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Product Sheet 1

SPRINGVALE CAVITY WALL INSULATION

ECOBEAD PLATINUM CAVITY WALL INSULATION

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet[1] relates to Ecobead Platinum Cavity Wall Insulation, expanded polystyrene material injected in bead form with a bonding agent, for use in masonry walls up to and including 12 m in height, with nominal cavity widths not less than 50 mm, in new and existing domestic and non-domestic buildings. The product may also be used in buildings over 12 m in height where a height restriction waiver has been issued by the Certificate holder.

(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
- formal three-yearly review.

KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Practicability of installation — the product must only be installed by trained and approved installers (see section 5).

Thermal properties — the product has a declared thermal conductivity ($\lambda_{90/90}$) of 0.033 $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ (see section 6).

Water penetration — the product will resist the transfer of water across the cavity (see section 7).

Condensation — the product will contribute to limiting the risk of condensation (see section 8).

Behaviour in relation to fire — use of the product does not prejudice the fire resistance properties of the wall (see section 9).

Durability — the product is durable, rot-proof, water resistant and sufficiently stable to remain effective as an insulation for the life of the building (see section 12).

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, Ecobead Platinum Cavity Wall Insulation, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, will meet or contribute to meeting 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:	**C2(a)**	**Resistance to moisture**
Comment:		The product does not absorb water by capillary action and may therefore be used in situations where it bridges the damp-proof course (dpc) of the inner and outer leaves. See section 7.1 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	**C2(b)**	**Resistance to moisture**
Comment:		The product can resist rain penetration and will contribute to a wall satisfying this Requirement. See sections 4.6, 7.1 and 7.2 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	**C2(c)**	**Resistance to moisture**
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying the Condensation Requirement. See sections 8.1 and 8.3 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	**L1(a)(i)**	**Conservation of fuel and power**
Comment:		The product can meet or contribute to meeting this Requirement. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	**Regulation 7**	**Materials and workmanship**
Comment:		The product is an acceptable material. See section 12.1 and the *Installation* part of this Certificate.

The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	**8(1)**	**Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship**
Comment:		The product can contribute to a construction satisfying this Regulation. See section 12.1 and the *Installation* part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	**9**	**Building standards applicable to construction**
Standard:	2.6	Spread to neighbouring buildings
Comment:		The product is not non-combustible but may be used in walls of domestic and non-domestic buildings in accordance with the exceptions permitted in the Standard, with reference to clauses 2.6.5(1) and 2.6.6(2). See section 9.5 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.4	Moisture from the ground
Comment:		The product can contribute to a construction satisfying this Standard, with reference to clause 3.4.1(1)(2). The product can be used in situations where it bridges the dpc of the inner and outer leaves. See section 7.1 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.10	Precipitation
Comment:		The product will resist water transfer and may contribute to a wall satisfying this Standard, with reference to clause 3.10.1(1)(2), provided it complies with the conditions set out in sections 4.6, 7.1 and 7.2 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.15	Condensation
Comment:		The product can satisfy, or 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 8.2 and 8.3 of this Certificate.
Standard:	6.1(b)	Carbon dioxide emissions
Standard:	6.2	Building insulation envelope
Comment:		This product can contribute to satisfying these clauses, or parts of 6.1.6(1), 6.2.1(1)(2), 6.2.3(1), 6.2.4(2), 6.2.5(2), 6.2.6(1), 6.2.7(1), 6.2.8(1)(2), 6.2.9(1)(2), 6.2.10(1)(2), 6.2.11(1)(2), 6.2.12(2) and 6.2.13(1)(2) of these Standards. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Standard:	7.1(a)(b)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:		The product can contribute to meeting 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:		All comments given for this system 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)(2).

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).
(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).

