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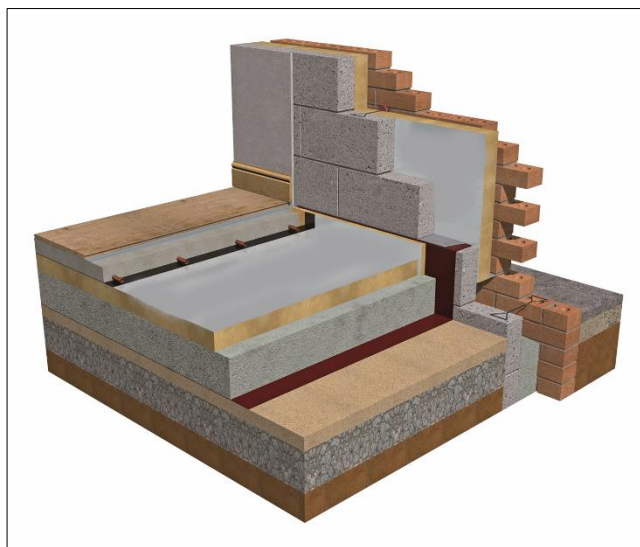
QUINN THERM QF FLOOR BOARD

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to Quinn Therm QF Floor Board, a rigid polyisocyanurate (PIR) foam board with composite foil-facings, for use as insulation in ground-supported or suspended concrete ground-floors or between the joists of suspended timber ground-floors, in new and existing domestic or similar buildings.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production



KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Thermal performance — the product has a declared thermal conductivity (λ_D)* of $0.022 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ (see section 6).

Condensation risk — the product can contribute to limiting the risk of condensation (see section 7).

Floor loading — the product, when installed in accordance with this Certificate, can support a design loading for domestic applications (see section 9).

Durability — the product is durable, rot-proof and sufficiently stable to remain effective as an insulation for the life of the building (see section 11).

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the product described herein. This product has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, Quinn Therm QF Floor Board, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

Requirement:	A1	Loading
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 9.2 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	C2(c)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See sections 7.1 and 7.4 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	L1(a)(i)	Conservation of fuel and power
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	7	Materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See section 11 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	26	CO₂ emission rates for new buildings
Regulation:	26A	Fabric energy efficiency rates for new dwellings (applicable to England only)
Regulation:	26A	Primary energy consumption rates for new buildings (applicable to Wales only)
Regulation:	26B	Fabric performance values for new dwellings (applicable to Wales only)
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying these Regulations. See section 6 of this Certificate.



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)	Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See section 11 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	9	Building standards applicable to construction
Standard:	1.1(b)	Structure
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clause 1.1.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 9.2 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.15	Condensation
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.15.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 3.15.4 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 3.15.5 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See sections 7.1 and 7.5 of this Certificate.
Standard:	6.1(b)	Carbon dioxide emissions
Standard:	6.2	Building insulation envelope
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying these Standards, with reference to clauses, or parts of, 6.1.1 ⁽¹⁾ , 6.1.6 ⁽¹⁾ , 6.2.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 6.2.3 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 6.2.4 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 6.2.5 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 6.2.6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 6.2.7 ⁽¹⁾ , 6.2.8 ⁽²⁾ , 6.2.9 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 6.2.10 ⁽¹⁾ , 6.2.11 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 6.2.12 ⁽²⁾ and 6.2.13 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 6 of this Certificate.
Standard:	7.1(a)(b)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard. In addition, the product can contribute to a construction meeting a higher level of sustainability as defined in this Standard, with

reference to clauses 7.1.4⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ [Aspects 1⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 2⁽¹⁾], 7.1.6⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ [Aspects 1⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 2⁽¹⁾] and 7.1.7⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ [Aspect 1⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾]. See section 6 of this Certificate.

Regulation:	12	Building standards applicable to conversions
Comment:		Comments made in relation to this product under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and Schedule 6 ⁽¹⁾⁽¹⁾ .
		(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic). (2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

Regulation:	23	Fitness of materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See section 11 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	29	Condensation
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See section 7.1 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	30	Stability
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See section 9.2 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	39(a)(i)	Conservation measures
Regulation:	40(2)	Target carbon dioxide emission rate
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying these Regulations. See section 6 of this Certificate.

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, Principal Designer/CDM co-ordinator, designer and contractors to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.4) of this Certificate.

