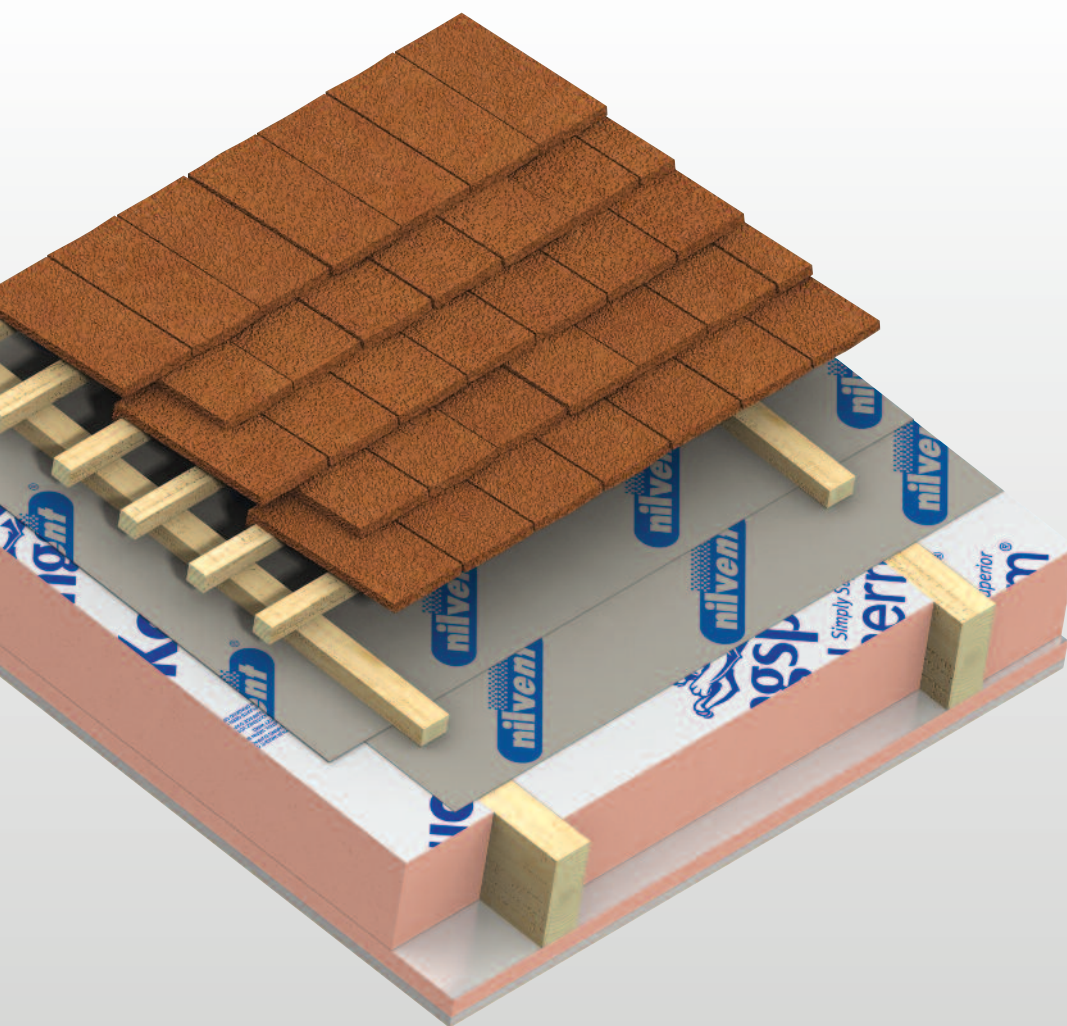




Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board

INSULATION FOR TILED OR SLATED PITCHED WARM ROOF SPACES



- Premium performance rigid thermoset insulation – thermal conductivities as low as 0.020 W/m·K
- Negligible smoke obscuration
- Class 0 fire rated insulation core
- Unaffected by air infiltration
- Resistant to the passage of water vapour
- Easy to handle and install
- Ideal for new build and refurbishment
- Non-deleterious material
- Manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero ODP and low GWP



*Low Energy –
Low Carbon Buildings*

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 6946: 2007 (Building components and building elements. Thermal resistance and thermal transmittance. Calculation method), 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.



U-value tables for pitched roofs with rafters at different centres than those specified can be found on the Kingspan Insulation website (see rear cover for details).

NB Calculations assume that the insulation core of Kingspan **Kooltherm**® K18 Insulated Plasterboard has a thermal conductivity of 0.021 W/m·K (insulant thickness 25–44 mm) or 0.020 W/m·K (insulant thickness ≥ 45 mm).

NB When calculating U-values to BS / I.S. EN ISO 6946: 2007, the type of mechanical fixing used may change the thickness of insulation required. The effect of fixings for Kingspan **Kooltherm**® K18 Insulated Plasterboard in the U-value calculations for Figures 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2a, 2b, 4a & 4c is insignificant as the insulation layer penetrated is not the main insulation layer. The U-value calculations for Figures 3a & 3b assume that over rafter layers of insulation are fixed using stainless steel fixings with a cross sectional area 7.45 mm², with 3.7 fasteners per m² (insulant thickness 0–40 mm), 6.2 per m² (insulant thickness 41–60 mm), 8.3 per m² (insulant thickness 61–80 mm) and 10.0 per m² (insulant thickness > 80 mm). Please contact the Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department (see rear cover) for project calculations.

NB For the purposes of these calculations the standard of workmanship has been assumed good, and therefore the correction factor for air gaps has been ignored.

NB The figures quoted are for guidance only. A detailed U-value calculation and a condensation risk analysis should be completed for each project.

NB If your construction is different from those specified, and / or to gain a comprehensive U-value calculation along with a condensation risk analysis of your project, please consult the Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department for assistance (see rear cover).

Image Key

- ¹ In Figures 1a & 3a the breathable sarking membrane can be placed over the counter-battens, draped to provide for drainage and overlain with tile / slate battens. This will yield a marginally better U-value but it will be more difficult to seal the breathable sarking membrane effectively.
- ² The requirement for a vapour control layer and / or under tile ventilation should be assessed to BS 5250: 2002. Vapour check plasterboard or a separate vapour control layer can be used as preferred (see 'Design Considerations – Vapour Control Layer').
- ³ Kingspan **Kooltherm**® K18 Insulated Plasterboard contains an integral vapour control layer (see 'Design Considerations – Vapour Control Layer').
- ⁴ If tiles are to be used then this normally necessitates the use of counter-battens and tiling battens over the breathable sarking membrane to allow for water drainage and attachment of the tiles.

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.

Where an **⚡** is shown, the combination of insulation products may result in an interstitial condensation risk and so the calculations have been excluded.

