



Insulite blocks are the perfect all-round building block. They are cost-effective, simple to use and are the ideal background block for renders, plasters and for fixing to.

Insulite blocks consist of up to 90% high quality recycled and reclaimed raw material and are ISO 14001 certified at most manufacturing locations (please check with your local sales office).



TECHNICAL PROPERTIES

Property	Value
Face Size (BS EN 771-3):	440 x 215mm
Dimensional Tolerance (BS EN 772-16):	Category D1
Gross Dry Density (BS EN 772-13):	1450 - 1550 kg/m ³
Mean Compressive Strength (BS EN 772-1):	3.6, 4.2, 7.3, 10.4 N/mm ²
Manufacturing Category (BS EN 771-3):	Category II
Thermal Conductivity (BS EN 1745):	0.49 W/mK (protected inner leaf) 0.54 W/mK (exposed outer leaf)
Moisture Movement (BS EN 772-14):	< 0.6 mm/m
Fire Resistance (BS EN 13501-1):	Class A1 reaction to fire
Configuration (BS EN 1996-1-1):	Solid - Group 1
Available Texture, Finish:	Standard and Premier paint grade

APPLICATIONS

- Inner & outer leaf of external cavity walls up to 3 storeys.
- Internal partition walls.
- Block & beam floor infill (7.3 N/mm² or above).
- Walls below dpc (7.3 N/mm² or above).
- Acoustic separating party walls to Part E of the Building Regulations and Robust Details.
- Standard texture finish provides an excellent surface for mortars, renders and plasters.
- Insulite 'Premier' close-textured finish is available for internal decorative, paint-grade applications.
- Robust, accepts most standard fixings.
- BRE Green Guide A+ rated walls.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Block Size mm	'R' Value m ² k/W	Walled Weight kg/m ² See Note 1	Sound Reduction R _w , dB See Note 2	Block Weight kg See Note 3	Fire Resistance Hours See Note 4
75	0.18	108	43	11.5	2
90	0.21	124	45	13.8	3
100	0.24	138	46	15.3	4
140	0.33	193	49	19.7	6
190	0.45	262	52	26.5	6

1. Walled weight is for a single-leaf wall, plastered both sides.
2. Sound reduction R_w values are based on wall assuming a plastered finish both sides.
3. Block weights quoted above are approximate and include the typical additional weight from the natural moisture content although this can vary slightly.
4. Fire resistance periods to BS 5628-3 for a single-leaf, non-loadbearing plastered wall.

PACK DETAILS

Block Size mm	Blocks per pack	m ² per pack
75	96	9.6
90	80	8.0
100 (Void Pack)	72 or 90 (84 or 86)	7.2 or 9.0 (8.4 or 8.6)
140 (Void Pack)	60 (56)	6.0 (5.6)
190	40	4.0

Pack details may vary slightly between manufacturing locations. Always check details with your nearest sales office. Void packs are only available from our Silloth and Rowlands Gill sites.

NBS Clauses for our concrete block products can be found on www.ribaproductselector.com



Thermal

The table below shows examples of how cavity walls built with an Insulite block inner leaf can meet a range of u-value targets. For specific calculations, please contact our technical department.

U Value W/m ² K	Partially Filled Cavity Brick outer leaf 50mm clear cavity plasterboard on dabs	Fully Filled Cavity Brick outer leaf Fully filled cavity plasterboard on dabs
0.28	50mm Kingspan / Celotex	100mm Dritherm 34
0.25	60mm Kingspan / Celotex	125mm Dritherm 37 or 100mm Springvale Platinum / Plustherm
0.22	70mm Kingspan / Celotex 65mm Kingspan K8	125mm Dritherm 32
0.20	80mm Kingspan / Celotex 75mm Kingspan K8	100mm Xtratherm Cavitytherm
0.18	95mm Kingspan / Celotex 85mm Kingspan K8	150mm Springvale Platinum / Plustherm
0.15	115mm Kingspan / Celotex 105mm Kingspan K8	100mm Xtratherm Cavitytherm + 30mm Thermaline Super drylining

Acoustic

Insulite blocks are suitable for use in acoustic separating party walls between dwellings and for internal partitions in accordance with Part E of the Building Regulations. They are also suitable for a range of Robust Standard Detail party walls. The figures below are predicted sound reduction ratings based on wall mass:

Block Thickness mm	Walled Weight kg/m ²	Predicted Sound Reduction, Rw		
		Unfinished	Plastered	Dry Lined
75	108	42	43	43
90	124	44	45	45
100	138	45	46	46
140	193	48	49	49

Below Ground

All of our aggregate and dense concrete blocks are durable products which are suitable for use in soil conditions up to Design Sulphate class DS-3 as defined in BRE Digest Special Digest 1. Insulite blocks of 7.3N/mm² strength or greater must be used below dpc. Lower strength blocks are not suitable for this application.