The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

Regulation:	**23(a)(i)(iii)(b)**	**Fitness of materials and workmanship**
Comment:		The product is an acceptable material. See section 12.1 and the *Installation* part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	**28(a)**	**Resistance to moisture and weather**
Comment:		The product does not absorb water by capillary action and, therefore, may be used in situations where it bridges the dpc of the inner and outer leaves. See section 7.1 of this Certificate.

Regulation:	28(b)	Resistance to moisture and weather
Comment:		Walls incorporating the product can satisfy this Regulation. See sections 4.6, 7.1 and 7.2 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	29	Condensation
Comment:		The product will contribute to meeting this Regulation. See section 8.3 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 2007

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

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

See sections: 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.1 to 3.3) and 14 *Site preparation* (14.2) of this Certificate.

Additional Information

NHBC Standards 2011

NHBC accepts the use of Ecobead Platinum Cavity Wall Insulation, provided it is installed and used in accordance with this Certificate, in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 6.1, *External masonry walls*.

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 Ecobead Platinum Cavity Wall Insulation is a grey expanded polystyrene bead material containing a fire-retardant, for use as an injected insulation with a bonding agent within the cavity of masonry cavity walls. The bonding agent is used to adhere the beads together and provide long-term stability to the insulation.

1.2 The target mean density of this product when installed is 12 $kg \cdot m^{-3}$ over the entire installation. Individual areas within the wall must not have an absolute density variation of more than ±2 $kg \cdot m^{-3}$ from the target mean density when measured over an area of 0.5 m^2.

2 Manufacture

2.1 The raw material is fed into an expander and heated by steam, which causes expansion of the bead to a controlled density.

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

- agreed with the 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 systems of Springvale EPS Ltd has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2008 (Certificate FM 13871) by BSI and BS EN ISO 14001 : 2004 (Certificate GB 18653) by QMS International plc.

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The product is delivered to site in polythene sacks or bulk containers and may be marked with the BBA identification mark incorporating the number of this Certificate. The material, which has an indefinite storage life, should be kept dry and away from heat sources.

3.2 The bonding agent is water based and is delivered to site in containers marked with the BBA identification mark incorporating the number of this Certificate.

3.3 The bonding agent must be protected from frost, high temperatures and direct sunlight. Containers should be stored inside and off the ground at a temperature between 2°C and 30°C. It must not be use beyond its use-by date or allowed to freeze at any time.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Ecobead Platinum Cavity Wall Insulation.

4 General

4.1 Ecobead Platinum Cavity Wall Insulation is satisfactory for use as an injected cavity wall insulation and is effective in reducing the thermal transmittance (U value) of external cavity walls with masonry inner and outer leaves (where masonry includes clay and calcium silicate bricks, concrete blocks, natural and reconstituted stone blocks). It is essential that such walls are designed and constructed so as to incorporate the precautions given in this Certificate, to prevent moisture penetration.

4.2 This Certificate covers the use of the product in any exposure zone, subject to the following conditions being met. These conditions are particularly important in areas subject to severe or very severe driving rain:

- the cavity width must be a nominal minimum of 50 mm
- walls must be in good state of repair and show no evidence of frost damage
- mortar joints must not show evidence of more than hairline cracking. Raked or recessed mortar joints should be avoided in high exposure areas.

Partial filling

4.3 Partial filling of the gable apex (ie limiting the fill to several brickwork courses above ceiling level) is permitted provided the top of the wall is protected by the roof and:

- the roof void is not an occupied space
- the loft insulation is at ceiling level.

4.4 Partial filling is also allowed:

- when separately insulating semi-detached or terraced properties. The cavity barrier used for this purpose is retained in the cavity and must be as defined in section 17.3
- up to the underside of a horizontal boundary, other than the roof, where that horizontal boundary is protected by a cavity tray or similar waterproof barrier
- where filling is carried out above a horizontal boundary
- when treating properties where the wall to be insulated is below a waterproof cladding (eg tile hung) and this cladding either extends up to the roof or is protected at the top by other means (eg window sills)
- when treating areas of wall where access for drilling may be limited by features such as carports and conservatories as defined in sections 18.10 and 18.11.