Additional Information

NHBC Standards 2016

NHBC accepts the use of Quinn Therm QF Floor Board, when installed and used in accordance with this Certificate, in relation to *NHBC Standards 2016*, Chapter 5.1 *Substructure and ground bearing floors*, and 5.2 *Suspended ground floors*.

CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the product in accordance with harmonised European Standard BS EN 13165 : 2012. An asterisk (*) appearing in this Certificate indicates that data shown is given in the manufacturer's Declaration of Performance.

Technical Specification

1 Description

Quinn Therm QF Floor Board comprises a rigid polyisocyanurate (PIR) board with composite foil-facings, with the nominal characteristics given in Table 1.

Table 1 Nominal characteristics

Length x Width (mm)	2400 x 1200
Thickness (mm)	20 to 200 (in 5 mm increments)
Edge detail	Plain square edge
Facings	Printed composite foil-facing one side, unprinted composite foil-facing other side.
Compressive stress at 10% deformation* (kPa)	≥ 150

2 Manufacture

2.1 Quinn Therm QF Floor Board is manufactured by blending together polyol and MDI in a continuous foaming process aided by a blowing agent, and sandwiched between two composite foil-facings. After formation, the boards are left to cure and are cut to size.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the Certificate holder/manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management system of Quinn Therm Ltd has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2008 by Certification Europe (Certificate 2500/262).

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The product is delivered to site in polythene-wrapped packs. Each pack of boards contains a label with the manufacturer's name, board dimensions and the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate.

3.2 The product must be protected from prolonged exposure to sunlight, and stored dry, flat and raised above ground level (to avoid contact with ground moisture). Where possible, packs should be stored inside. If stored outside, the product should be under cover, or protected by opaque polythene sheeting.

3.3 The product is light and easy to handle and care should be exercised to avoid crushing the edges or corners. If damaged, the product should be discarded.

3.4 The product must not be exposed to open flame or other ignition sources, or solvents or other chemicals.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Quinn Therm QF Floor Board.

Design Considerations

4 Use

4.1 Quinn Therm QF Floor Board is satisfactory for use as floor insulation and is effective in reducing the thermal transmittance (U value) of ground-supported or suspended concrete or timber ground-floors in new and existing domestic or similar buildings. The product can also be used on suitably-designed beam-and-block floors incorporating Type R2 semi-resisting or resisting blocks to BS EN 15037-2 : 2009 and self-bearing beams to BS EN 15037-1 : 2008.

4.2 Ground-supported concrete and suspended concrete ground-floors incorporating the product must include a suitable damp-proof membrane (dpm), laid beneath the insulation, in accordance with the relevant sections of CP 102 : 1973, and BS 8215 : 1991 (see section 12.5 of this Certificate).

4.3 Suspended concrete or timber ground-floors incorporating the insulation boards must include suitable ventilation of the sub-floor void or a dpm.

4.4 When used as insulation in suspended timber ground-floors, for optimum thermal performance, the product shall be installed with the correct orientation of its foil-facing. See section 12.11 of this Certificate.

4.5 The overlay to the insulation boards should be:

- a vapour control layer (VCL) as required (see section 7.3), and:
- a cement-based floor screed of minimum 65 mm thickness, laid in accordance with the relevant clauses of BS 8204-1 : 2003 and/or BS 8204-2 : 2003, or
- a wood-based floor, eg tongue-and-groove plywood to BS EN 636 : 2012, flooring grade particle board (Types P5 to P7) to BS EN 312 : 2010 or oriented strand board (OSB) of type OSB/3 or OSB/4 to BS EN 300 : 2006, of a suitable thickness to be determined by a suitably qualified and experienced individual, installed in accordance with DD CEN/TS 12872 : 2007 and BS EN 12871 : 2013, or
- a concrete slab to BS EN 1992-1-1 : 2004.

4.6 If present, mould or fungal growth should be treated prior to the application of the product.

5 Practicability of installation

The product is designed to be installed by a competent general builder, or a contractor, experienced with this type of product.

6 Thermal performance



6.1 Calculations of the thermal transmittance (U value) of a floor should be carried out in accordance with BS EN ISO 6946 : 2007, BS EN ISO 13370 : 2007 and BRE Report BR 443 : 2006, using the declared thermal conductivity (λ_D)* of 0.022 W·m⁻¹·K⁻¹ for the insulation, and a tested aged emissivity (ϵ_D) (to BS 15976 : 2011) of 0.06 for the unprinted foil-facing.

