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**URSA** TERRA MINERAL WOOL  
URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll

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Insulation for Built-up Metal Cladding Systems



# The Company

URSA is a major UK and European manufacturer of glass mineral wool and extruded polystyrene with 10 production sites and a commercial presence in around 40 markets worldwide.

As a leading supplier of insulation and insulating systems, **URSA** has succeeded in fully addressing user requirements for thermal and acoustic insulation. Quality products for every application and excellent customer support are the cornerstones of the corporate culture.

Our mission at URSA is to be the preferred energy savings and acoustic comfort partner in the construction business for glass mineral wool and extruded polystyrene, driven by commercial excellence, the most efficient supply chain and the passion of our team.



# URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll

**URSA HOMETEC Cladding Rolls** are lightweight, non-combustible, unfaced glass mineral wool products for use in built-up metal wall and roof cladding systems.

The thermal conductivity of **URSA HOMETEC 40 Cladding Roll** is 0.040 W/mK, for **URSA HOMETEC 35 Cladding Roll** it is 0.035 W/mK and for **URSA HOMETEC 32 Cladding Roll** it is 0.032 W/mK.



## Benefits

### Quality

Outstanding product quality manufactured to ISO 9001 Quality Systems.

### Global warming potential

**URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** does not use chemical blowing agents and so the Global Warming Potential (GWP) arising from it is zero.

### Insulation savings

It is possible to meet the Building Regulation requirement with 180mm of **URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll**.

### User friendly

Our new generation URSA TERRA mineral wool has a 'soft touch' feel making it easier to handle and install whilst still maintaining its excellent mechanical properties.

### Cost effective

Rapid and simple construction means this is a very cost effective way of insulating new buildings or upgrading existing.

### Acoustics

**URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** has excellent sound insulation characteristics and enhances the acoustic comfort of the building.

### Environment

**URSA** mineral wool is manufactured from an abundant, sustainable resource and utilises up to 73% glass waste.

### Fire performance

**URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** is classed as non-combustible.

### Handling

**URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** is lightweight yet tough, resilient and easy to install. It is easily cut using a sharp knife.

### Space saving

Compaction of the rolls in their manufacture saves space in both storage and transport.

### Durability

**URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** is rot-proof, durable and maintenance free. It is non-hygroscopic and will not slump in normal use.

All of our products carry both the UKCA and CE Mark to show compliance with BS EN 13162 and are quality assured to ISO 9001.



# Design

Metal roofing and cladding systems comprise an inner liner tray with spacer brackets and sheeting rails onto which is fixed the external cladding (See Figure 1). The space created by the brackets and rails is used to accommodate the mineral fibre insulation. Due to the nature of this type of construction there are a number of specific design considerations that must be accounted for – detailed design advice is available from the Metal Cladding and Roofing Manufacturers Association (MCRMA) and the Steel Construction Institute (SCI). The following summarises the critical features.

## Spacer Brackets

The metal spacer brackets penetrate the thickness of the insulation and introduce a considerable amount of thermal bridging. The brackets should incorporate a thermal break to minimise this effect.

## Thermal Bridging

With increasing levels of insulation it is vitally important to ensure continuity of the insulation at the junction of elements. The full insulation thickness should be maintained throughout the whole wall or roof area with special care taken at corners, junctions and around openings. The insulation should be tightly butted together to allow the fibres to 'knit' and prevent any gaps.

## Limiting Air Infiltration

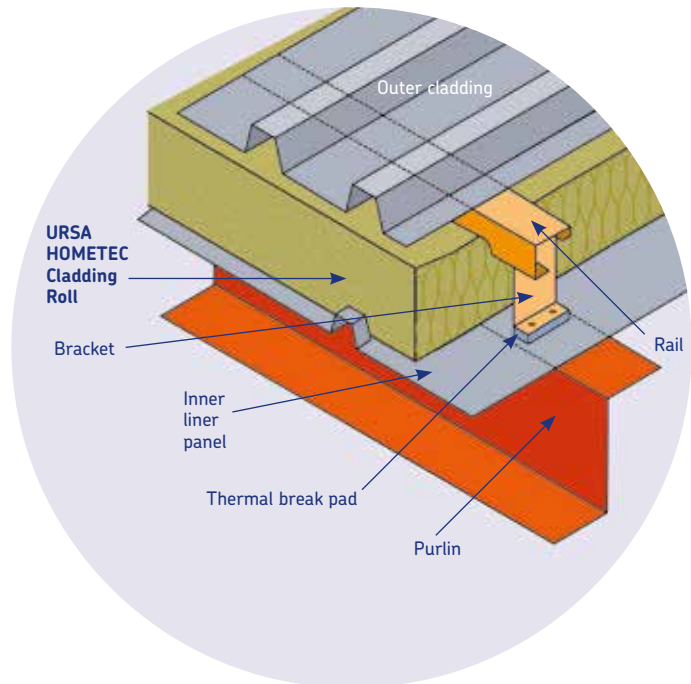
Unwanted and uncontrolled air infiltration is a major source of heat loss. The Building Regulations now place limits on the air infiltration rate which must be measured on the completed building. Simple measures include sealing the laps in the inner liner sheet, incorporating an air infiltration barrier (the vapour control layer may perform this function) and sealing gaps around penetrations and openings.