Unventilated - Insulation Between & Under Rafters

Fully Filled Insulation Between Rafters – No Sarking Board

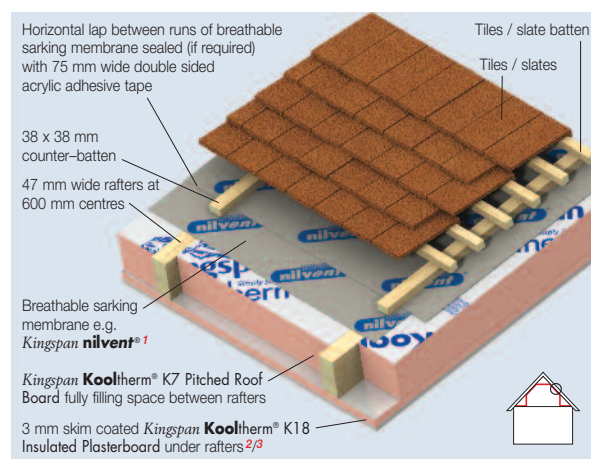


Figure 1a

U-values (W/m²·K) for Various Thicknesses of Kingspan **Kooltherm**® K18 Insulated Plasterboard Assuming Rafters of Depth Shown Fully Filled with Kingspan **Kooltherm**® K7 Pitched Roof Board

Rafter Depth (mm)	Product Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm ® K18 Insulated Plasterboard* (mm)		
	37.5	62.5	82.5
100	0.19	0.15	0.13
125	0.16	0.13	0.12
150	0.14	0.12	0.11

Fully Filled Insulation Between Rafters – 18 mm Sarking Board

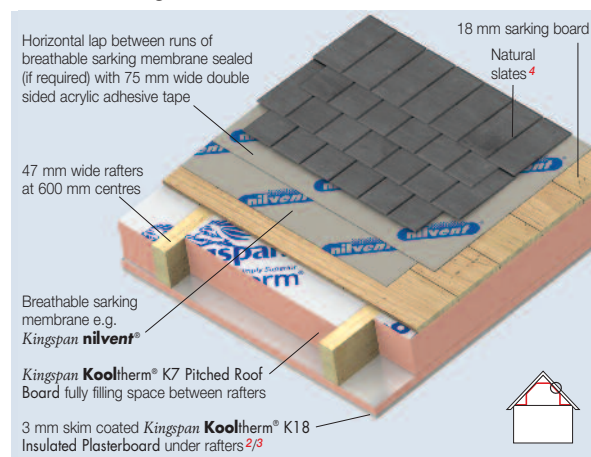


Figure 1b

U-values (W/m²·K) for Various Thicknesses of Kingspan **Kooltherm**® K18 Insulated Plasterboard Assuming Rafters of Depth Shown Fully Filled with Kingspan **Kooltherm**® K7 Pitched Roof Board

Rafter Depth (mm)	Product Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm ® K18 Insulated Plasterboard* (mm)		
	37.5	62.5	82.5
100	0.19	0.15	0.13
125	0.16	0.13	0.12
150	0.14	0.12	0.10

* Product thickness = insulant thickness + 12.5 mm plasterboard.

at 600 mm Centres (Recommended for New Build or Re-roofing)

Partially Filled Insulation Between Rafters –
No Sarking Board

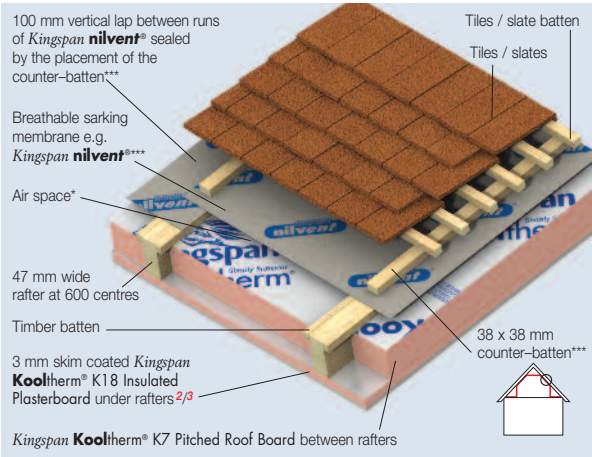


Figure 1c

U-values (W/m²·K) for Various Thicknesses of Kingspan Kooltherm® K18 Insulated Plasterboard Assuming Rafters of Depth Shown Partially Filled with Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board			
Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board (mm)	Product Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm® K18 Insulated Plasterboard** (mm)		
	37.5	62.5	82.5
100 mm Deep Rafters			
45	X	0.19	0.14
50	X	0.19	0.14
55	0.25	0.19	0.14
60	0.24	0.18	0.14
65	0.23	0.17	0.14
70	0.22	0.17	0.14
75	0.21	0.16	0.14
125 mm Deep Rafters			
45	X	0.19	0.14
50	X	0.19	0.14
55	0.25	0.19	0.14
60	0.24	0.18	0.14
65	0.23	0.17	0.14
70	0.22	0.17	0.14
75	0.21	0.16	0.14
80	0.20	0.16	0.14
90	0.19	0.15	0.13
100	0.18	0.14	0.12
150 mm Deep Rafters			
45	X	0.19	0.14
50	X	0.19	0.14
55	0.24	0.18	0.14
60	0.23	0.18	0.14
65	0.23	0.17	0.14
70	0.22	0.17	0.14
75	0.21	0.16	0.14
80	0.20	0.16	0.14
90	0.19	0.15	0.13
100	0.18	0.14	0.12
110	0.17	0.14	0.12
120	0.16	0.13	0.11
125	0.15	0.13	0.11

* A minimum 13 mm air space must be maintained above the insulation in order to claim the maximum thermal resistance in the cavity.
** Product thickness = insulant thickness + 12.5 mm plasterboard.
*** If sealing the roof is deemed to be unimportant, it is possible to lay the breathable membrane in horizontal runs, draped between rafters. This negates the requirement for counter battens. The U-values shown above remain valid.

Partially Filled Insulation Between Rafters –
18 mm Sarking Board

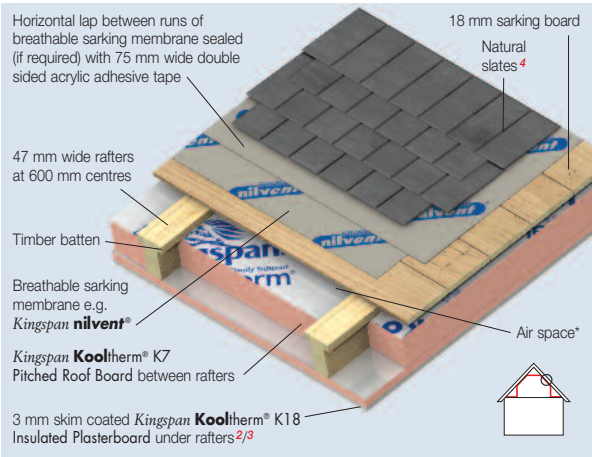


Figure 1d

U-values (W/m²·K) for Various Thicknesses of Kingspan Kooltherm® K18 Insulated Plasterboard Assuming Rafters of Depth Shown Partially Filled with Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board			
Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board (mm)	Product Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm® K18 Insulated Plasterboard** (mm)		
	37.5	62.5	82.5
100 mm Deep Rafters			
45	X	0.19	0.14
50	0.25	0.19	0.14
60	0.23	0.18	0.14
65	0.23	0.17	0.14
70	0.22	0.17	0.14
75	0.21	0.16	0.14
80	0.20	0.16	0.14
90	0.19	0.15	0.13
125 mm Deep Rafters			
45	X	0.19	0.14
50	0.25	0.19	0.14
60	0.23	0.18	0.14
65	0.22	0.17	0.14
70	0.21	0.17	0.14
75	0.21	0.16	0.14
80	0.20	0.16	0.14
90	0.19	0.15	0.13
100	0.18	0.14	0.12
110	0.17	0.13	0.12
120	0.16	0.13	0.12
150 mm Deep Rafters			
45	X	0.19	0.14
50	0.25	0.19	0.14
60	0.23	0.18	0.14
65	0.22	0.17	0.14
70	0.21	0.17	0.14
75	0.20	0.16	0.14
80	0.20	0.16	0.13
90	0.19	0.15	0.13
100	0.17	0.14	0.12
110	0.16	0.13	0.12
120	0.16	0.13	0.11
125	0.15	0.13	0.11
130	0.15	0.12	0.11
140	0.14	0.12	0.11

* A minimum 13 mm air space must be maintained above the insulation in order to claim the maximum thermal resistance in the cavity.
** Product thickness = insulant thickness + 12.5 mm plasterboard.

