Insulation



Styrozone[®] Basements

INSULATION FOR BASEMENTS



- High performance rigid extruded polystyrene insulation

 thermal conductivities as low as 0.029 W/m·K
- High compressive strength
- Resistant to ground moisture penetration
- Unaffected by air infiltration
- Easy to handle and install
- Ideal for new build and refurbishment
- Non-deleterious material
- Manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero ODP



Typical Constructions and U-values

Assumptions

The U-values in the tables that follow have been calculated, under a management system certified to the BBA Scheme for Assessing the Competency of



Persons to Undertake U–value and Condensation Risk Calculations, using the method detailed in BS / I.S. EN ISO 13370: 2007 (Thermal performance of buildings. Heat transfer via the ground. Calculation methods) and using the conventions set out in BR443 (Conventions for U–value calculations). They are valid for the constructions shown in the details immediately above each table. These examples assume that the basement walls are 300 mm thick and the height of the basement walls are 2.5 m.

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

Floor dimensions should be measured between the finished internal surfaces of the external walls. Non–usable heated 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 to those of the whole building. Where extensions to existing buildings are under consideration, the floor dimensions should be taken as those of the extension.

If the P/A ratio lies between two of the numbers shown in the tables to follow, for a safe estimate, please use the P/A ratio shown that is the next highest i.e. for 0.57 use 0.6.

NB The figures quoted are for guidance only. A detailed U–value calculation should be completed for each individual project.

NB For the purposes of these calculations, using the method as detailed in BS / I.S. EN ISO 13370: 2007, the soil has been assumed to be sand or gravel, the wall insulation is assumed to overlap the floor insulation by minimum 150 / 225° mm, and the standard of workmanship has been assumed good and therefore the correction factor for air gaps has been ignored. NB If your construction is different from those specified and / or to gain a comprehensive U-value calculation for your project please consult the Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department for assistance (see rear cover).

* 150 mm applies to the UK and 225 mm to the Republic of Ireland.

U-value Table Key

Where an X is shown, the U-value is higher than the worst of the maximum new build area weighted average U-values allowed by the 2010 Editions of Approved Documents L to the Building Regulations (England & Wales), the 2010 Editions of Technical Handbooks Section 6 (Scotland), the 2006 Editions of Technical Booklets F (Northern Ireland), or the 2008 Editions of Technical Guidance Documents L* (Republic of Ireland).

* Excluding Change of Use and Material Alterations.

Basement Floors

Basement Insulated with Kingspan Styrozone® N 300 R



Figure 1

U-values (W/m²·K) for Various Thicknesses of *Kingspan* **Styr**ozone® N 300 R and Floor Perimeter / Area Ratios

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Insulant Thickness	Perimeter / Area (m ⁻¹)					
(mm)	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8
50	×	×	×	×	×	×
60	0.24	×	×	×	×	×
80	0.22	0.23	0.25	×	×	×
100	0.19	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.24
120	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.21
140	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.19
160	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17
180	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.17
100 + 100	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.15
120 + 100*	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.14
120 + 120	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.13
140 + 120*	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.12
140 + 140	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11
160 + 140*	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11
160 + 160	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10

* Where multiple layers of insulation of different thicknesses are used, the thickest layer should be installed as the outermost layer in the construction.

Basement Insulated with Kingspan Styrozone® H 350 R



Figure 2

U-values (W/m²·K) for Various Thicknesses of Kingspan Styrozone® H 350 R and Floor Perimeter / Area Ratios Insulant Perimeter / Area (m⁻¹) Thickness (mm) 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 40 Х X Х Х Х Х 50 0.24 Х Х Х Х Х 0.22 0.24 Х 60 0.25 X X 0.19 0.20 0.21 0.22 0.23 0.23 80 100 0.17 0.18 0.19 0.19 0.20 0.20 120 0.17 0.17 0.15 0.16 0.17 0.18 140 0.14 0.15 0.16 0.16 0.16 0.16 160 0.13 0.14 0.14 0.15 0.15 0.15 100 + 80* 0.11 0.12 0.12 0.13 0.13 0.13 100 + 100 0.11 0.11 0.12 0.12 0.12 0.11 120 + 100* 0.10 0.10 0.11 0.11 0.11 0.11 120 + 120 0.09 0.10 0.10 0.10 0.10 0.10

* Where multiple layers of insulation of different thicknesses are used, the thickest layer should be installed as the outermost layer in the construction.

Basement Walls

Calculations for basement walls are based on the height of the basement, the P/A ratio of the basement floor and the thermal performance of the basement floor. Once all three variables have been obtained, please contact the Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department (see rear cover) for the U-values to be calculated.

Design Considerations

Sustainability & Responsibility

Kingspan Insulation has a long-term commitment to sustainability and responsibility: as a manufacturer and supplier of insulation products; as an employer; as a substantial landholder; and as a key member of its neighbouring communities.