Existing buildings

4.5 In an existing building, the product may be installed only:

- where there are no signs of dampness on the inner face of the cavity wall, other than those caused solely by condensation, and
- where the cavity is not being used as a source of combustion air or as a flue for ventilation purposes.

New buildings

4.6 New buildings subject to the national Building Regulations should be constructed in accordance with the relevant recommendations of:

- BS 5628-3 : 2005, with particular reference to Clause 5.5 *Exclusion of water*
- BS 8000-3 : 2001
- BS EN 1996-1-1 : 2005, BS EN 1996-1-2 : 2005, BS EN 1996-2 : 2006 and BS EN 1996-3 : 2006 and their respective UK National Annexes.

4.7 Other new buildings not subject to regulatory requirements should also be built in accordance with the Standards identified in section 4.6.

4.8 As with any other form of cavity wall insulation, where buildings need to comply with *NHBC Standards* 2011, specifiers should observe the requirements of that document.

4.9 In a new building where the product is to be installed:

- cavity battens or boards must be used to reduce the amount of mortar droppings left in the cavity
- injection of the product is to be left until the cavity is sealed from the weather, ie the roof is in place and the window and door openings are sealed.

5 Practicability of installation

The product must be installed by operatives trained and approved by the Certificate holder. The Certificate holder operates an Approved Installer Scheme(1) for this system under which the installers are approved, registered and regularly reviewed by the Certificate holder to demonstrate that they are competent to carry out installations of the system in accordance with this Certificate. Details of Approved Installers are available from the Certificate holder. Approved Installers are responsible for each installation of the product that they undertake (see section 15).

(1) The Certificate holder's records relating to their Approved Installer Scheme will be audited annually by the BBA as part of its programme of surveillance.

6 Thermal properties

6.1 Calculations of the thermal transmittance (U value) of specific external wall constructions should be carried out in accordance with BS EN ISO 6946 : 2007 and BRE Report (BR 443 : 2006) *Conventions for U-value calculations*, using the insulation's declared thermal conductivity ($\lambda_{90/90}$) of 0.033 $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$.

6.2 The U value of a typical brick and block cavity wall construction will depend on the cavity width and the insulating value of the internal block leaf and finish. Calculated U values for example constructions are given in Table 1 for existing buildings and Table 2 for new buildings.

Table 1 Example cavity wall U values ($W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$)[1] — Existing buildings

Cavity width (mm)	Construction[1]	
	13 mm Dense plaster	Plasterboard on dabs
	100 mm Dense block[2][4]	100 mm AAC block[3]
50	0.52	0.38
75	0.38	0.29
100	0.30	0.24
125	0.25	0.21

(1) Assumes fixings correction for fully penetrating steel fixings (50 $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$) at 2.5 m^2 with cross sectional area of 12.5 mm^2 nominal U value and 102 mm thick brick outer leaf.
(2) Block and mortar thermal conductivity 1.13 $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ and 0.88 $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ respectively.
(3) Block and mortar thermal conductivity 0.12 $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ and 0.88 $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ respectively.
(4) Plaster thermal conductivity 0.57 $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$.

Table 2 Example cavity wall U values ($W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$)[1] — New buildings

U value requirement ($W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$)	Cavity width/insulation thickness (mm)	
	13 mm Dense plaster	Plasterboard on dabs
	100 mm Dense block[2][4]	100 mm AAC block[3]
0.19	165	140
0.25	125	95
0.26	120	90
0.27	115	85
0.30	100	75
0.35	85	60

(1) Assumes fixings correction for fully penetrating steel fixings (50 $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$) at 2.5 m^2 with cross sectional area of 12.5 mm^2 nominal U value and 102 mm thick brick outer leaf.
(2) Block and mortar thermal conductivity 1.13 $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ and 0.88 $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ respectively.
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(4) Plaster thermal conductivity 0.57 $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$.