Typical Constructions and U-values

Ventilated - Insulation Between & Under Rafters at 400 mm Centres (Recommended for Loft Conversion where Re-roofing is not Intended)

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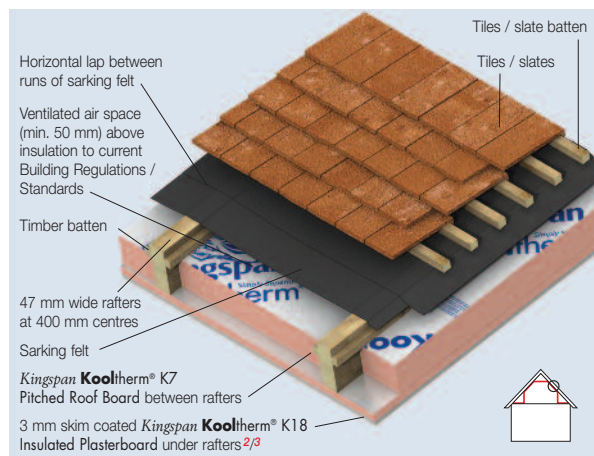


Figure 2a

18 mm Sarking Board

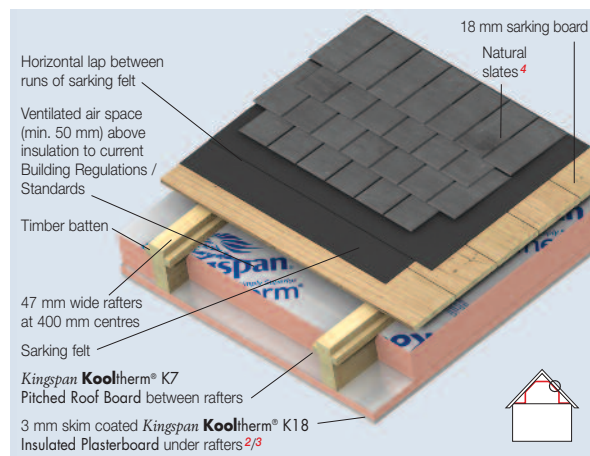


Figure 2b

U-values (W/m²·K) for Various Thicknesses of Kingspan Kooltherm® K18 Insulated Plasterboard Assuming Rafters of Depth Shown Partially Filled with Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board

Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board (mm)	Product Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm® K18 Insulated Plasterboard* (mm)	
	62.5	82.5
125 mm Deep Rafters		
50	X	0.21
55	0.21	0.20
60	0.20	0.19
65	0.19	0.18
70	0.19	0.16
75	0.18	0.15
150 mm Deep Rafters		
50	X	0.21
55	0.21	0.20
60	0.20	0.19
65	0.19	0.18
70	0.19	0.16
75	0.18	0.15
80	0.18	0.15
90	0.17	0.14
100	0.16	0.14

* Product thickness = insulant thickness + 12.5 mm plasterboard.

U-values (W/m²·K) for Various Thicknesses of Kingspan Kooltherm® K18 Insulated Plasterboard Assuming Rafters of Depth Shown Partially Filled with Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board

Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board (mm)	Product Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm® K18 Insulated Plasterboard* (mm)	
	62.5	82.5
125 mm Deep Rafters		
50	X	0.21
55	0.21	0.20
60	0.20	0.19
65	0.19	0.18
70	0.19	0.16
75	0.18	0.15
150 mm Deep Rafters		
50	X	0.21
55	0.21	0.20
60	0.20	0.19
65	0.19	0.18
70	0.19	0.16
75	0.18	0.15
80	0.18	0.15
90	0.17	0.14
100	0.16	0.14

* Product thickness = insulant thickness + 12.5 mm plasterboard.

Unventilated - Insulation Between & Over Rafters at 600 mm Centres (Recommended for New Build or Re-roofing)

No Sarking Board

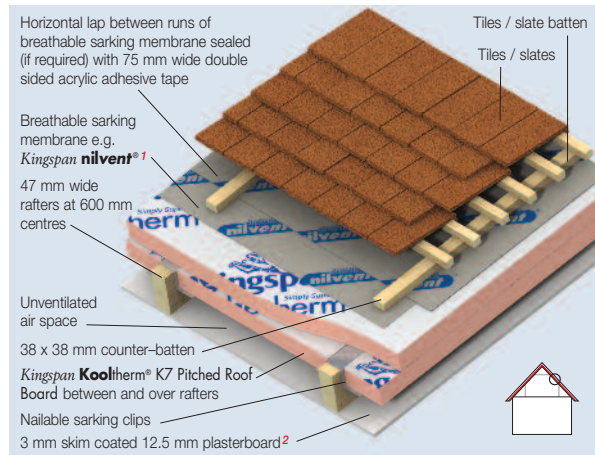


Figure 3a

U-values (W/m ² ·K) for Various Thicknesses of Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board and Different Rafter Depths				
Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board (mm)	Rafter Depth (mm)			
	100	125	150	
35 + 35	X	X	X	
35 + 40*	0.25	0.25	0.25	
40 + 40	0.24	0.24	0.24	
50 + 50	0.19	0.19	0.19	
60 + 60	0.17	0.16	0.16	
70 + 70	0.14	0.14	0.14	
75 + 75	0.14	0.14	0.13	
80 + 80	0.13	0.13	0.13	
90 + 90	0.12	0.11	0.11	
100 + 100	0.11	0.10	0.10	
100 + 110*	0.10	0.10	0.10	

* First thickness refers to thickness between rafters, second thickness over rafters.
The thermal resistance of the over rafter layer of insulation must be ≥ that of the between rafter layer so as to avoid condensation.

18 mm Sarking Board

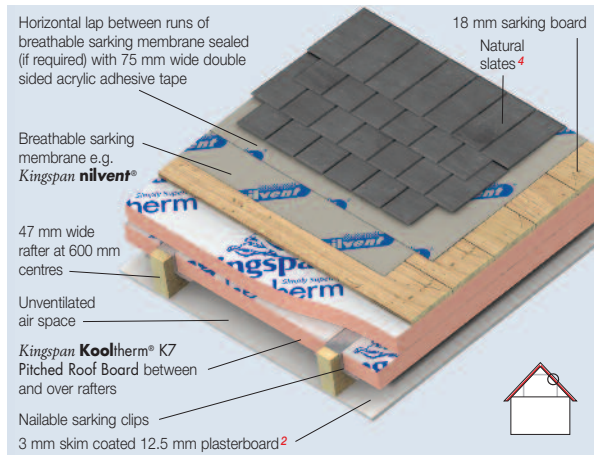


Figure 3b

U-values (W/m ² ·K) for Various Thicknesses of Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board and Different Rafter Depths				
Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board (mm)	Rafter Depth (mm)			
	100	125	150	
35 + 35	X	X	X	
35 + 40*	0.25	0.25	0.25	
40 + 40	0.24	0.24	0.23	
50 + 50	0.19	0.19	0.19	
60 + 60	0.16	0.16	0.16	
70 + 70	0.14	0.14	0.14	
75 + 75	0.13	0.13	0.13	
80 + 80	0.13	0.13	0.13	
90 + 90	0.12	0.11	0.11	
100 + 100	0.11	0.10	0.10	
100 + 110*	0.10	0.10	0.10	

* First thickness refers to thickness between rafters, second thickness over rafters.
The thermal resistance of the over rafter layer of insulation must be ≥ that of the between rafter layer so as to avoid condensation.

