

# FlexTherm® Seam-Seal

## Self-Seal Pipe Insulation Flexible Closed Cell Insulation

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### DESCRIPTION

FlexTherm® Seam-Seal Pipe Insulation is an environmentally friendly, CFC-free, flexible elastomeric insulation, pre-slit with a factory-applied pressure sensitive adhesive. It is black in color and marked in gold ink. This superior closed cell insulation is designed to retard heat flow and prevent condensation when properly installed. FlexTherm® Seam-Seal Pipe Insulation is pre-slit with a factory applied specially formulated bonding adhesive applied to both seam surfaces and comes with convenient built-in release liners which allow for easy installation. It is available in wall thicknesses of 3/8" through 1" and in sizes ranging from 3/8" to 4" IPS. It is non-porous, non-fibrous and resists mold growth.

### APPLICATIONS

FlexTherm® Seam-Seal has the same excellent insulation properties as standard FlexTherm® Pipe Insulation and is used on similar applications such as hot and cold water plumbing. FlexTherm® Seam-Seal is recommended for applications ranging from -40°F to 200°F (-19°C to 93°C) for both new and existing applications. For best results, store and install FlexTherm® Seam-Seal at temperatures above 40°F (4°C).

FlexTherm® Seam-Seal's self-seal closure system is designed to save labor costs. It greatly reduces the use of contact adhesives, thus allowing

for improved working conditions and compliance with OSHA requirements. **FlexTherm® Seam-Seal has superior cold weather flexibility.** FlexTherm® Seam-Seal can be used with heat tracing/heat tapes.

### INSTALLATION

FlexTherm® Seam-Seal is pre-slit with convenient built-in tabs for easy installation: slip on the tube, pull the tab, and pinch it shut. The seam should be positioned to be on the bottom of the pipe.

All butt joints must be sealed with an approved contact adhesive. Fittings are fabricated from miter-cut tubular sections or from FlexTherm® Sheet Insulation.

### OUTDOOR APPLICATIONS

FlexTherm® Seam-Seal Pipe Insulation is made from a UV resistant elastomeric blend. For moderate UV exposure, no additional protective coating needed. However, for severe UV exposure (rooftop applications) or where optimum performance is required, 374 UV protective coating or approved jacketing or cladding should be used. For best appearance, two coats are recommended. *For more detailed information refer to the Application Guide.*

### UNDERGROUND

For buried lines above the water table use a clean fill such as sand (3"-5" layer) to protect FlexTherm® Seam-Seal before backfilling. It is recommended that materials to be buried are properly sealed at all seams and butt joints with an approved contact adhesive. For optimum performance, the lines should be encased in a conduit to protect them from problems associated with ground water.

### RESISTANCE TO MOISTURE VAPOR FLOW

The closed-cell structure and unique formulation of FlexTherm® Seam-Seal effectively retards the flow of moisture

vapor, and is considered a low transmittance vapor retarder. For most applications, FlexTherm® Seam-Seal needs no additional protection.

Additional vapor barrier protection may be necessary for FlexTherm® Seam-Seal when installed on low temperature surfaces that are exposed to continuous high humidity.

### FLAME AND SMOKE RATING

FlexTherm® Seam-Seal Pipe Insulation in wall thicknesses of 3/8" (10 mm) through 1" (25 mm) has a flame spread rating of 25 or less and a smoke development rating of 50 or less as tested by ASTM E 84 Method of Testing entitled: "Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials." FlexTherm® Seam-Seal Pipe Insulation is acceptable for use in duct/plenum applications meeting the requirements of NFPA 90A.

*Numerical flammability ratings alone may not define the performance of products under actual fire conditions. They are provided only for use in the selection of products to meet limits specified, when compared to a known standard.*

### SPECIFICATION COMPLIANCE

ASTM C 534 Type 1 (Tubing)  
ASTM D 1056-00-2C1  
New York City MEA 186-86-M Vol. IV  
USDA Requirements  
UL 94-5V Flammability Classification (Recognition No. E147665)  
ASTM E 84 1" 25/50-tested according to UL 723 and NFPA 255  
Complies with requirements of CAN/ULC S102-M88  
Meets requirements of NFPA 90A Sect. 2.3.3 for Supplementary Materials for Air Distribution Systems  
Meets requirements of ASTM C 411 (Test Method for Hot Surface Performance of High Temperature Thermal Insulation)  
Meets requirements of UL 181 sections 11.0 and 16.0 (Mold Growth/Air Erosion)