A report covering the sustainability and responsibility of Kingspan Insulation Ltd's British operations is available at www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk/sustainabilityandresponsibility.

Specification Clause

Kingspan Styrozone® should be described in specification as:-

The basement wall / floor insulation shall be *Kingspan* **Styr**ozone[®] (insert grade) _____ mm thick: comprising high performance rigid extruded polystyrene insulation. The product shall be manufactured, with a blowing agent that has zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP), under a management system certified to EN ISO 9001: 2000, and shall be installed in accordance with the instructions issued by Kingspan Insulation Limited.

NBS Specifications

Details also available in NBS Plus. NBS users should refer to clause(s): J30 330 (Standard and Intermediate) J40 380 (Minor Works)



Product Selection

The high compressive strength of *Kingspan* **Styr**ozone[®] makes it particularly suitable for use where floor loads are to be severe.

Consideration must be given to which *Kingspan* **Styr**ozone[®] product is most appropriate for the required application. A table of the key distinguishing features is shown below.

Product	Thermal Conductivity (W/m·K)	Density (kg/m³)	Compressive Strength at 10% compression (kPa)
Styr ozone [®] H 350 R	0.029-0.031	30	300
Styrozone® N 300 R	0.035-0.040	30	300

Design Standards

Consideration should be given to the recommendations of BS 8102: 1990 (Code of practice for protection of structures against water from the ground), BS 8215: 1991 (Code of practice for design and installation of damp proof courses in masonry construction) and the information given in Building Research Establishment Digest 104 (Floor Screeds).

Waterproofing

BS 8102: 1990 (Code of practice for protection of structures against water from the ground) provides guidance on protection of basements against ground water. The level of protection needed by a new basement in housing, offices, restaurants, leisure centres etc. is Grade 3 (refer to BS 8102 for a full list). Grade 3 protection consists of one of the following waterproofing options.

Tanking System – A continuous waterproofing membrane surrounding the exterior of the basement structure, preventing ground water from penetrating the basement construction. Available in mastic asphalt tanking, cementitious renders, self–adhesive membranes and liquid applied membranes (see Figure 1 & 2).

Waterproofed Concrete – A continuous waterproofed concrete, mixed in accordance with BS 8007: 1987 (Code of practice for design of concrete structures for retaining aqueous liquids). The waterproofed concrete is used as the exterior of the construction to prevent water penetration.

Drained Cavity & DPM – An effective drainage system where moisture that seeps through a monolithic wall, into the cavity is collected and channelled away under the floor. Using a DPM in conjunction with the drained cavity prevents any water penetrating the structure.

Sitework

Drainage

- Water collecting at the base of the Kingspan Styrozone[®] boards must be drained away by filter drains located around the perimeter of the basement.
- To construct a filter drain, a perforated / porous drainage pipe should be positioned 200 mm below the floor level of the basement and should be surrounded by a free draining aggregate e.g. course gravel.
- A geotextile membrane must be placed around the gravel to prevent fines blocking the drain.
- Depending upon ground conditions, drains may be connected to surface drainage systems or soakaways.

Basement Floors

Installation Below a Floor Slab

- The site should be prepared and foundations, where appropriate, built to damp proof course (DPC) level.
- A thin sand blinding may be used to achieve a continuous level surface free from projections over rolled hardcore.
- The damp proof membrane (minimum 300 micron / 1200 gauge polythene) can be laid with joints well lapped and folded, to prevent the passage of ground water, either directly over the well compacted hardcore prior to laying the insulation boards, or over the insulation boards.
- The membrane should be laid under the basement wall, and under the triangular shaped piece of insulation placed between the concrete slab and the exterior of the basement wall, and lapped by 300 mm under the basement wall tanking membrane.
- Insulation boards should always be loose-laid break-bonded, with the joints lightly butted.
- If two layers of insulation are required, they should be horizontally offset relative to each other so that, as far as possible, the board joints in the two adjacent layers do not coincide with each other (see Figure 3).



Figure 3 – Offsetting of Multiple Insulation Layers

• A strip of rigid insulation board (minimum 20 mm thick) should be placed vertically around the perimeter of the floor slab in order to prevent cold bridging. The top of the

strip of insulation board should be level with the top of the floor screed and the bottom should be level with the bottom of the horizontal floor insulation, and closely butted up to it.

- If the damp proof membrane is laid directly onto the hardcore below the insulation boards, the boards should be overlaid with a polythene sheet (not less than 125 micron / 500 gauge), to prevent the wet concrete penetrating the joints between the boards, and to act as a vapour control layer. Ensure the polythene sheet has 150 mm overlaps, taped at the joints, and is turned up 100 mm at the walls.
- The subsequent installation of the concrete slab and screed or other flooring material is carried out in a manner similar to that for an un–insulated floor.
- The concrete slab and screed should be allowed to dry out prior to the the installation of the floor finish.