Typical Constructions and U-values

Ventilated and Unventilated - Dwarf Wall and Loft Floor / Ceiling Level Insulation

Dwarf Wall – Insulation Between Studs and Inside Studs

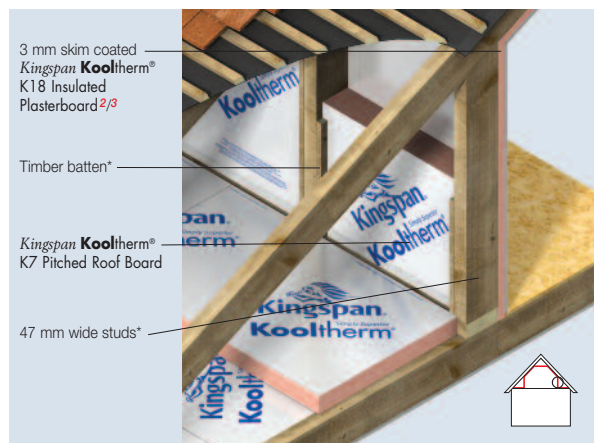


Figure 4a

U-values ($W/m^2 \cdot K$) for Various Thicknesses of Kingspan Kooltherm® K18 Insulated Plasterboard Assuming Studs Shown Filled with Various Thicknesses of Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board

Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board (mm)	Product Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm® K18 Insulated Plasterboard** (mm)			
	37.5		62.5	
	Stud Centres (mm)		Stud Centres (mm)	
	400	600	400	600
Ventilated Construction				
30	X	X	♦	♦
35	0.35	0.34	♦	♦
40	0.34	0.32	♦	♦
45	0.31	0.30	♦	♦
50	0.30	0.29	0.21	0.21
60	0.27	0.26	0.20	0.19
70	0.25	0.24	0.19	0.18
75	0.24	0.23	0.18	0.17
80	0.23	0.22	0.18	0.17
90	0.22	0.21	0.17	0.16
100	0.20	0.19	0.16	0.15
110	0.19	0.18	0.15	0.14
120	0.18	0.17	0.15	0.14
125	0.18	0.17	0.14	0.13
130	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.13
140	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.13
150	0.16	0.15	0.13	0.12
Unventilated Construction				
20	♦	♦	♦	♦
25	0.35	0.34	♦	♦
35	0.33	0.32	♦	♦
40	0.30	0.29	♦	♦
45	0.28	0.27	♦	♦
50	0.27	0.26	0.20	0.19
60	0.25	0.24	0.19	0.18
70	0.23	0.22	0.18	0.17
75	0.22	0.21	0.17	0.16
80	0.22	0.20	0.17	0.16
90	0.20	0.19	0.16	0.15
100	0.19	0.18	0.15	0.14
110	0.18	0.17	0.14	0.14
120	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.13
125	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.13
130	0.16	0.15	0.13	0.13
140	0.16	0.15	0.13	0.12
150	0.15	0.14	0.12	0.12

Loft Floor or Flat Ceiling – Insulation Between and Over Joists

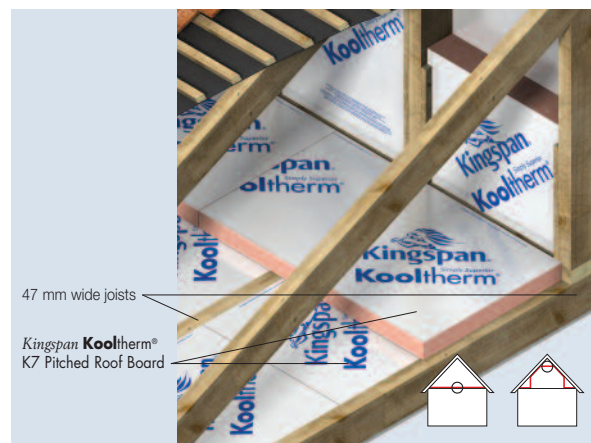


Figure 4b

U-values ($W/m^2 \cdot K$) for Various Thicknesses of Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board Installed Between and Over Joists of Depths and Centres Shown

Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board (mm)	Joist Centres (mm)			
	400		600	
	Ventilated Construction	Unventilated Construction	Ventilated Construction	Unventilated Construction
100 mm Deep Joists				
100 + 100	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.10
100 + 110*	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
125 mm Deep Joists				
125 + 125	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.08
150 mm Deep Joists				
150 + 150	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07

* First thickness refers to thickness between rafters, second thickness over rafters.
The thermal resistance of the over rafter layer of insulation must be \geq that of the between rafter layer so as to avoid condensation.

* Where the insulation between studs exceeds the depth of the stud, the stud must be batted out to correspond with the thickness of insulation and horizontal timber 'stop' battens must be fixed to the outer surface of the stud to provide a 'stop' for the insulation boards so that they can finish flush with the inner surface of the timber studs.

** Product thickness = insulant thickness + 12.5 mm plasterboard.

Loft Floor or Collar Tie – Insulation Between and Under Joists

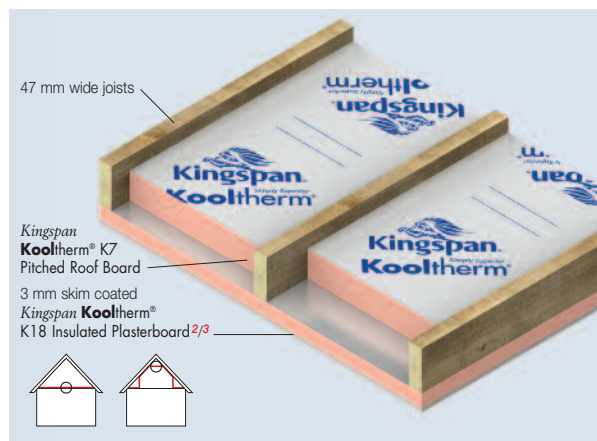


Figure 4c

U-values (W/m ² ·K) for Various Thicknesses of Kingspan Kooltherm® K18 Insulated Plasterboard Assuming Joists at Centres Shown with Various Thicknesses of Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board Installed Between Joists				
Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board (mm)	Thickness of Kingspan Kooltherm® K18 Insulated Plasterboard* (mm)			
	62.5		82.5	
	Joist Centres (mm)		Joist Centres (mm)	
	400	600	400	600
Ventilated Construction				
40				
50	0.21	0.20		
60	0.20	0.19		
65	0.19	0.18		
70	0.18	0.18	0.15	0.15
75	0.18	0.17	0.15	0.14
80	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.14
90	0.16	0.16	0.14	0.13
100	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.13
110	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.12
120	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.12
125	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.11
130	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.11
140	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.11
150	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.10
Unventilated Construction				
40				
50	0.20	0.20		
60	0.19	0.18		
65	0.18	0.18		
70	0.18	0.17	0.15	0.15
75	0.17	0.17	0.15	0.14
80	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.14
90	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.13
100	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.13
110	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.12
120	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.11
125	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.11
130	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.11
140	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.11
150	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.10

* Product thickness = insulant thickness + 12.5 mm plasterboard.

NB Where the insulation between joists exceeds the depth of the joist and access to the loft space is required, the joists must be battened out to correspond with the thickness of insulation and a protective layer (e.g chipboard / OSB) fixed over the insulation.

Linear Thermal Bridging at Wall to Pitched Roof Junctions

Linear thermal bridging describes the heat loss at junctions between elements, where the geometry of the junction means that a building's primary insulation layer is not continuous or is reduced. This heat loss is represented by the junction's psi (ψ) value. The ψ -values of all the linear thermal bridges in a building are used to produce an overall γ -value which is used in whole building carbon dioxide emissions calculation software.

The details in the images that follow (Figures 5a – 9b) are designed to reflect Accredited Construction Details (England & Wales / Scotland / Northern Ireland) and Acceptable Construction Details (Republic of Ireland), collectively referred to here as ACDs.