6.2 The U value of a completed floor will depend on the insulation thickness, the perimeter/area ratio and the floor type. Calculated U values for example constructions are given in Table 2.

Table 2 Example U values⁽¹⁾ — ground-floor construction

Floor type	U value (W·m ⁻² ·K ⁻¹)	Insulation Thickness (mm)				
		P/A Ratio				
		0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0
Ground-supported concrete floor ⁽¹⁾	0.13	100	120	130	140	140
	0.15	75	100	110	115	120
	0.20	40	65	75	85	85
	0.22	30	55	65	75	75
	0.25	25	45	55	60	65
Suspended concrete ground-floor ⁽²⁾	0.13	110	130	135	140	140
	0.15	90	110	115	120	120
	0.20	55	75	80	85	85
	0.22	45	65	70	75	75
	0.25	35	55	60	65	65
Suspended timber ground-floor ⁽³⁾	0.13	150	200	—	—	—
	0.15	125	150	160	170	175
	0.20	70	100	105	115	120
	0.22	50	90	90	100	100
	0.25	35	65	80	85	95

- (1) Ground-supported concrete floor construction (QF insulation on top of slab, under screed finish) — 65 mm concrete screed $\lambda = 1.15 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$, polyethylene separating layer, QF insulation, dpm, 100 mm concrete oversite, 150 mm sand blinded hardcore.
- (2) Suspended concrete ground-floor construction (QF insulation on top of beam-and-block, below screed finish) — 65 mm concrete screed $\lambda = 1.15 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$, polyethylene separating layer, QF insulation, beam-and-block floor (12%) Beam $\lambda = 2.00 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$, dense block infill $\lambda = 1.13 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$, ventilated void.
- (3) Suspended timber ground-floor construction (QF insulation between floor joists) — Floor deck thermal resistance $0.169 \text{ m}^2\cdot\text{K}\cdot\text{W}^{-1}$, based on 22 mm chipboard $\lambda = 0.13 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$, QF insulation (87%) between 47 mm wide joists at 400 mm centres. The depth of the joists = 100 mm to 200 mm depending on the depth of insulation between floor joists (13%) based on BRE Report BR 443 : 2006 (noggin every 3 metres at 38 mm wide).

Junctions



6.3 Care must be taken in the overall design and construction of junctions with other elements and openings to minimise thermal bridges and air infiltration. Detailed guidance can be found in the documents supporting the national Building Regulations.

7 Condensation risk

Interstitial condensation



7.1 Floors will adequately limit the risk of interstitial condensation when they are designed and constructed in accordance with BS 5250 : 2011, Annex F and the relevant guidance.

7.2 The foil-facings have a water vapour resistance of $1000 \text{ MN}\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ and the insulation core has a water vapour resistivity of $300 \text{ MN}\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$ and, therefore, will provide a significant resistance to water vapour transmission.

7.3 When the product is used above the dpm on a ground-supported or suspended floor, a VCL is installed on the warm side of the insulation to inhibit the risk of interstitial condensation, unless a risk assessment shows this is not necessary.

Surface condensation



7.4 Floors will adequately limit the risk of surface condensation when the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed $0.7 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ at any point, and the junctions with walls are designed in accordance with section 6.3 of this Certificate.



7.5 Floors will adequately limit the risk of surface condensation when the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed $1.2 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ at any point. Guidance may be obtained from BS 5250 : 2011 Annex F. Further guidance may be obtained from BRE Report BR 262 : 2002 and section 6.3 of this Certificate.

8 Behaviour in relation to fire

8.1 The product has a reaction to fire classification* of Class F to BS EN 13501-1 : 2007 for 20 mm to 55 mm thicknesses and Class E for 60 mm to 200 mm thicknesses.

8.2 When properly installed, the product will not add significantly to any existing fire hazard. The product will be contained within the floor by the overlay until the overlay itself is destroyed. Therefore, the product will not contribute to the development stages of a fire or present a smoke or toxic hazard.

9 Floor loading

9.1 The compressive strength* of the product (compressive stress at 10% deformation to BS EN 826 : 2013) is declared as $\geq 150 \text{ kPa}$.