Installation Below a Floor Screed

- Concrete slabs should be allowed to dry out fully prior to the installation of the insulation boards (average 1 day per mm of slab thickness).
- The surface of the slab should be smooth, flat and free from projections. Rough cast slabs should be levelled using a thin sand blinding to ensure boards are continuously supported.
- The damp proof membrane (minimum 300 micron / 1200 gauge polythene) should be laid with joints well lapped and folded, to prevent the passage of ground water, either directly over the floor slab prior to laying the insulation boards, or over the insulation boards.
- The membrane should be laid under the basement wall, and under the triangular shaped piece of insulation placed between the concrete slab and the exterior of the basement wall, and lapped by 300 mm under the basement wall tanking membrane.
- Insulation boards should always be loose-laid break-bonded, with the joints lightly butted.
- If two layers of insulation are required, they should be horizontally offset relative to each other so that, as far as possible, the board joints in the two adjacent layers do not coincide with each other (see Figure 3).
- A strip of rigid insulation board (minimum 20 mm thick) should be placed vertically around the perimeter of the floor slab in order to prevent cold bridging. The top of the strip of insulation board should be level with the top of the floor screed and the bottom should be level with the bottom of the horizontal floor insulation, and closely butted up to it.
- Insulation boards should be overlaid with a polythene sheet (not less than 125 micron / 500 gauge), to prevent the wet screed penetrating the joints between the boards, and to act as a vapour control layer. Ensure the polythene sheet has 150 mm overlaps, taped at the joints, and is turned up 100 mm at the walls.
- Use sand and cement screed laid to a minimum thickness of 65 mm for domestic construction and 75 mm elsewhere.

Basement Walls

- A triangular shaped piece of *Kingspan* Styrozone[®] should be placed between the concrete slab and the exterior of the basement wall to create a slope (see Figures 1 & 2) and a platform for the basement wall insulation.
- The damp proof membrane should be laid under the basement wall and the triangular shaped piece of insulation, and connect with the basement wall tanking membrane in accordance with the tanking membrane manufacturer's recommendations.
- A tanking membrane is applied to the external face of the basement wall, to prevent water entering the basement structure.
- The insulation board should be installed outside of the tanking membrane.
- A cavity drainage membrane or layer of washed no fines gravel should be installed outside of the insulation boards.
- This relieves hydrostatic pressure and channels water to the foundation drain.
- The membrane or gravel should be covered with a geotextile layer to prevent fines from blocking the drainage material.
- The ground around the structure must slope away from the basement wall to ensure rainwater drains away from the building.

Waterstops

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 When using reinforced concrete as the main structure of the basement, waterstops must be installed at the junctions where day joints have been made in the structure to prevent water leakage.

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Fosroc Ltd	+44 (0) 1827 262 222
www.fosroc.com	
Beton Construction	
Materials Ltd	+44 (0) 1256 353 146
www.betonconmat.co.uk	

Wheeled / Foot Traffic

 Ensure boards are protected during installation from wheeled / foot traffic by using scaffold planks or other protective measures.

General

Cutting

- Cutting should be carried out either by using a fine toothed saw, or by scoring with a sharp knife and snapping the board over a straight edge.
- Ensure accurate trimming to achieve close-butting joints and continuity of insulation.

Availability

• *Kingspan* **Styr**ozone[®] is available through specialist insulation distributors and selected builders' merchants throughout the UK, and Ireland.

Packaging and Storage

- The polyethylene packaging of Kingspan Insulation products, which is recyclable, should not be considered adequate for outside protection.
- Ideally, boards should be stored inside a well ventilated building. If, however, outside storage cannot be avoided, then the boards should be stacked clear of the ground and covered with a pale pigmented polythene sheet or weatherproof tarpaulin.
- Kingspan Styrozone[®] should not be left in the sun covered by either a transparent or a dark plastic sheet, since in both cases, board temperatures can build up to a level hot enough to appreciably alter board dimensions or cause warping.

Health and Safety

- Kingspan Insulation products are chemically inert and safe to use.
- A report covering the sustainability and responsibility of Kingspan Insulation Ltd's British operations is available at www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk/safety or www.kingspaninsulation.ie/safety

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

Product Details

Composition

Kingspan **Styr**ozone[®] H 350 R is a high performance rigid extruded polystyrene insulant manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) and has a smooth, dense skin on both faces.



Kingspan **Styrozone**[®] N 300 R is a high performance rigid extruded polystyrene insulant manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) and low Global Warming Potential (GWP) and has a smooth, dense skin on both faces.

Standards and Approvals

Kingspan **Styr**ozone[®] is manufactured to the highest quality standards under a quality control system certified to EN ISO 9001: 2000 (Quality management systems. Requirements).