Unventilated – Insulation Between & Under Rafters (Recommended for New Build or Re-roofing)

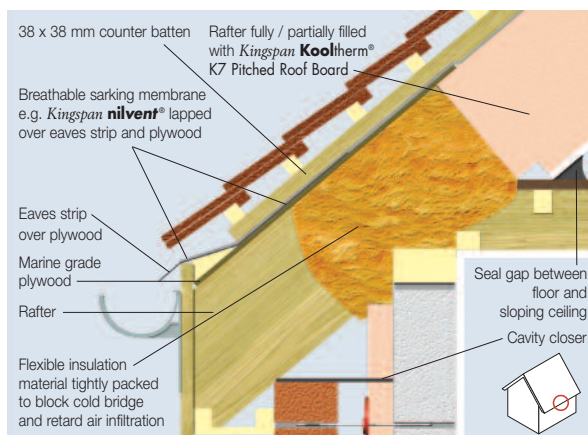


Figure 5a – Overhanging Eaves Detail – Section Perpendicular to Ridge

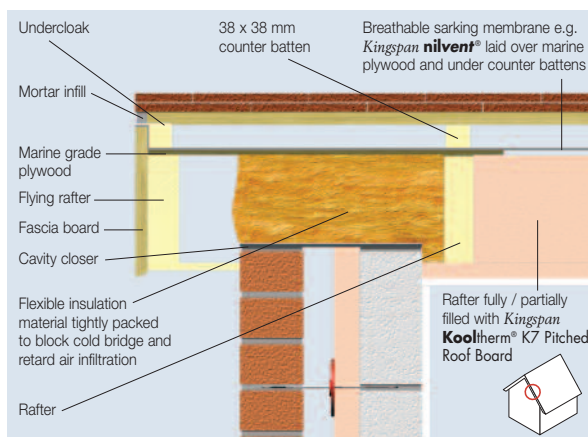


Figure 5b – Section Parallel to Ridge

Typical Constructions and U-values

Ventilated – Insulation Between & Under Rafters (Recommended for Loft Conversion where Re-Roofing is not Intended)

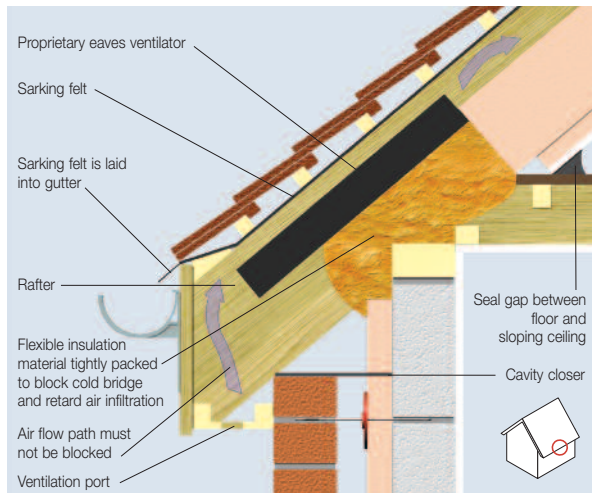


Figure 6a – Overhanging Eaves Detail – Section Perpendicular to Ridge

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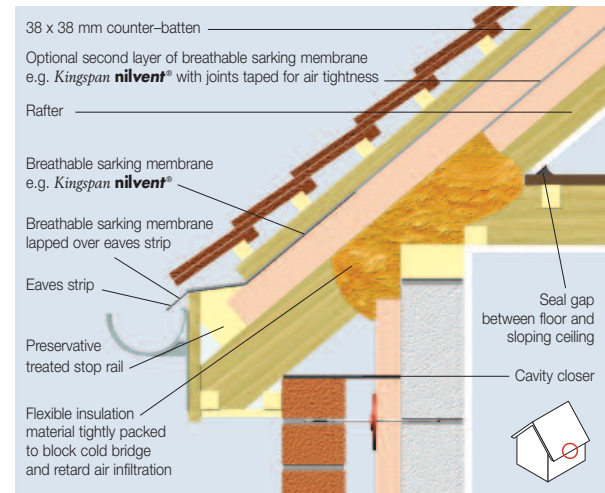


