assemblies, and door cavities.

The insulation boards may be used as a sandwich panel core where EPS insulation complying with ASTM C578 or CAN/ULC-S701.1 (formerly CAN/ULC-S701) is specified in the Code Evaluation Report for the sandwich panel.

The insulation boards may be used on the interior face or under interior or exterior foundation walls or slab foundations as described in Section 4.2.

The insulation boards may also be used in attic and crawl spaces without a code-prescribed ignition barrier when installed as per Section 4.3.

The insulation boards may be used in Type V construction as described in Sections 41 through 4.3.

The insulation boards may be used in Types I, II, III and IV construction as described Section 4.4.

### 3.0 DESCRIPTION

#### 3.1 General:

EnerSpan® and DuroSpan® GPS Insulations are expanded polystyrene (EPS) complying with ASTM C578 Types I, VIII, II, II (high density), and IX, with minimum densities of 0.90 pcf, 1.15 pcf, 1.35 pcf, 1.45 pcf, and 1.80 pcf respectively; and complying with CAN/ULC-S701.1 Types 1, 2, 2 (high density) and 3. The DuroSpan® GPS Insulation is an EnerSpan® product laminated with one layer of a proprietary film on each side of the board.



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### 3.2 Performance Characteristics:

**3.2.1 Surface Burning Characteristics:** EnerSpan® and DuroSpan® GPS Insulations have a flame spread index not exceeding 25 and a smoke developed index not exceeding 450 for thicknesses up to 6 inches, when tested in accordance with UL 723 (ASTM E84) as required by Section 2603.3 of the IBC or Section R316.3 of the IRC, as applicable. EnerSpan and DuroSpan® GPS Insulations have a flame spread index of 230 and a smoke developed index of over 500 when tested in accordance with CAN/ULC-S102.2, as required by NBC 2010 and 2015, Sentence 3.1.12.1(2).

**3.2.2 Thermal Resistance:** EnerSpan® and DuroSpan® GPS Insulations have thermal resistance values as listed in Table 4.

## 4.0 INSTALLATION

### 4.1 General:

EnerSpan® and DuroSpan® GPS Insulations must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's published installation instructions, the applicable Code, and this Research Report. The manufacturer's published installation instructions and this Research Report must be strictly adhered to, and a copy of the instructions must be available on the jobsite during installation.

The insulation boards must be separated from the interior of the building by a thermal barrier complying with IBC Section 2603.4 or IRC Section R316.4, as applicable. See Table 2 for minimum thickness of the thermal barrier required. When using insulation boards thicker than 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) with cementitious exterior wall coatings, fasteners must be considered for lateral resistance to ensure support of the exterior wall covering.

### 4.2 Protection Against Termites:

The insulation boards may be used on the interior face, or under interior or exterior foundation walls, or slab foundations, except where the probability of termite infestation is "very heavy" as described in IBC Section 2603.8. The clearance between foam plastics installed

above grade and exposed earth shall be not less than 6 inches.

### 4.3 Attic and Crawl Spaces:

The insulation boards may be used for walls and ceilings of attic or crawl spaces without an ignition barrier required by IBC Section 2603.4.1.6, or IRC Sections R316.5.3 or R316.5.4 when all of the following conditions are met:

- Entry to the attic or crawl space is only to service utilities, and no storage is permitted. Utilities include, but are not limited to, mechanical equipment, electrical wiring, fans, and gas or electric hot water heaters and furnaces.
- There are no interconnected attic or basement areas.
- Air in the attic or crawl space is not circulated to other parts of the building.
- Attic ventilation is provided when required by IBC Section 1203.2 or IRC Section R806, as applicable.
- Under-floor (crawl space) ventilation is provided that complies with IBC Sections 1202.3 or IRC Section R408.1, as applicable.
- Combustion air is provided in accordance with IMC (*International Mechanical Code*) Section 701.
- The insulation is limited to the Type and thickness specified in Table 3.

### 4.4 Exterior Walls in Buildings Required to be of Types I, II, III, and IV Construction:

EnerSpan® and DuroSpan® GPS Insulation boards may be used in exterior walls of one-story buildings of Types I, II, III, or IV construction complying with IBC Section 2603.4.1.4. The EnerSpan® and DuroSpan® GPS Insulation boards may also be used on or in exterior walls in Types I, II, III, or IV construction, when it is part of an exterior wall assembly qualified in accordance with the requirements of IBC Section 2603.5.

EnerSpan® insulation boards meet the requirements for exterior foamed plastic insulation as described in UL listed Exterior Wall Systems EWS0025 and EWS0026.





## 5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The EnerSpan® and DuroSpan® GPS Insulations described in this Research Report comply with, or are suitable alternatives to, what is specified in those Codes listed in Sections 1.0 and 2.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

**5.1** Installation must comply with this Research Report, the manufacturer's published installation instructions, and the applicable Code. In the event of a conflict between the manufacturer's instructions and this report, this report governs.

**5.2** Exterior walls must be protected by a water-resistive barrier complying with IBC Section 1403.2 or IRC Section R703.2, and by wall coverings that provide the necessary structural wind and seismic resistance between the wall framing members.

**5.3** The insulation boards must not be used as a nailing base for siding materials. All fasteners must penetrate through the insulation into the existing wall framing or structural sheathing as required by the wall covering manufacturer's instructions or the applicable Code.

**5.4** EnerSpan® and DuroSpan® GPS Insulations are manufactured by Plasti-Fab Ltd., at locations listed in Table 6 of this report. Each manufacturing location is under a quality control program with inspections by Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc.