9.2 The product is suitable for domestic occupancies defined in this Certificate when covered with a suitable floor overlay (see section 4.5), and is capable of resisting a uniformly distributed load of $1.5 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ or a concentrated load of 2 kN for category A1 and A2 (domestic) situations as defined in BS EN 1991-1-1 : 2002, National Annex Table NA.2. Further assessment is necessary in the case of duty walkways and floors subject to physical activities.

9.3 The performance of the floor construction will depend on the insulation properties and type of floor covering used (including thickness and strength). When the product is used under a concrete slab, resistance to concentrated and distributed loads is a function of the slab specification. Further guidance on the suitability of floor overlays can be found in BS EN 13810-1 : 2002, DD CEN/TS 13810-2 : 2003, BS 8204-1 : 2003 and BS EN 312 : 2010, and from the flooring manufacturer.

10 Maintenance

As the product is confined within the floor by the overlay and has suitable durability (see section 11), maintenance is not required.

11 Durability



The product is rot-proof, dimensionally stable and, when installed with the overlays specified in this Certificate, will remain effective as an insulating material for the life of the building in which it is incorporated.

Installation

12 General

12.1 Installation of Quinn Therm QF Floor Board must be in accordance with the Certificate holder's installation instructions and the requirements of this Certificate.

12.2 Typical methods of installation are shown in Figures 1 to 4. Reference should also be made to BRE Report BR 262 : 2002.