Figure 7a – Overhanging Eaves Detail – Section Perpendicular to Ridge

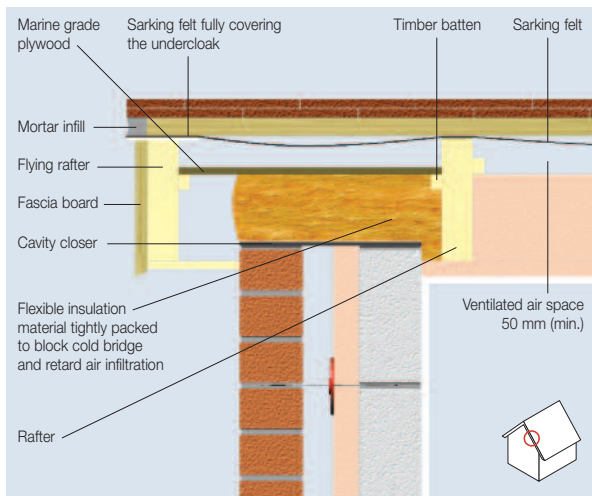


Figure 6b – Section Parallel to Ridge

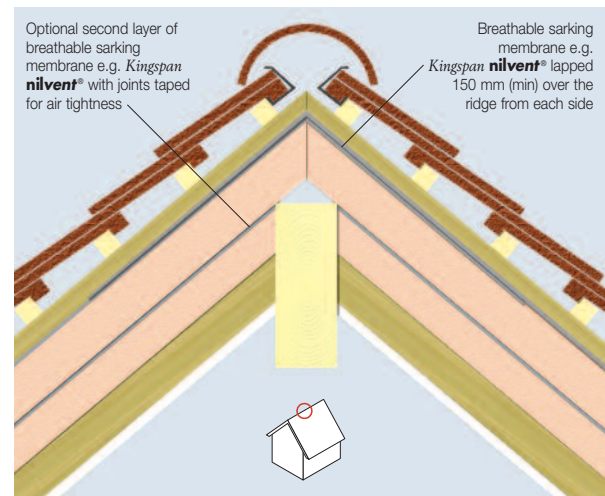


Figure 7b – Ridge Detail – Section Perpendicular to Ridge

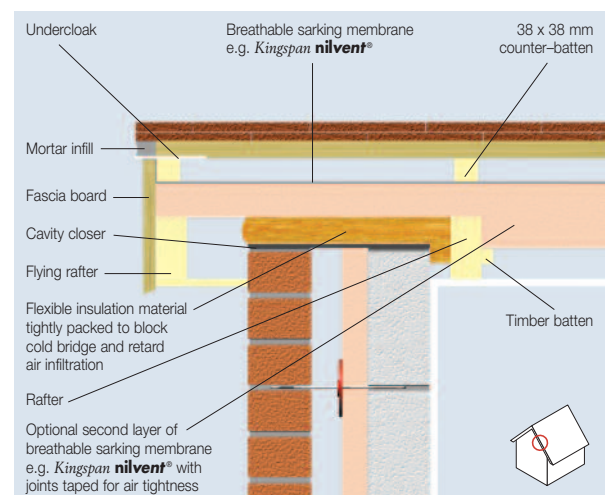


Figure 7c – Section Parallel to Ridge

Loft Floor Insulation – Insulation Between and Over Joists

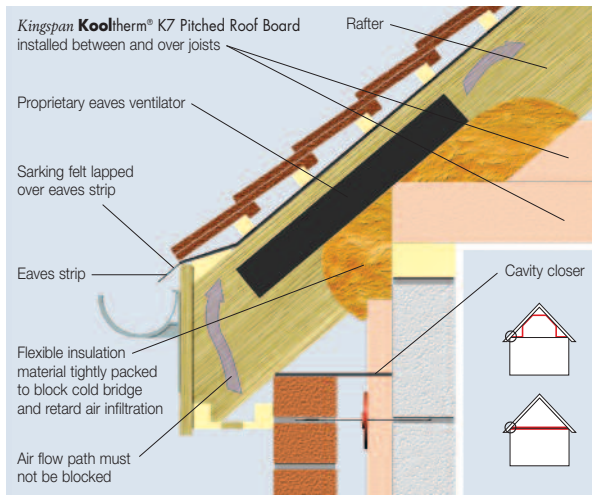


Figure 8a – Ventilated Loft Floor Detail at Eaves

Loft Floor Insulation – Insulation Between and Under Joists

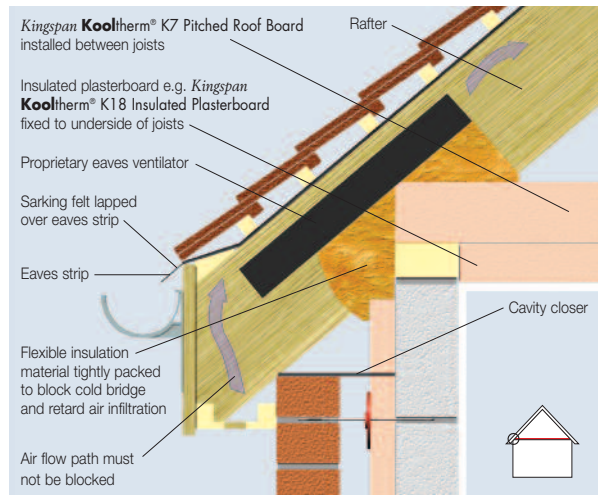


Figure 9a – Ventilated Loft Floor Detail at Eaves

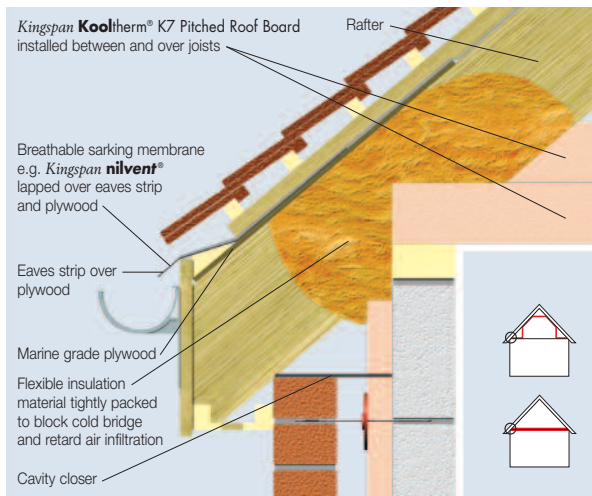


Figure 8b – Unventilated Loft Floor Detail at Eaves

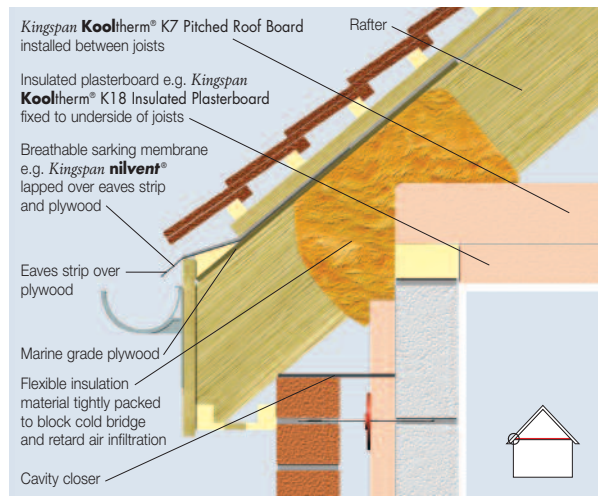


Figure 9b – Unventilated Loft Floor Detail at Eaves

Design Considerations

Environmental Impact & Responsible Sourcing

Green Guide Rating

An Ecoprofile, certified by BRE Certification to the 2008 BRE Environmental Profiles Methodology, has been created for **Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board** produced at Kingspan Insulation's Pembroke manufacturing facility. The BRE has assigned the product a 2008 Green Guide Summary Rating of A+.



Environmental Profiles Scheme
Certificate Number ENP 410

Responsible Sourcing

Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board produced at Kingspan Insulation's Pembroke and Castleblayney manufacturing facilities is manufactured under a management system certified to BS / I.S. EN ISO 14001: 2004. The principle polymer component of the product produced at these facilities is also manufactured under a management system certified to BS EN ISO 14001: 2004.

NB The above information is correct at the time of writing. Please confirm at the point of need by contacting Kingspan Insulation's Technical Service Department (see rear cover), from which copies of Kingspan Insulation and its suppliers' ISO 14001 certificates can be obtained along with confirmation of Kingspan Insulation's products' Green Guide ratings.

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 Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board should be described in specifications as:-

The rafter / joist level insulation shall be **Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board** ____ mm thick: comprising a premium performance rigid thermoset insulation core faced on both sides with a low emissivity composite foil facing. The product shall be manufactured: with a blowing agent that has zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) and low Global Warming Potential (GWP); under a management system certified to BS / I.S. EN ISO 9001: 2008, BS / I.S. EN ISO 14001: 2004 and BS / I.S. OHSAS 18001: 2007; by Kingspan Insulation Limited; and installed in accordance with the instructions issued by them.

NBS Specifications

Details also available in NBS Plus.

NBS users should refer to clause:

K11 695, P10 140 (Standard and Intermediate)

K11 55 (Minor Works)



Insulation at Rafter Level - Choice of Build Up

Unventilated and Ventilated Constructions

There is generally a choice between unventilated and ventilated constructions, except in the case of refurbishment / loft conversions. In these instances, unless the whole roof is to be stripped or unless there is a breathable sarking membrane already in situ, it is impossible to use an unventilated roof, because a breathable sarking membrane cannot be installed.

Position of Insulation

Dependent on the designed U-value of the construction and the available rafter depth and headroom, different approaches can be taken.

In most cases, approaches with layers of insulation between and over rafters are likely to yield very tall fascia boards and so, generally, between and under rafter insulation approaches are probably more desirable e.g. Figures 1 and 2. The exception to the rule is when very low U-values are required, in which case headroom may become an issue for between and under rafter solutions, so between and over rafter solutions may be more practical.

Unventilated Roof – Ventilation Considerations

Unventilated roof approaches create a warm pitched roof space which does not require cross ventilation. Research suggests that sealing an unventilated roof yields a more energy efficient roof, as the impacts of ventilation and incidental infiltrating cold air can be minimised. Therefore, if creating an unventilated roof, it is preferable to fully seal all joints in the breathable sarking membrane (see 'Position of Breathable Sarking Membrane' below). Any water vapour reaching the breathable sarking membrane escapes without condensing. There is then adequate air movement beneath the tiles to dissipate this water vapour to the outside atmosphere. Tape for sealing joints in the breathable sarking membrane should be specified in accordance with the recommendations of the breathable membrane manufacturer.

The requirement for a vapour control layer and / or under-tile ventilation should be assessed to BS 5250: 2002 (Code of practice for control of condensation in buildings).

Ventilated Roof – Ventilation Considerations

In these cases the Building Regulations / Standards require a 50 mm ventilation air gap between the insulation and the sarking felt, so as to avoid condensation.

The requirement for a vapour control layer should be assessed to BS 5250: 2002.

Vapour Control Layer

If required, the vapour resistance of the roof lining can be increased by the use of a vapour check plasterboard*, the use of **Kingspan Kooltherm® K18 Insulated Plasterboard**, which contains an integral vapour control layer*, the use of a layer of polythene sheeting*, or by the application of two coats of Gyproc Drywall Sealer.

* With appropriate detailing at joints, penetrations and roof perimeters.