Standard Dimensions

All products in the *Kingspan* **Styr**ozone[®] range are available in the following standard size:

Nominal Dimension		Availability
Length	(m)	1.25
Width	(m)	0.6
Insulant Thickness	(mm)	Refer to local distributor or Kingspan Insulation's price list for current stock and non-stock sizes
Edge Profile		Rebated*

*Straight edge boards are available on request.

Compressive Strength

The compressive strengths of *Kingspan* **Styr**ozone[®] H 350 R and N 300 R typically exceed 300 kPa at 10% compression when tested to EN 826: 1996 (Thermal insulating products for building applications. Determination of compression behaviour).

Thermal Expansion

The linear thermal expansion coefficient of *Kingspan* **Styr**ozone[®] is 0.07 mm/m·K.

Water Vapour Resistivity

The boards achieve a resistivity greater than 825 MN-s/g-m, when tested in accordance with EN 12086: 1997 (Thermal insulating products for building applications. Determination of water vapour transmission properties).

Absorption of Moisture

Kingspan **Styr**ozone[®] is highly resistant to water absorption. It is very resistant to the passage of water vapour, and unaffected by repeated freeze / thaw cycles.

Durability

If correctly installed, *Kingspan* **Styr**ozone[®] can have an indefinite life. Its durability depends on the supporting structure and the conditions of its use.

Resistance to Solvents, Fungi & Rodents

Kingspan **Styr**ozone[®] is resistant to most commonly occurring construction materials such as lime, cement, plaster, anhydrous gypsum, solvent–free bituminous compounds, water–based wood preservatives, as well as alcohols, acids and alkalis. Certain organic materials such as solvent–based wood preservatives, coal tar and derivatives (creosote), paint thinners and common solvents (e.g. acetone, ethyl acetate, petrol, toluene and white spirit), will attack *Kingspan* **Styrozone[®]**, resulting in softening, shrinkage and possible dissolution, with a consequent loss of performance.

Kingspan **Styr**ozone[®] does not provide any food value to vermin and is not normally attractive to them.

Maximum Service Temperature

Kingspan **Styr**ozone[®] should not be brought into direct contact with high temperature heat sources. The maximum service temperature of *Kingspan* **Styr**ozone[®] is 75°C.

Thermal Properties

The λ–values and R–values detailed below are quoted in accordance with EN 13164: 2008 (Thermal insulation products for buildings – Factory made products of extruded polystyrene (XPS) – Specification).

Thermal Conductivity

The boards achieve a thermal conductivity (λ -value) of – *Kingspan* **Styr**ozone[®] H 350 R is: 0.029 W/m·K (insulant thickness \leq 120 mm); and 0.031 W/m·K (insulant thickness > 120 mm).

Kingspan Styrozone® N 300 R is:

0.035 W/m·K (insulant thickness \leq 80 mm); 0.037 W/m·K (insulant thickness 80 mm); 0.038 W/m·K (insulant thickness 100–160 mm); and 0.040 W/m·K (insulant thickness > 160 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. The resulting number is rounded down to the nearest 0.05 (m^2 ·K/W).

Insulant Thickness (mm)	Thermal (m²·ŀ H 350 R	Resistance (/W) N 300 R
50	1.70	-
60	2.05	1.70
80	2.75	2.15
100	3.40	2.60
120	4.10	3.15
140	4.50	3.65
160	5.15	4.20
180	-	4.50

NB Multiple layers of insulation are required for higher thermal resistances. NB Refer to local distributor or Kingspan Insulation price list for current stock and non-stock sizes.

NB Kingspan Styrozone® may be delivered in packaging bearing alternative product branding.

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Literature & Samples

Kingspan Insulation produces a comprehensive range of technical literature for specifiers, contractors, stockists and end users. The literature contains clear 'user friendly' advice on typical design; design considerations; thermal properties; sitework and product data.

Available as a complete Design Manual or as individual product brochures, Kingspan Insulation technical literature is an essential specification tool. For copies please contact the Kingspan Insulation Marketing Department, or visit the Kingspan Insulation website, using the details below:

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Technical Advice / Design

Kingspan Insulation supports all of its products with a comprehensive Technical Advisory Service for specifiers, stockists and contractors.

This includes a computer-aided service designed to give fast, accurate technical advice. Simply phone the Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department with your project specification. Calculations can be carried out to provide U-values, condensation / dew point risk, required insulation thicknesses etc... Thereafter any number of permutations can be provided to help you achieve your desired targets.

The Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department can also give general application advice and advice on design detailing and fixing etc... Site surveys are also undertaken as appropriate.

The Kingspan Insulation British Technical Service Department operates under a management system certified to the BBA Scheme for Assessing the Competency of Persons to



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