Suspended Block & Beam Floors

Insulite blocks of 7.3N/mm² strength or greater are suitable for use as infill blocks in block and beam suspended floors and can be laid either 440mm wide or 215mm wide.

Fire Resistance

Insulite blocks are non-combustible with zero spread of flame and are classed as category 'A1' in accordance with BS EN 13501-1. Notional fire resistance periods are:

Block mm	Loadbearing Wall		Non-loadbearing Wall	
	No Finish	VG Plaster	No Finish	VG Plaster
90	1 hour	2 hours	2 hours	4 hours
100	2 hours	4 hours	2 hours	6 hours
140	3 hours	4 hours	4 hours	6 hours

"VG" = vermiculite / gypsum plaster or perlite plaster 13mm thick applied to both faces of single leaf walls.

Mortars

Insulite block surfaces offer an excellent surface for accepting mortars and no pre-treatment is required other than ensuring that all dirt and debris is removed. Generally, in order to avoid unsightly cracking, the weakest mortar mixture appropriate to the structural requirements should be selected as per BS 5628-3. For most applications, we recommend that grade iii mortar is used.

BS 5628-3 Mortar Class		Recommended mix proportions of materials by volume (as per BS 5628-3)	
Above dpc	iii	1 : 1 : 5 to 6 1 : 5 to 6 1 : 4 to 5 1 : 3½ to 4	Cement : Lime : Sand Cement : Sand Masonry Cement : Sand (with non-lime filler) Masonry Cement : Sand (with lime filler)
	iii	<i>A stronger (class ii) mix is preferred - see below</i>	
Below dpc	ii	1 : ½ : 4 to 4½ 1 : 3 to 4 1 : 2½ to 3½ 1 : 3½ to 4	Cement : Lime : Sand Cement : Sand Masonry Cement : Sand (with non-lime filler) Masonry Cement : Sand (with lime filler)

External Rendering

Insulite blocks have an open, standard texture which provides an excellent key for adhesion. These blocks have moderate suction and no special pre-treatment of the wall is required other than ensuring that all dirt and debris is removed from the surface. If rendering Insulite Premier close-textured blocks, a spatterdash or stipple undercoat may be used - please refer to our website for further details.

Traditional renders should be applied in 2 coats. The first coat should not exceed 15mm and the second coat should be 5 - 7mm. The first coat should be slightly stronger than the second coat. Render designation iii/M4 should be used, recommended proportions:

Cement : Lime : Sand With or without air entrainment	Cement : Sand With or without air entrainment	Masonry Cement : Sand With non-lime filler	Masonry Cement : Sand With lime filler
1 : 1 : 5 or 6	1 : 5 or 6	1 : 4 or 5	1 : 3½ to 4

Wall Ties & Movement Joints

Generally under normal conditions, wall ties should be embedded 50mm into the mortar on each leaf, staggered in alternate courses and spaced in accordance with the following:

Leaf Thickness mm	Cavity Width mm	Horizontal Spacing mm	Vertical Spacing mm	Ties per m ²
Less than 90mm	50 - 75	450	450	4.9
Over 90mm	50 - 150	900	450	2.5

For unreinforced masonry panels, the typical recommended spacing between vertical movement joints is as follows:

Internal Walls: 8m – 12m External Walls: 6m – 9m

Good Site Practice & Safe Handling

- Packs should be stored on firm, level ground no more than 2 packs high and protected from severe weather to preserve their quality. Care must be taken when removing the plastic bands as individual blocks may fall out. Never un-band packs above shoulder height.
- For blocks above 20kg, manual handling precautions must be taken on site. See HSE Construction Information Sheet 37 (CIS 37).
- Blocks should not be laid if the temperature is at or below 3°C and falling.
- Blocks should always be laid on a full bed of mortar and vertical joints filled.
- Do not wet the blocks before laying. Where necessary, adjust the consistency of the mortar to suit the suction of the block.
- Only use non-water based paint on Insulite block walls.



Product details and availability may vary between manufacturing locations. Please contact your nearest regional sales office for sales, product and technical advice.

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