
Thermal insulation — Vocabulary

Isolation thermique — Vocabulaire



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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- revised ETICS definition;
- thorough review of cross-references with numerous new additions and corrections;
- double term entries have been either given their own terminology entries or identified as preferred and accepted terms;
- circular definitions have been corrected;
- pipe section superordinate concept changed as parent term and subordinate terms expanded to 1) concentric pipe section, 2) precision v-groove pipe section, 3) cut pipe section, 4) moulded pipe section;
- vapour barrier and vapour retarder definitions have been revised and clarified.

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1 Scope

This document provides a vocabulary of terms used in the field of thermal insulation that covers materials, products, components and applications. Some of the terms can have a different meaning when used in other industries or applications.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 Thermal insulation materials

3.1.1

thermal insulation material

substance that is intended to reduce heat transfer and that derives its insulation properties from its chemical nature, its physical structure or both

3.1.2

cellular plastic

thermal insulation material (3.1.1) made from plastic, in which the density is reduced by the presence of numerous small cavities (cells), which may be interconnecting or not, dispersed throughout the material

3.1.2.1

expanded polystyrene

EPS

rigid *cellular plastic* (3.1.2) *thermal insulation material* (3.1.1) manufactured by moulding beads of expandable polystyrene or one of its co-polymers and that has a substantially closed-cell structure, filled with air

3.1.2.2

extruded polystyrene foam

XPS

rigid *cellular plastic* (3.1.2) *thermal insulation material* (3.1.1) made from polystyrene or one of its co-polymers, which has a closed-cell structure and is produced through an extrusion process

3.1.2.3

flexible elastomeric foam

FEF

pliable *thermal insulation product* (3.2.1) made of natural or synthetic rubber, or a mixture of the two, and containing other polymers and other chemicals that may be modified by organic or inorganic additives