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Insulspan SIP
System - NBC 2010
and 2015 Effective
Thermal Resistance



# **Product Information Bulletin**

# Insulspan SIP® System - NBC 2010 and 2015 Energy Efficiency Requirements

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The Insulspan® SIP (Structural Insulating Panel) System is an energy efficient building system that consists of a core of PlastiSpan® expanded polystyrene (EPS) insulation with SIP-grade oriented strand board (OSB) structurally laminated to the interior and exterior faces of the EPS insulation core.

The energy efficiency of wall and roof assemblies need to meet minimum prescriptive **effective thermal resistance** (**RSI**<sub>eff</sub>/**R**<sub>eff</sub>) requirements per Table 1 below as per National Building Code of Canada (NBC) 2010 and 2015, Tables 9.36.2.6.-A and 9.36.2.6.-B.

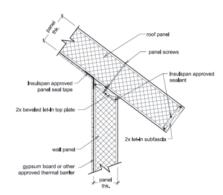
Table 1 – Minimum RSI<sub>eff</sub>/R<sub>eff</sub> for Above-Ground Opaque Building Assemblies

2012 BCBC Climate Zones	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7A	Zone 7B	Zone 8			
Heating Degree-Days (HDD) Celsius Degree-Days	< 3,000	3,000 to 3,999	4,000 to 4,999	5,000 to 5,999	6,000 to 6,999	≥ 7,000			
Wall Assemblies - Where a Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV) is not Installed									
RSI <sub>eff</sub> − m <sup>2</sup> •°C/W	2.78	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.85	3.85			
R <sub>eff</sub> – ft <sup>2</sup> •hr•°F/BTU	15.8	17.5	17.5	17.5	21.9	21.9			
Wall Assemblies - Where a Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV) is Installed									
RSI <sub>eff</sub> − m <sup>2</sup> •°C/W	2.78	2.97	2.97	2.97	3.08	3.08			
R <sub>eff</sub> – ft <sup>2</sup> •hr•°F/BTU	15.8	16.9	16.9	16.9	17.5	17.5			
Cathedral Ceilings and Flat Roofs - With or Without Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV) Installed									
RSI <sub>eff</sub> − m <sup>2</sup> •°C/W	4.67	4.67	4.67	5.02	5.02	5.02			
R <sub>eff</sub> – ft²•hr•°F/BTU	26.5	26.5	26.5	28.5	28.5	28.5			



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**Insulspan SIP System** wall and roof assemblies are constructed with wood framing at 1,220 mm (48") on center versus typical wood frame assemblies which are typically constructed with wood framing at 406 mm (16") to 610 mm (24") on center.

Effective thermal resistance ( $RSI_{\rm eff}/R_{\rm eff}$ ) is calculated using the formula below as per NBC 2010 and 2015, Appendix Note A-9.36.2.4.(1) which includes the effect of thermal bridging due to wood framing members.

$$RSI_{eff}(R_{eff}) = \frac{100\%}{\frac{\% \text{ Area of Framing}}{RSI_{E}(R_{E})} + \frac{\% \text{ Area of Cavity}}{RSI_{C}(R_{C})}} + RSI(R) \text{ Continuous Material Layers}$$

### Where:

- RSI<sub>F</sub> (R<sub>F</sub>) = Thermal resistance of framing members
- RSI<sub>C</sub> (R<sub>C</sub>) = Thermal resistance of insulation component

### **Insulspan SIP System Wall Assemblies:**

Table 2 provides **RSI**<sub>eff</sub>/**R**<sub>eff</sub> calculations for 6 ½" and 8 ¼" *Insulspan SIP System* wall assemblies manufactured using *PlastiSpan* insulation core material meeting CAN/ULC-S701, Type 1 to meet NBC 2010 and 2015 energy efficiency requirements for climate zones as indicated.

Table 2 – RSI<sub>eff</sub>/R<sub>eff</sub> for Insulspan SIP System Wall Assemblies

Insulspan SIP Wall Assembly		Zones 4 to 7A without HRV Zones 4 to 8 With HRV 6 ½" Insulspan SIP			Zones 4 to 8 with or without HRV 8 ¼" Insulspan SIP		
		RSI <sub>F</sub>	RSIc	Continuous Materials	RSI <sub>F</sub>	RSIc	Continuous Materials
Outside Air Film				0.03			0.03
Cladding				0.11			0.11
7/16" Oriented Strand Board				0.11			0.11
PlastiSpan Type 1 Insulation			3.71			4.87	
Wood Stud @ 1220 mm (48") o.c.		1.19			1.56		
7/16" Oriented Strand Board				0.11			0.11
Gypsum Wall Board, 13 mm (1	(2")			0.08			0.08
Inside Air Film				0.12			0.12
RSI Sub-totals		1.19	3.71	0.56	1.56	4.87	0.56
% Area of Each Component		14%	86%	100%	14%	86%	100%
Effective Thermal	RSI <sub>eff</sub>	RSI-3.42			RSI-4.32		
Resistance	R <sub>eff</sub>		R-19	9.4	R-24.5		



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Table 3 provides RSI<sub>eff</sub>/R<sub>eff</sub> calculations for 6 ½" and 8 ¼" *Insulspan SIP System* wall assemblies manufactured using *PlastiSpan HD* insulation core material meeting CAN/ULC-S701, Type 2 to meet NBC 2010 and 2015 energy efficiency requirements for climate zones as indicated.