Figure 1 Over a ground-supported concrete floor

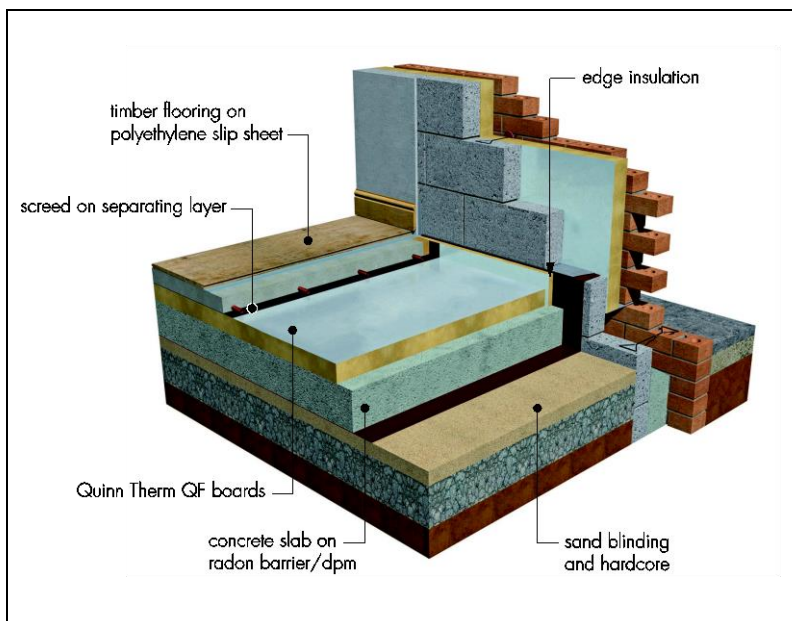


Figure 2 Under a ground-supported concrete slab

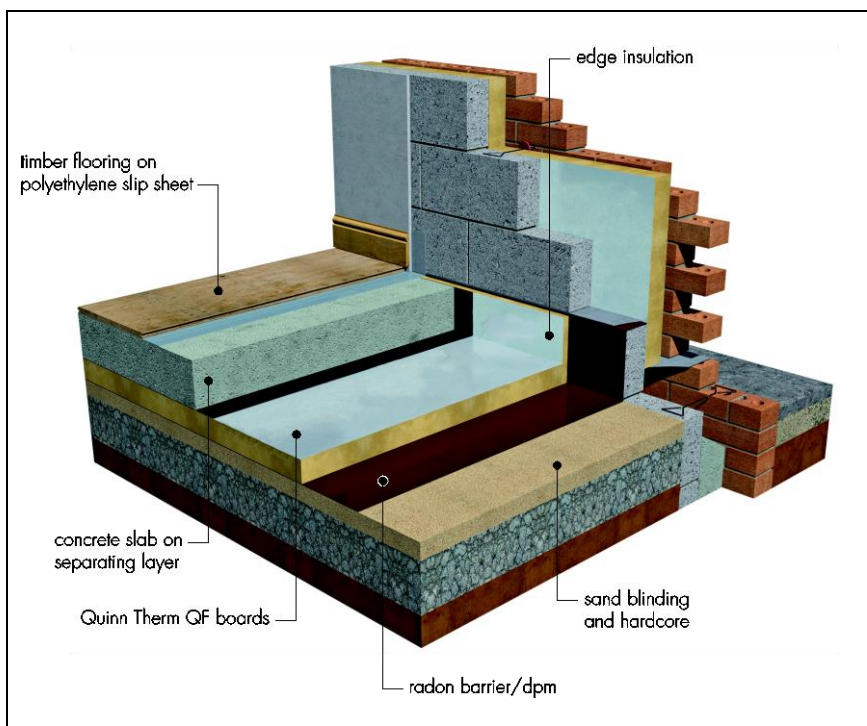


Figure 3 Over a beam-and-block suspended concrete floor

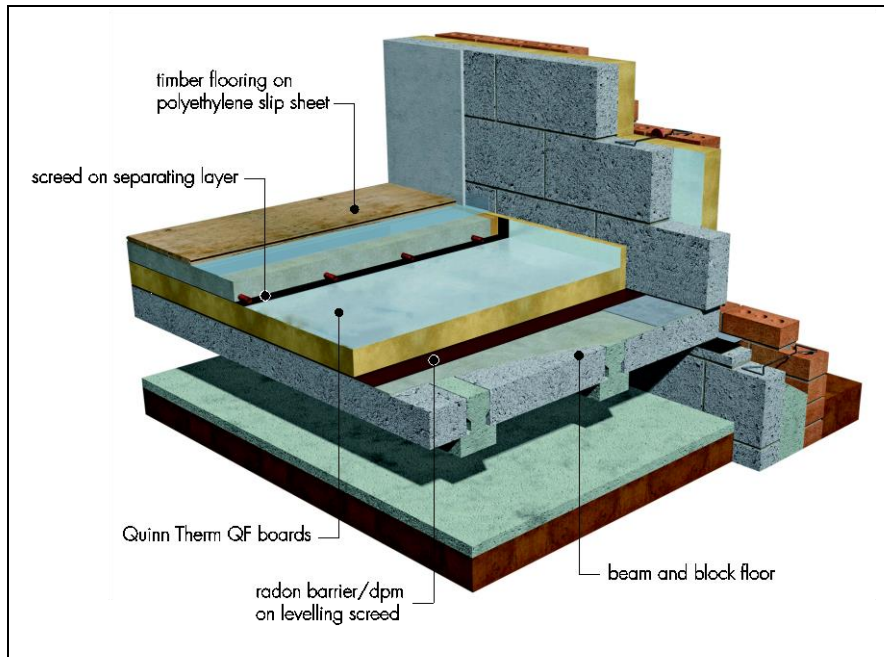
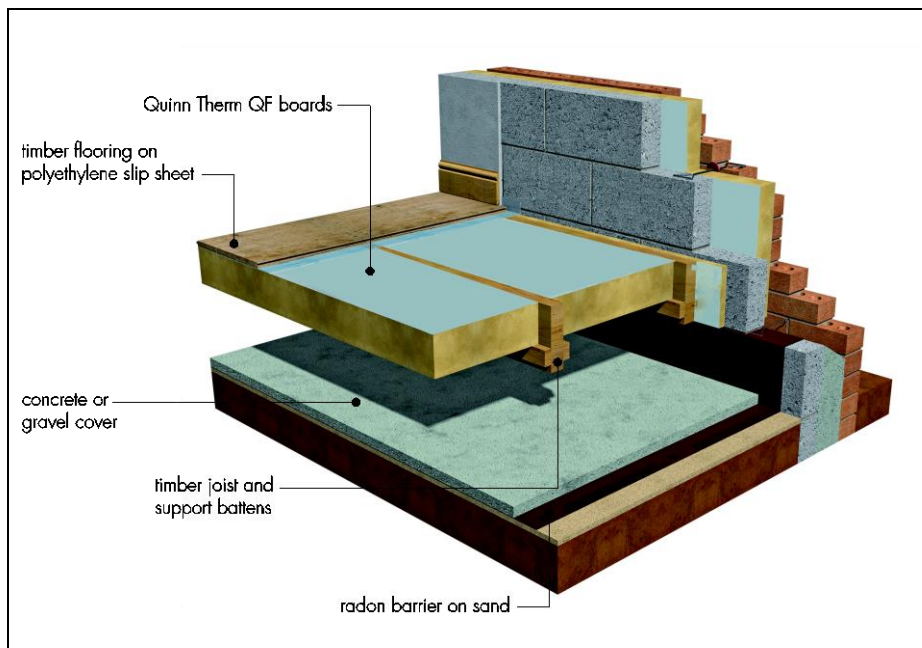