6.3 When considering insulation requirements, designers should refer to the detailed guidance contained in the documents supporting the national Building Regulations. The U values shown in Tables 1 and 2 (of this Certificate) indicate that the product can enable a wall to achieve typical design U values referred to in those supporting documents.

Junctions

6.4 The product can maintain, or contribute to maintaining, continuity of thermal insulation at junctions between elements and openings. For Accredited Construction Details the corresponding psi values in BRE Information Paper IP 1/06 *Assessing the effects of thermal bridging at junctions and around openings*, Table 3, may be used in carbon emission calculations in Scotland and Northern Ireland. Detailed guidance for other junctions and on limiting heat loss by air infiltration can be found in:

England and Wales — Approved Documents to Part L and for new thermal elements to existing buildings, Accredited Construction Details (version 1.0). See also SAP 2009 Appendix K and the *iSBEM User Manual* for new-build

Scotland — Accredited Construction Details (Scotland)

Northern Ireland — Accredited Construction Details (version 1.0).

7 Water penetration

7.1 When the product is used in situations where it bridges the dpc in walls, dampness from the ground will not pass through to the inner leaf provided the wall is detailed in accordance with the requirements and provisions of the national Building Regulations:

England and Wales — Approved Document C, section 5

Scotland — Mandatory Standard 3.4, clause 3.4.1[1][2]

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).
(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).

Northern Ireland — Technical Booklet C, Paragraphs 6.3 to 6.6.

7.2 Tests for full fill applications confirm that constructions built in accordance with BS 5628-3 : 2005 will prevent water reaching the inner leaf. Water penetrating the outer leaf of the wall will drain down the cavity face of the outer leaf and the product will contribute to satisfying the national Building Regulations:

England and Wales — Requirement C2(b)

Scotland — Mandatory Standard 3.10, clause 3.10.1[1][2]

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).

Northern Ireland — Regulation 28(b).

8 Condensation

Surface condensation

8.1 Walls will adequately limit the risk of surface condensation when the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed 0.7 $W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$ at any point and the junctions with other elements are designed in accordance with the guidance referred to in section 6.4 of this Certificate.

8.2 Walls will limit the risk of surface condensation adequately when the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed 1.2 $W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$ at any point. Guidance may be obtained from BS 5250 : 2011, Annex G and BRE Report (BR 262 : 2002) *Thermal insulation: avoiding risks* and section 6.4.

Interstitial condensation

8.3 Walls will limit the risk of interstitial condensation adequately when they are designed and constructed in accordance with BS 5250 : 2011, Annexes D and G and the relevant guidance.

8.4 The product is not a water vapour barrier and will therefore allow the passage of water vapour.

9 Behaviour in relation to fire

9.1 The use of the product does not prejudice the fire resistance properties of the wall. It is unlikely to become ignited within the cavity when used in the context of this Certificate. If fire does penetrate into the cavity, the amount of air present will be insufficient to support combustion. However, the instructions contained in this Certificate relating to the sealing of an uncapped cavity (section 14.3) and removing insulant present in the loft space after installation (section 18.9), must be carefully followed.

9.2 The requirements of the Building Regulations relating to fire spread in cavity walls can be met in buildings of all purpose groups without the need for cavity barriers, provided the construction complies with the provisions detailed in:

England and Wales — Approved Document B, Volume 1, Diagram 13 and Volume 2, Diagram 34

Northern Ireland — Technical Booklet E, Diagram 4.5.

9.3 For buildings subject to the Building Standards in Scotland, cavity barriers are not required to limit the area of a cavity or at junctions with other wall cavities, but cavity barriers are required around openings, penetrations and junctions with roof or floor cavities, with reference to clauses 2.4.1[1][2], 2.4.2[1][2], 2.6.5[1] and 2.6.6[2].

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).