Table 3 – RSI<sub>eff</sub>/R<sub>eff</sub> for Insulspan SIP System Wall Assemblies

		Zones 4 to 7A without HRV Zones 4 to 8 With HRV			Zones 4 to 8 with or without HRV		
Insulspan SIP Wall Assembly		6 ½" Insulspan SIP			8 ¼" Insulspan SIP		
		RSI <sub>F</sub>	RSIc	Materials	RSI <sub>F</sub>	RSIc	Materials
Outside Air Film				0.03			0.03
Cladding				0.11			0.11
7/16" Oriented Strand Board				0.11			0.11
PlastiSpan HD Type 2 Insulation			4.00			5.25	
Wood Stud @ 1220 mm (48") o.c.		1.19			1.56		
7/16" Oriented Strand Board				0.11			0.11
Gypsum Wall Board, 13 mm (1	Gypsum Wall Board, 13 mm (1/2")			0.08			0.08
Inside Air Film				0.12			0.12
RSI Sub-totals		1.19	4.00	0.56	1.56	4.87	0.56
% Area of Each Component		14%	86%	100%	14%	86%	100%
Effective Thermal	RSI <sub>eff</sub>	RSI-3.56			RSI-4.50		
Resistance	R <sub>eff</sub>	R-20.2			R-25.6		

## **Insulspan SIP System Roof Assemblies:**

Table 4 provides **RSI**<sub>eff</sub>/**R**<sub>eff</sub> calculations for 10 ¼" and 12 ¼" *Insulspan SIP System* roof assemblies manufactured using *PlastiSpan* insulation core material meeting CAN/ULC-S701, Type 1 to meet NBC 2010 and 2015 energy efficiency requirements for all climate zones.

Table 4 – RSI<sub>eff</sub>/R<sub>eff</sub> for Insulspan SIP System Roof Assemblies

		10 ¼" Insulspan SIP			12 ¼" Insulspan SIP		
		RSI <sub>F</sub>	RSI <sub>c</sub>	Continuous Materials	RSI <sub>F</sub>	RSI <sub>c</sub>	Continuous Materials
Outside Air Film				0.03			0.03
Asphalt Shingles				0.08			0.08
Roof Sheathing Membrane				0.03			0.03
7/16" Oriented Strand Board				0.11			0.11
PlastiSpan Type 1 Insulation			6.19			7.51	
Wood Stud @ 1220 mm (48") o	).C.	2.00			2.43		
7/16" Oriented Strand Board				0.11			0.11
Gypsum Wall Board, 13 mm (1/2")				0.08			0.08
Inside Air Film				0.12			0.12
RSI Sub-totals		2.00	6.19	0.56	2.43	7.51	0.56
% Area of Each Component		9%	91%	100%	9%	91%	100%
Effective Thermal	RSI <sub>eff</sub>	RSI-5.76			RSI-6.88		
Resistance	R <sub>eff</sub>		R-3	2.7	R-39.1		



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Table 5 provides  $RSI_{eff}/R_{eff}$  calculations for 10  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 12  $\frac{1}{4}$ " *Insulspan SIP System* roof assemblies manufactured using *PlastiSpan HD* insulation core material meeting CAN/ULC-S701, Type 2 to meet NBC 2010 and 2015 energy efficiency requirements for all climate zones.

Table 5 – RSI<sub>eff</sub>/R<sub>eff</sub> Calculation for Insulspan SIP System Roof Assemblies

Insulspan SIP Roof Assembly		10 ¼" Insulspan SIP			12 ¼" Insulspan SIP		
		RSI <sub>F</sub>	RSIc	Continuous Materials	RSI <sub>F</sub>	RSI <sub>c</sub>	Continuous Materials
Outside Air Film				0.03			0.03
Asphalt Shingles				0.08			0.08
Roof Sheathing Membrane				0.03			0.03
7/16" Oriented Strand Board				0.11			0.11
PlastiSpan HD Type 2 Insulation			6.67			8.09	
Wood Stud @ 1220 mm (48") o.c.		2.00			2.43		
7/16" Oriented Strand Board				0.11			0.11
Gypsum Wall Board, 13 mm (1/2")				0.08			0.08
Inside Air Film				0.12			0.12
RSI Sub-totals		2.00	6.67	0.56	2.43	8.09	0.56
% Area of Each Component		9%	91%	100%	9%	91%	100%
Effective Thermal		RSI-6.07			RSI-7.25		
Resistance	R <sub>eff</sub>		R-3	4.4	R-41.2		