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## PRODUCT DATA

Physical Properties		SEAM-SEAL Insulation	Test Methods
Thermal Conductivity (K) BTU - in/hr - Ft <sup>2</sup> = °F (W/mK)	90°F (32°C) Mean Temp 75°F (24°C) Mean Temp 50°F (10°C) Mean Temp	.270 (.039) .265 (.038) .260 (.037)	ASTM C 177 ASTM C 177 ASTM C 177
Operating Temperature Range	Upper Lower	200°F (93°C) -40°F (-40°C)	
Water Vapor Permeability Dry Cup. Perm-In		.10	ASTM E 96
Water Absorption %		.02 by volume	ASTM C 209
Ozone Resistance		Pass	ASTM D 1171
Chemical/Solvent Resistance		Good	
Mildew Resistance/Air Erosion		Pass	UL 181

Thickness Recommendations* - To Control Condensation								
Pipe Size	Line Temp		Line Temp		Line Temp		Line Temp	
	50°F	10°C	35°F	2°C	0°F	-18°C	-20°F	-29°C
Normal Conditions (Max 85°F, 29°C - 70% R.H.)								
3/8" I.D. thru 1-3/8" I.D.	3/8"	10 mm	1/2"	13 mm	3/4"	19 mm	1"	25 mm
Over 1-3/8" thru 3" IPS	3/8"	10 mm	1/2"	13 mm	1"	25 mm	1"	25 mm
Over 3" IPS thru 4" IPS**	1/2"	13 mm	1/2"	13 mm	1"	25 mm	1-1/4"	32 mm
Mild Conditions (Max 80°F, 26°C - 50% R.H.)								
3/8" I.D. thru 2-1/8" I.D.	3/8"	10 mm	3/8"	10 mm	1/2"	13 mm	1/2"	13 mm
Over 2-1/8" thru 3" IPS	3/8"	10 mm	3/8"	10 mm	1/2"	13 mm	3/4"	19 mm
Over 3" IPS thru 4" IPS**	1/2"	13 mm	1/2"	13 mm	3/4"	19 mm	3/4"	19 mm
Severe Conditions (Max 90°F, 32°C - 80% R.H.)								
3/8" I.D. thru 1-1/8" I.D.	3/4"	19 mm	3/4"	19 mm	1-1/4"	32 mm	1-1/4"	32 mm
Over 1-1/8" thru 4" IPS	3/4"	19 mm	1"	25 mm	1-1/2"	38 mm	1-1/2"	38 mm

\*FlexTherm® Seam-Seal in thickness noted within the specified temperature ranges will prevent condensation in indoor piping under design conditions defined below. Thickness recommendations above 1" can be sleeved to achieve thickness desired.

**Normal:** Maximum severity of indoor conditions seldom exceed 85°F and 79% R.H. in United States.

**Mild:** Typical conditions are most air-conditioned spaces and arid climates.

**Severe:** Generally found in areas where excessive moisture is introduced or in poorly ventilated areas where the temperature may be depressed below the ambient. Under conditions of high humidity, additional thickness of insulation may be required.

\*\*Not available in FlexTherm® Seam-Seal size, use FlexTherm® Pipe Insulation or FlexTherm® Sheet Insulation.

SEAM-SEAL "R" Values per square foot					
Pipe O.D. or Normal Insulation I.D.		R Value	R Value	R Value	R Value
		3/8" (10 mm) wall	1/2" (13 mm) wall	3/4" (19 mm) wall	1" (25 mm) wall
3/8"	10 mm	2.5	3.0	5.1	—
1/2"	13 mm	2.4	3.1	5.1	—
5/8"	16 mm	2.4	3.1	5.2	6.7
3/4"	19 mm	2.3	3.1	5.1	6.5
7/8"	22 mm	2.2	3.1	5.1	6.5
1-1/8"	29 mm	2.1	3.1	5.3	6.8
1-3/8"	35 mm	2.2	3.1	5.1	6.7
1-5/8"	41 mm	2.2	3.1	4.9	6.4
1-1/2" IPS	—	2.3	2.9	4.7	6.9
2-1/8"	54 mm	2.2	3.0	4.7	6.3
2" IPS	—	2.2	3.0	4.6	6.2
2-1/2" IPS	64 mm	2.2	3.0	4.5	6.0
2-5/8"	67 mm	2.2	3.0	4.5	6.0
3-1/8"	79 mm	2.2	2.9	4.4	5.9
3" IPS	—	2.2	2.9	4.4	5.8
3-5/8"	92 mm	—	2.9	4.4	—
4-1/8"	105 mm	—	2.9	4.3	—
4" IPS	—	—	4.3	5.8	—

Note: "R" factors were calculated using a K factor of .264 (75°F, 24°C mean temp.) and nominal wall thickness in each case. Lower operating temperatures will result in improved R values. Contact Technical Services for specific recommendations.



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