## 6.0 SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

**6.1** Reports of tests in accordance with: CAN/ULC-S701.1:2017 and CAN/ULC-S102.2.

**6.2** Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Foam Plastic Insulation (AC12), dated June 2015 (revised May 2016).

**6.3** Intertek Listing Report [Plasti-Fab Ltd. EnerSpan® Insulation](#).

## 7.0 IDENTIFICATION

EnerSpan® and DuroSpan® GPS Insulations are identified on the packaging by a marking bearing the report holder's name (Plasti-Fab Ltd.), the product name, the product EPS type, density, the manufacturing location, the Intertek Mark, the Code Compliance Research Report number (CCRR-1033), and thermal resistance value.

## 8.0 OTHER CODES

### 8.1 National Building Code of Canada:

EnerSpan® and DuroSpan® GPS Insulations, with properties described in Sections 3.0, 6.0, and 7.0 of this Research Report, comply with CAN/ULC-S701.1 as Type 1, 2, 2 (high density), and 3 EPS, and therefore comply with the requirements of the following NBC Articles: 3.1.4.2., 3.1.5.12. [3.1.5.14.], [3.1.5.15.], 5.10.1.1., 9.10.3.2., 9.10.17.10., 9.23.17.2., and 9.25.2.2. Thermal resistance shall comply with Table A-9.36.2.4(1)-D.

### 8.2 International Green Construction Code:

EnerSpan Insulation has been evaluated under the UL GREENGUARD GOLD certification program. The properties referenced therein are intended to address requirements in IgCC Section 806.6 for material emissions and Section A108.5, total VOC limit project elective. The listing may be found at the following address:

<http://productguide.ulenvironment.com>.





## 9.0 CODE COMPLIANCE RESEARCH REPORT USE

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TABLE 1A – PROPERTIES EVALUATED – INTERNATIONAL CODES

PROPERTY	IBC SECTION	IRC SECTION	IECC SECTION
Physical properties	Table 1508.2	R404.1.3.3.6.1	Not required
Surface burning characteristics	2603.3	R316.3	N/A
Type I – IV construction	2603.5	N/A	N/A
Thermal resistance	1301	N1101.10 [2012 - N1101.12], N1102	C303.1.1, C303.1.4, R303.1.1, R303.1.4
Thermal barrier/ignition barrier	2603.4	R316.4	N/A

TABLE 1B – PROPERTIES EVALUATED – NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF CANADA

PROPERTY	NBC REFERENCE
Physical properties	5.10.1.1. and 9.25.2.2.
Combustible insulation and its protection	3.1.4.2., 9.10.17.10.
Combustible insulation	3.1.5.12. [2010 - 3.1.5.14.]
Foamed plastic insulation	3.1.5.15.
Surface burning characteristics	3.1.12.1., 9.10.3.2.
Thermal resistance	9.25.2.1. and 9.36.2.
Thermal barrier	3.1.4.2. and 9.10.17.10.

TABLE 2 – MINIMUM INSULATION BOARD PROPERTIES AND REQUIRED THERMAL BARRIER

EPS TYPE	THERMAL BARRIER	ALLOWABLE EPS THICKNESS
ASTM C578 - TYPE I, VIII, II, II (high density), IX	Thermal barrier material as permitted in IBC Section 2603.4 or IRC Section R316.4	Max. 5 inches (127 mm)
CAN/ULC-S701.1 - TYPE 1, 2, 2 (high density), 3	Thermal barrier material as permitted in NBC Article 3.1.4.2., 9.10.17.10.	Min. 12.7 mm (0.5 inches)

TABLE 3 – MAXIMUM INSULATION THICKNESS FOR USE IN ATTICS OR CRAWL SPACES

ASTM C578 EPS TYPE	MAXIMUM THICKNESS
Type I	4.0 inches (101.6 mm)
Type VIII	3.2 inches (81.3 mm)
Type II	2.7 inches (67.6 mm)
Type IX	2.0 inches (50.8 mm)



TABLE 4 – THERMAL RESISTANCE BY ASTM C578 TYPE

ASTM C578 EPS TYPE	MINIMUM DENSITY (pcf)	R-VALUE @ 75°F Mean Temperature ft <sup>2</sup> ·h·°F/BTU per inch	R-VALUE @ 75°F Mean Temperature ft <sup>2</sup> ·h·°F/BTU per 1.06 inch of thickness
Type I	0.90	4.7	5.0
Type VIII	1.15	4.7	5.0
Type II	1.35	4.7	5.0
Type II (high density)	1.45	4.7	5.0
Type IX	1.80	4.7	5.0

TABLE 5 – THERMAL RESISTANCE BY CAN/ULC-701.1 TYPE

CAN/ULC-S701.1 EPS TYPE	Thermal Resistance (for 25 mm thickness) m <sup>2</sup> ·°C/W
Type 1	0.82
Type 2	0.82
Type 2 (high density)	0.82
Type 3	0.82

TABLE 6 – ENERSPAN AND DUROSPAN GPS MANUFACTURING LOCATIONS

MANUFACTURING LOCATION	ASTM C578 TYPE	CAN/ULC-S701.1 TYPE
Ajax, Ontario, Canada	I	1
Crossfield, Alberta, Canada	VIII	-
Delta, British Columbia, Canada	II	2
Kitchener, Ontario, Canada	II (1.45 pcf)	2 (1.45)
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada		
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada	IX	3
Lebanon, Ohio, USA		