Breathable Sarking Membrane

BS 5250: 2002 recommends that low resistance breathable sarking membranes for use in unventilated systems must not have a vapour resistance that exceeds 0.25 MN-s/g, e.g. **Kingspan nilvent®**.

Position of Breathable Sarking Membrane

The sealing of breathable sarking membrane joints with tape is considerably easier to achieve if the membrane is installed on a continuous surface (Figures 1a, 1b, 1d, 3a & 3b).

In these cases the breathable sarking membrane is installed under the counter-battens (which provide a channel for water drainage) or, in situations with a sarking board under a natural slated roof, the breathable sarking membrane is installed directly under the slates (as neither tile battens nor counter-battens are used).

Generally, when a continuous surface is available, it will prove easier to install the breathable sarking membrane in horizontal runs, whilst still enabling easy sealing between runs.

In roofs with no continuous surface (Figure 1c), it is preferable, though more difficult, to install the breathable sarking membrane in vertical runs with junctions between runs sealed by counter-battens placed over the laps in rafter positions. The breathable sarking membrane is installed taut as the counter-batten provides a space for water drainage.

Recommended Solutions for New Build / Re-roofing

The ideal solution for new build or re-roofing projects is, therefore, between and under rafter insulation with a continuous surface for the breathable sarking membrane so that it can be installed in horizontal runs under counter-battens with laps sealed with tape (Figures 1a, 1b & 1d).

The next best solution is, therefore, between and under rafter insulation with no continuous surface for the breathable sarking membrane, and the breathable sarking membrane installed in vertical runs with laps sealed under counter-battens (Figure 1c).

Where very low U-values are required, for new build or re-roofing projects, the ideal solution is between and over rafter insulation with the breathable sarking membrane installed in horizontal runs under counter battens with laps sealed with tape (Figures 3a & 3b).

Insulating at Ceiling Level - Choice of Build Up

When insulating at ceiling level in a pitched roof with loft insulation between and over joists (Figures 4b, 8a & 8b) it is vital to ensure the continuity of insulation at the specified R-value right to the eaves. This can be difficult because of the angle of pitch of the roof and the position of the rafters can prevent the insulation laid over the joists from being fitted all the way to the eaves. The use of **Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board** in between joists and **Kingspan Kooltherm® K18 Insulated Plasterboard** below joists (Figures 4c, 9a & 9b) allows continuity of insulation and can minimise heat loss from this linear thermal bridge.

Mansard Roofs / Walls

Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board can be used for the construction of insulated tiled or slated mansard roofs / walls. Design and installation guidance is as for pitched roofs.

Fire Stops

Current Building Regulations / Standards should be considered with regard to the requirements for, and provision of, fire stops.

Lightning Protection

Building designers should give consideration to the requirements of BS / I.S. EN 62305: 2006 (Protection against lightning).

Sitework

Over Rafter Insulation

General

- A preservative treated stop rail should be secured to the rafters at the eaves.
- **Kingspan Kooltherm® K7** Pitched Roof Board may be laid either across or down the line of the rafters and should be laid lightly butted and preferably break bonded.
- All board joints running from eaves to ridge must occur over rafters.
- Ensure continuity of insulation at the ridge of the roof
- There is no necessity to tape board joints.

Over Rafter Insulation Without a Sarking Board

- Lay 38 x 38 mm treated softwood counter-battens in line with the rafters.
- Secure the counter-battens to the rafters by fixing through both the counter-battens and the insulation boards.

Over Rafter Insulation With Slates Fixed Directly into a Sarking Board

- Overlay the insulation boards with the sarking board.
- Secure the sarking board and insulation boards to the rafters by fixing through both the sarking board and the insulation.

Over Rafter Insulation with a Sarking Board and Tiles on Tiling Battens and Counter-Battens

- Overlay the insulation boards with the sarking board, and lay 38 x 38 mm treated softwood counter-battens in line with the rafters.
- Secure the counter-battens to the rafters by fixing through the counter-batten, the sarking board and the insulation.

Fixings for Over Rafter Insulation

- Approved fixings should be applied at centres appropriate to the design of the roof and location of the building.

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Between Rafter Insulation

Between Rafter Insulation Partially Filled Flush to the Top Surface of Rafters

- If **Kingspan Kooltherm® K7** Pitched Roof Board is to be installed between and over rafters, the between rafter layer must be flush with the top of the rafters in order to prevent the risk of air movement between the two layers of insulation boards.
- If the between rafter layer of insulation is to be fitted from the outside, install the insulation with the use of nailable sarking clips.
- Sarking clips should be the correct size so the insulation is flush with the top surface of the rafters.
- The nailable sarking clips are driven into the upper surface of each rafter at one-metre intervals up the roof slope.
- The nailable sarking clips then support lengths of insulation, trimmed to suit rafter spacings, and placed between the rafters.
- Insulation can be installed from the inside with the use of timber 'stop' battens.
- Push insulation, trimmed to suit rafter spacings, between the rafters so they are flush with the top surface of the rafters.
- Side-nail treated softwood battens to the rafters to hold the boards in place.

Between Rafter Insulation Partially Filled Flush to the Bottom Surface of Rafters

- **Kingspan Kooltherm® K7** Pitched Roof Board installed between rafters must be flush with the bottom of the rafters in order to prevent the risk of air movement between the boards and the ceiling.
- Where the insulation between rafters is to be flush with the bottom of the rafters but does not fill the full rafter depth, install the insulation, trimmed to suit rafter spacings, with the aid of treated softwood battens nailed to the side of the rafters to provide a 'stop' above the insulation.
- The battens should be in the appropriate position to ensure the insulation is flush with the bottom of the rafters.
- An additional restraint to the insulation boards will be provided by **Kingspan Kooltherm® K18** Insulated Plasterboard fixed to the inside face of the rafters.

Between Rafter Insulation Fully Filling the Depth of the Rafters

- Where the insulation between rafters fully fills the rafter depth simply install the correct thickness of insulation, trimmed to suit rafter spacings, in such a manner that it is flush with the bottom and top of the rafters.
- If installing insulation from the outside this will necessitate the use of sarking clips as described above.

Between Joist Insulation

- *Kingspan Kooltherm® K7* Pitched Roof Board installed between joists must be flush with the bottom of the joists in order to prevent the risk of air movement between the boards and the ceiling.
- Install the correct thickness of insulation, trimmed to suit rafter spacings, in such a manner that it is flush with the bottom of the joists.
- The insulation must not be used as a weight bearing surface and, if the thickness of insulation exceeds the depth of the joists, batten out the joists such that they stand proud of the insulation.
- Where there is no over joist insulation, and the loft is to be used for storage, 9 mm (min.) plywood / chipboard / OSB should be mechanically fixed over the joists. Where pedestrian access is required, 18 mm (min.) plywood / chipboard / OSB should be installed instead.

Over Joist Insulation

- If *Kingspan Kooltherm® K7* Pitched Roof Board is to be installed between and over joists, the between joist layer must fully fill the joist depth, so that it is flush with the bottom and the top of the joists, in order to prevent the risk of air movement either above or below the insulation boards. It must not stand proud above the joists, otherwise a gap would be created over the joists themselves.
- The insulation over joists must be tapered so it fits snugly under rafters at the eaves.
- The insulation must not be used as a weight bearing surface. If loft storage, or pedestrian access to the loft area, is necessary, it is recommended that one of the following options is adopted.
- Where the loft is to be used for storage, 9 mm (min.) plywood / chipboard / OSB should be mechanically fixed over the joists, with the over joist insulation layer laid on top. Where pedestrian access is required, a further layer of 18 mm (min.) plywood / chipboard / OSB should also be installed over the insulation boards.
- A proprietary insulated loft storage, or pedestrian access, board can be installed.
- Alternatively, treated softwood battens should be laid perpendicular to the joists, at 600 mm (max.) centres, and fixed to them. The depth of the battens should be \geq to that of the over joist insulation layer. The over joist insulation layer is installed between the battens following the guidance for between joist insulation (above) 18 mm (min.) plywood / chipboard / OSB should be mechanically fixed over the battens.