9.4 For constructions not covered by sections 9.2 and 9.3 cavity barriers must be provided to comply with:

England and Wales — Approved Document B, Volume 1, Section 6 and Volume 2, Section 9

Scotland — Mandatory Standard 2.4, clauses 2.4.1[1][2] and 2.4.2[1][2]

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).

Northern Ireland — Technical Booklet E, Paragraphs 4.36 to 4.39.

9.5 The product is not classified as non-combustible, but may be used in a wall on or less than 1 m from a relevant boundary, where no storey is at a height of more than 18 m above ground.

10 Proximity of flues and appliances

When installing the product in close proximity to certain flue pipes and/or heat producing appliances, the relevant provisions of the national Building Regulations are applicable:

England and Wales — Approved Document J

Scotland — Mandatory Standard 3.19, clause 3.19.1[1]

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

Northern Ireland — Technical Booklet L.

11 Maintenance

As the product is confined within the wall cavity and has suitable durability (see section 12), maintenance is not required.

12 Durability

12.1 The product is unaffected by the normal conditions in a wall, and is durable, rot-proof, water resistant and sufficiently stable to remain effective as insulation for the life of the building.

12.2 Should it become necessary for any reason, the product can be evacuated from the cavity void.

Installation

13 Site assessment

Prior to the installation, an assessment is carried out by a trained assessor, who may also be the installing technician, to ascertain the suitability of the property or properties for Ecobead Platinum Cavity Wall Insulation. An assessment report is prepared and held at the installer's offices. Particular problems are specifically identified and any reasons for rejection of the work noted. Care should be taken at this stage for the assessor and the party commissioning the work, to identify and agree in writing as appropriate, any areas of the wall that will not be filled (see sections 18.10 and 18.11) and any special requirements for making good (see section 18.8).

14 Site preparation

14.1 The installing operative ensures that the property has been correctly assessed and is suitable for insulation with the product. Any problems encountered during installation which prevent compliance with this Certificate are referred to the installation company before proceeding.

14.2 Essential ventilation openings, such as those providing combustion air or underfloor ventilation, and all flues in the cavity wall are checked. If adequate sleeving or other cavity closures are not present, installation must not proceed until these openings have been sleeved or otherwise modified to prevent blockage by the insulant.

14.3 Wherever practicably possible, all uncapped cavity walls must be sealed prior to installation, for example, with plugs of mineral fibre.

15 Approved installers

Installation of the product is carried out by the Certificate holder or their approved installers. An approved installer is defined as a company:

- required to satisfy an initial site installation check by the BBA following approval by the Certificate holder and is subject to the BBA Assessment and Surveillance Scheme for Installation of Cavity Wall Insulation
- approved by the Certificate holder and the BBA to install the product
- having undertaken to comply with the Certificate holder's installation procedure
- employing technicians who have been issued with appropriate identity cards by the Certificate holder; at least one member of each installation team must carry a card
- subject to inspections by the Certificate holder. The Certificate holder oversees the activities of approved installers operating under the BBA Surveillance Scheme for Cavity Wall Insulation. It is a requirement that the Certificate holder undertakes inspections to each card carrying technician using their product and maintains records, as detailed in the *BBA Assessment and Surveillance Scheme for BBA Approved Installers of Cavity Wall Insulation*.

16 Supervision

16.1 Installation of the product should be carried out in accordance with the *BBA Assessment and Surveillance Scheme for Installation of Cavity Wall Insulation*.

16.2 During installation, the following simple checks can be made, as an aid to determining that the installation conforms to the Certificated method:

- that the pattern of holes complies with the description given in section 18.1
- that injection of the material takes place at each hole to complete the filling of the cavity space.

17 General

17.1 The installation of the product is undertaken using injection equipment approved by the BBA, and marked with the appropriate BBA Certificate number.