Figure 4 Between the joists in a suspended timber ground-floor



12.3 In ground-supported concrete floors (see Figures 1 and 2), the concrete floor slab should be left for as long as possible to maximise drying out and dissipation of constructional moisture, in accordance with BS 8203 : 2001, Section 3.1.2.

12.4 The concrete floor surface should be smooth, level and flat to within 5 mm when measured with a two-metre straight-edge. Irregularities greater than this must be removed. Minor irregularities (up to 10 mm deep) may be levelled with mortar or thin screed.

12.5 Where the insulation is used over ground-supported concrete floor slabs, a suitable dpm in accordance with CP 102 : 1973 should be laid to resist moisture from the ground. If a liquid-type dpm is applied to the slabs, it should be of a type compatible with the insulation product and be allowed to dry out fully before laying the insulation.

12.6 Where the insulation is used on hardcore bases beneath ground-supported concrete slabs, the hardcore must be compacted and blinded with a thin layer of sand before application of the dpm followed by the insulation boards.

12.7 A VCL is installed on the warm side of the insulation to inhibit the risk of interstitial condensation if necessary (see section 7.3).

12.8 The insulation can be used on suitable beam-and-block suspended concrete floors (see section 4.1).

12.9 Where a screed or concrete slab is laid over the insulation, vertical upstands of insulation should be provided and be of sufficient depth to fully separate the screed or slab from the wall. If used, a suitable cavity wall insulation material should be extended below the dpc level to provide edge insulation to the floor.

12.10 To limit the risk of damage from condensation and other sources of dampness, the insulation and overlays should only be laid after the construction is made substantially weathertight, eg after glazing. During construction, the insulation and overlay must be protected from damage by traffic and moisture sources such as water spillage and plaster droppings.

12.11 In suspended timber floors, the insulation boards may be installed between the timber floor joists using saddle clips or timber beads. Quinn Therrn QF Floor Board has printed logos applied to the outer foil-facing on one side only. To ensure optimum thermal performance, this product must be installed with the unprinted foil-face always facing the cavity side. Tongue-and-groove particle board flooring or softwood floor boarding is then installed in the conventional manner.

13 Procedure

13.1 The product is cut to size (using a sharp knife or fine toothed saw), as necessary, and laid with closely-butted, staggered cross-joints, ensuring all spaces are completely filled.

13.2 The laying pattern should ensure that all cut edges are at the perimeter of the floor or some other feature, eg matwells, thresholds or access ducts. Spreader boards should be used to protect the insulation.

Cement-based screed overlay (Figures 1 and 3)

13.3 Perimeter edge pieces are cut and placed around the edges and taped at joints. A polyethylene VCL, at least 0.125 mm thick (500 gauge), is laid over the insulation. The VCL should have 150 mm overlaps, taped at the joints and turned up 100 mm at the walls. A properly-compacted screed of a minimum 65 mm thickness is then laid over. The relevant clauses of BS 8204-1 : 2003 should be followed.

Concrete slab overlay (ground-bearing only) (Figure 2)

13.4 Perimeter edge pieces are cut and placed around the edges and taped at the joints. A polyethylene VCL, minimum 0.125 mm thick (500 gauge), is laid over the insulation. The VCL should have 150 mm overlaps, taped at the joints and turned up 100 mm at the walls. The concrete slab is laid to the required thickness in accordance with BS 8000-9 : 2003 and BS 8204-1 : 2003.

Timber-based board overlay for concrete floors

13.5 Before laying the plywood, particle board or OSB overlays, preservative-treated timber battens, in accordance with BS 8417 : 2011, are positioned at doorways and access panels. Adequate time should be allowed for preservatives to be fixed, and the solvents from solvent-based preservatives to evaporate.