Between Dwarf Wall Stud Insulation

- *Kingspan Kooltherm® K7* Pitched Roof Board installed between studs must be flush with the inside surface of the studs and the plasterboard / insulated plasterboard wall finish in order to prevent the risk of air movement between the boards and the plasterboard / insulated plasterboard.
- Nail treated softwood battens to the side of studs to provide a 'stop' and prevent the insulation boards moving within the stud cavity.
- This 'stop' should be positioned such that the insulation boards finish flush with the inside surface of the studs.
- If the insulation boards are thicker than the timber studs fix appropriately sized treated softwood battens to the back of the studs and fix timber 'stop' straps diagonally to the battens in an appropriate pattern to hold the insulation boards in place. Each board must be restrained by a minimum of two diagonal straps.
- Insulation boards may be temporarily held in place with large headed clout nails fixed through the 'stop' battens / straps.
- The boards will be further restrained by the plasterboard / insulated plasterboard lining fixed to the inside face of the timbers.

Under Rafter / Joist or Inside Dwarf Wall Studs Insulation

- Please refer to literature for *Kingspan Kooltherm® K18 Insulated Plasterboard*. This literature is available from the Kingspan Insulation Marketing Department or from the Kingspan Insulation website (see rear cover for details).

General

Fitting Insulation Boards Between Rafters / Joists / Studs

- Measure the distance between the rafters / joists / studs before cutting the boards as spacings can vary.
- Ensure that insulation boards are lightly butted and that there is a tight fit between the insulation and the rafters / joists / studs.
- Fill all gaps with expanding urethane sealant.

Sitework

Surface Treatment

- *Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board* is not intended to provide an internal finish and should be underlined with a suitable building board.

Cutting

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

Daily Working Practice

- At the completion of each day's work, or whenever work is interrupted for extended periods of time, board edges and joints should be protected from inclement weather.

Availability

- *Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board* is available through specialist insulation distributors and selected builders' and roofing 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 outdoor protection.
- Ideally, boards should be stored inside a building. If, however, outdoor storage cannot be avoided the boards should be stacked clear of the ground and covered with an opaque polythene sheet or weatherproof tarpaulin. Boards that have been allowed to get wet should not be used.

Health and Safety

- Kingspan Insulation products are chemically inert and safe to use.
- A Safety Information Data Sheet for this product is available from the Kingspan Insulation website www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk/safety or www.kingspaninsulation.ie/safety.

Please note that the reflective surfaces on this product are designed to enhance its thermal performance. As such, they will reflect light as well as heat, including ultraviolet light. Therefore, if this product is being installed during very bright or sunny weather, it is advisable to wear UV protective sunglasses or goggles, and if the skin is exposed for a significant period of time, to protect the bare skin with a UV block sun cream.

The reflective facings used on this product can be slippery underfoot when wet. Therefore, it is recommended that any excess material should be contained to avoid a slip hazard.

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

If nailable sarking clips are used, ensure care is taken to avoid skin and eye contact with any sharp edges.

Product Details

The Facings

Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board is faced on both sides with a low emissivity composite foil, autohesively bonded to the insulation core during manufacture. This reflective, low emissivity surface improves the thermal resistance of any unventilated cavity adjacent to the board.

The Core

The core of *Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board* is a premium performance rigid thermoset modified resin insulant manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) and low Global Warming Potential (GWP).



Standards and Approvals

Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board is manufactured to the highest standards under a management system certified to BS / I.S. EN ISO 9001: 2008 (Quality management systems. Requirements), BS / I.S. EN ISO 14001: 2004 (Environmental Management Systems. Requirements) and BS / I.S. OHSAS 18001: 2007 (Health and Safety Management Systems. Requirements).

The use of *Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board*, produced at Kingspan Insulation's Pembroke manufacturing facility, is covered by BBA Certificate 94/3061, and that produced at Kingspan Insulation's Castleblayney manufacturing facility by NSAI Agrément Certificate 09/0329.



Standard Dimensions

Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board is available in the following standard size:

Nominal Dimension		Availability
Length	(m)	2.4
Width	(m)	1.2
Insulant Thickness	(mm)	Refer to local distributor or Kingspan Insulation price list for current stock and non-stock sizes.

Compressive Strength

The compressive strength of *Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board* typically exceeds 125 kPa at 10% compression, when tested to BS / I.S. EN 826: 1996 (Thermal insulating products for building applications. Determination of compression behaviour).

Water Vapour Resistance

Adjusted for the effect of board joints, the product typically achieves a resistance far greater than 100 MN-s/g, when tested in accordance with BS EN 12086: 1997 / I.S. EN 12086: 1998 (Thermal insulating products for building applications. Determination of water vapour transmission properties).

Durability

If correctly installed, *Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board* can have an indefinite life. Its durability depends on the supporting structure and the conditions of its use.

Resistance to Solvents, Fungi & Rodents

The insulation core is resistant to short-term contact with petrol and with most dilute acids, alkalis and mineral oils. However, it is recommended that any spills be cleaned off fully before the boards are installed. Ensure that safe methods of cleaning are used, as recommended by suppliers of the spilt liquid. The insulation core is not resistant to some solvent-based adhesive systems, particularly those containing methyl ethyl ketone. Adhesives containing such solvents should not be used in association with this product. Damaged boards or boards that have been in contact with harsh solvents or acids should not be used.

The insulation core and facings used in the manufacture of *Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board* resist attack by mould and microbial growth, and do not provide any food value to vermin.

Fire Performance

Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board is Class 1, as defined by BS 476-7: 1997 (Fire tests on building materials and structures. Method of test to determine the classification of the surface spread of flame of products).

The rigid thermoset insulation core of *Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board* is Class 0, as defined by the Building Regulations.

The rigid thermoset insulation core of *Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board*, when subjected to the British Standard fire test specified in the table below, has achieved the result shown.

Test	Result
BS 5111-1: 1974 (Smoke Obscuration)	< 5% (Negligible smoke obscuration)

Kingspan Kooltherm® K7 Pitched Roof Board, when subjected to the British Standard fire test specified in the table below, will achieve the following result shown, where the external finish of the pitched roof consists of slate or concrete roof tiles. For specifications with different external finishes please consult the roof finish manufacturer for their specific fire classification details.

Test	Result
BS 476-3: 1958 (External fire membrane adopted exposure roof test)	SAA rating

Further details of the fire performance of Kingspan Insulation products may be obtained from the Kingspan Insulation Technical Service Department (see rear cover).

Thermal Properties

The λ -values and R-values detailed below are quoted in accordance with BS / I.S. EN 13166: 2008 (Thermal insulation products for buildings – Factory made products of phenolic foam (PF) – Specification).

Thermal Conductivity

The boards achieve a thermal conductivity (λ -value) of: 0.023 W/m-K (insulant thickness 15–24 mm); 0.021 W/m-K (insulant thickness 25–44 mm); and 0.020 W/m-K (insulant thickness ≥ 45 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 (m²-K/W).

Insulant Thickness (mm)	Thermal Resistance (m ² -K/W)
20	0.85
25	1.15
30	1.40
35	1.65
40	1.90
45	2.25
50	2.50
55	2.75
60	3.00
65	3.25
70	3.50
75	3.75
80	4.00
90	4.50
100	5.00
110	5.50
120	6.00
125	6.25
130	6.50
140	7.00
150	7.50

NB Refer to local distributor or Kingspan Insulation price list for current stock and non-stock sizes.

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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 Undertake U-value and Condensation Risk Calculations.



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