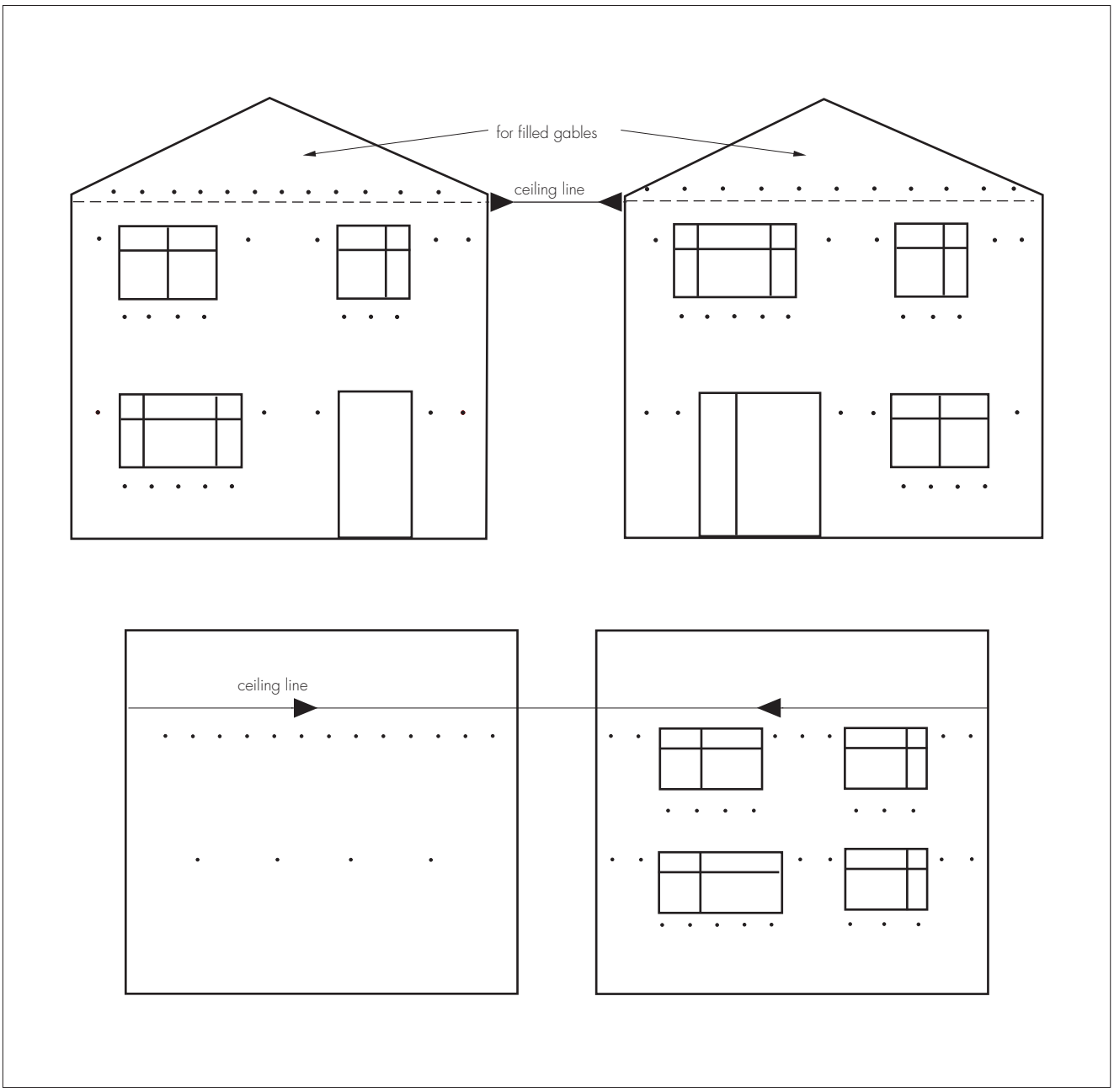
17.2 The installer provides all necessary hoses, drilling tools, equipment and materials for making good the walls after the installation.