13.6 Where the insulation is laid above a dpm, a polyethylene VCL of at least 0.125 mm (500 gauge) thickness is laid between the insulation and the timber board overlay. The VCL should have 150 mm overlaps, taped at the joints and turned up 100 mm at the walls.

13.7 Timber-based overlay boards as specified in section 4.5 of this Certificate are laid with staggered cross-joints, in accordance with DD CEN/TS 12872 : 2007 and BS EN 12871 : 2013.

13.8 An expansion gap between the overlay board and the perimeter walls should be provided at the rate of 2 mm per metre run or a minimum of 10 mm, whichever is the greater.

13.9 Where there are long, uninterrupted lengths of floors (eg corridors), proprietary expansion joints should be installed at intervals on the basis of a 2 mm gap per metre run of overlay board.

13.10 Before the overlay boards are interlocked, either a PVA or panel adhesive is applied to the joints.

13.11 Once the overlay board is laid, temporary wedges are inserted between the walls and the floor overlay to maintain tight joints until the adhesive has set.

13.12 When the wedges are removed and before the skirting boards are fixed, suitable compressible filler, eg foamed polyethylene, should be fitted around the perimeter of the floor between the overlay board and the walls.

13.13 Where there is a likelihood of regular water spillage (eg in kitchens, bathrooms, shower and utility rooms), additional overlay board protection should be considered, eg by a continuous flexible vinyl sheet flooring with welded joints, turned up at abutments and cove skirting.

Suspended timber floors (Figure 4)

13.14 Insulation boards can be supported between timber joists using saddle clips or timber beads. Where timber beads are used, a void may be incorporated above the insulation to accommodate services, if required. For correct orientation of the product, see section 12.11.

13.15 The product is cut to size to fit tightly between the joists. Clips should be fitted at one metre intervals. The saddle clip spikes are pressed into the long edges of the insulation board, ensuring the flange sits flat on the face of the board. The insulation board is then pushed into place until the clip is level with the surface of the joist. For additional security, the clip can be fixed to the joist with a small flat-head nail driven through the flange of the clip.

13.16 Where a service void is required above the insulation, preservative-treated timber beads may be used to retain the insulation boards. Beads should be wide enough to retain the insulation boards in place, and secured with corrosion-protected nails at a depth that will accommodate the thickness of the insulation boards and leave a suitable depth void (minimum 25 mm) between the top of the insulation and the underside of the flooring deck. The product is cut to fit between the joists and pushed down onto the beads.

14 Incorporation of services

14.1 De-rating of electrical cables should be considered where installation restricts air cooling of cables and the product must not be used in direct contact with electrical heating cables or hot water pipes. Where underfloor heating systems are to be used, the advice of the Certificate holder should be sought.

14.2 Where possible, electrical conduits, gas and water pipes or other services should be contained within ducts or channels within the concrete slab of ground-supported floors. Where this is not possible, the services may be accommodated within the insulation, provided they are securely fixed to the concrete slab. Electric cables should be enclosed in a suitable conduit. With hot pipes, the insulation must be cut back to maintain an air space.

14.3 Where water pipes are installed below the insulation, they must be pre-lagged with close-fitting pipe insulation. Pipes installed above the insulation will not require lagging, although some provision needs to be made for expansion and contraction.

14.4 Where the product is installed on a floor of a suspended beam-and-block design, all services must be installed so as not to impair the floor performance.

14.5 On overlay board floors, in situations where access to the services is desirable, a duct may be formed by mechanically fixing to the floor, timber bearers of the same thickness as the insulation to provide support for a particle board cover. The duct should be as narrow as possible and not exceed 400 mm in width or the maximum particle board spans given in DD CEN/TS 12872 : 2007 without intermediate support. Services should be suitably fixed to the floor base and not to the insulation boards.

15 Tests

Results of tests were assessed to determine:

- load deformation
- thermal conductivity
- compressive strength.

16 Investigations

16.1 An examination of data was made to analyse:

- thermal conductivity
- compressive strength
- dimensional accuracy
- squareness
- density
- flatness
- water vapour transmission
- reaction to fire.

16.2 A condensation risk analysis was carried out.

16.3 A series of U value calculations were carried out.

16.4 A calculation was undertaken to confirm the declared thermal conductivity.

16.5 The manufacturing process was examined, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

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