17.3 Where a semi-detached or terraced property is to be insulated, a cavity brush is inserted at the line dividing the properties to contain the insulation. This consists of a continuous polypropylene brush which is left in place when the installation is completed.

18 Procedure

18.1 Holes of 22 mm diameter are drilled into the wall at approximately 600 mm intervals in accordance with the drilling pattern shown in Figure 1. When installing around elements such as windows, holes should be drilled within the length and approximately 250 mm below the element in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions. Where possible, holes should be drilled through the mortar joints between bricks.

Figure 1 Typical drilling pattern



18.2 To help ensure that the cavity fill is void-free, additional holes should be drilled between elements such as door/wall ends, windows and three bricks below any obstacles that may be present.

18.3 The maximum vertical length between holes should be 2500 mm. An intermediate row of holes may be required if this is to be exceeded.

18.4 Upper levels should be drilled in the same manner as the ground floor, in accordance with the drilling pattern shown in Figure 1 and the Certificate holder's instructions. Special care should be taken to ensure the holes drilled in the upper floor do not correspond to any intermediate timber floor. Care must be taken to ensure the insulation does not intrude into the roof space.

18.5 Gable ends should be filled in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions. Holes should be drilled 1½ bricks from the top of the cavity and three bricks apart horizontally.

18.6 The insulation is injected into the cavity using the specified equipment. Installation is conducted in accordance with the drilling pattern shown in Figure 1 and the Certificate holder's installation instructions.

18.7 The full depth of injection hole must be filled using an appropriate mortar in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.

18.8 After injection of the product, the drill holes are fully filled with mortar of a similar type, colour, texture and weathertightness as the existing wall. Where a wall requires a high degree of colour matching, the level of finish matching should be agreed in writing during the site assessment. All the trunked air vents are checked, eg, those providing underfloor ventilation and combustion air for heating appliances. In all cases, flues are carefully checked on completion of the installation by means of an appropriate test (eg, a smoke test) to ensure that they are not obstructed by the insulant.

18.9 Any insulant that has been blown through the top of the cavity into the loft space is removed and any points of leakage sealed (see section 14.3).

Omitted areas

18.10 In some circumstances access for drilling injection holes and filling with insulation may be limited by features, for example carports, conservatories, cladding or tiling. The practicability of safely accessing and making good these areas, or installing the insulation through the inner leaf, may outweigh the benefits of insulating these areas.

18.11 It is permissible to omit such areas only when:

- a full justification detailing the reasons to omit areas is included in the survey report
- the assessor explains that heat loss through uninsulated areas will not be reduced and that they will also be subject to a slightly higher risk of condensation. The assessor obtains written consent for omitting any areas of the wall from the party commissioning the work.

19 Height restriction waivers

19.1 Ecobead Platinum Cavity Wall Insulation is for use in buildings up to and including 12 m in height, in domestic and non-domestic buildings. The product may also be used in buildings over 12 m in height where a height restriction waiver has been issued by the Certificate holder.

19.2 The Certificate holder has a detailed programme for the assessment of buildings over 12 m, as approved and maintained under surveillance by the BBA. Each installation beyond 12 m must be individually assessed by the Certificate holder against this agreed assessment programme and documented approval given prior to the commencement of work.

Technical Investigations

20 Tests

Results of tests carried out on Ecobead Platinum Cavity Wall Insulation were assessed to determine:

- the water resistance of the cavity wall filled with the insulant
- adequacy of fill using specified installation machinery and drilling pattern
- material characterisation
- thermal conductivity to BS EN 12667 : 2001.

21 Investigations

21.1 Existing data on toxicity, durability and properties in relation to fire were evaluated.

21.2 The Certificate holder's training arrangements were evaluated.

21.3 An assessment of the practicability of installation was carried out.

22 Other investigations

The manufacturing process of the expanded polystyrene bead material 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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