## Condensation

With increasing levels of insulation the increased risk of interstitial condensation must be carefully considered – see BS 5250 for detailed design advice. Measures that should be taken include:

- Removal of the water vapour at source by the use of suitable ventilation and/or extract fans in high humidity areas.
- The use of a correctly detailed and carefully sealed air and vapour control layer (AVCL) (formed either by sealing the laps in the liner tray or providing a minimum 500g polythene sheet) to reduce the amount of water vapour from the habitable area passing into the cold void above the insulation. The AVCL should be continuous with special care being taken at the junctions of elements and around openings and penetrations.
- Provide ventilation above the insulation to remove any moisture laden air. BS 5250 recommends that the voids of the external cladding should be ventilated at both ends with ventilated fillers giving a minimum opening of not less than 5% of the sheet void above the rails. Ensure that birds, insects and vermin cannot enter via the vents.

**Figure 1 – General Roof Detail**



- Sheet metal cladding and roofing may suffer intermittent condensation problems on clear, cloudless nights due to clear night sky radiation. This causes the metal cladding to fall to a temperature considerably below the ambient temperature producing condensation on the underside of the external cladding. The use of a breather membrane should be considered to allow any droplets of condensate to drain away to the gutters.

## Design Loadings

The load exerted on the cladding will vary according to geographical location, site location and building height. Calculations relating to the bracket and rail fixing pattern should be made with reference to BS EN 1991, Eurocode 1; Actions on Structures.

## Fire Performance

When used within a cladding system constructed in accordance with this brochure **URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** will enhance the fire resistance properties of the roof or wall achieving up to 240 minute fire integrity.

# Acoustics

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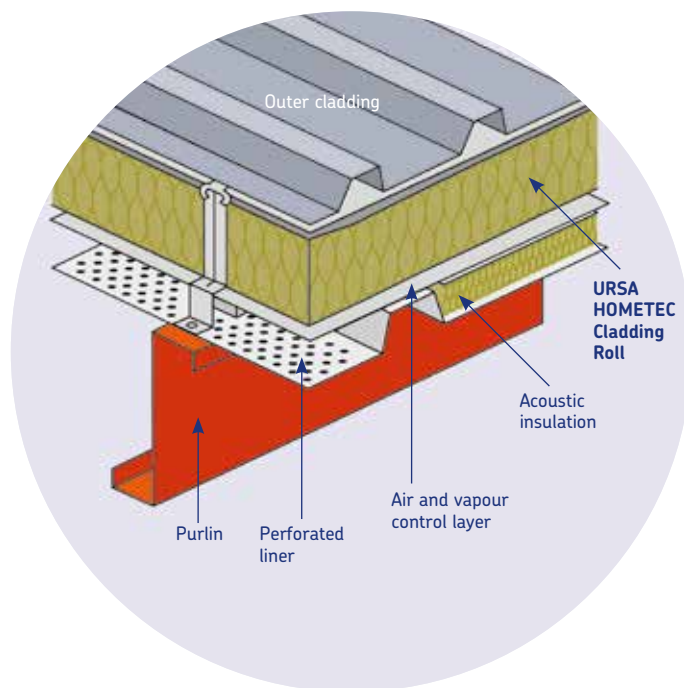
Lightweight roof and wall cladding systems can readily transmit sound. **URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** has excellent acoustic properties which can reduce the overall sound transmission to acceptable levels.

A typical, un-insulated twin skin metal wall or roof will give approximately 30 dB sound reduction. This can be improved to more than 40 dB with the addition of 200mm **URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll**, perhaps as high as 50 dB with a suitably designed cladding system.

This works in two ways; either keeping noise from inside the building (for example a factory environment) from annoying nearby residents or by preventing noise pollution from outside the building (e.g. a nearby motorway or airport). Similarly mineral fibre insulation may be used to control the acoustic performance inside the building. Large, open plan buildings may suffer excessive sound reverberation which can be controlled by suitable mineral fibre linings.

A perforated inner liner tray allows sound energy to penetrate and be absorbed and dissipated by the mineral fibre within the roof or wall structure. Typically this detail includes a relatively thin layer of tissue faced mineral fibre as the acoustic insulation followed by the vapour control layer and main thickness of (thermal) insulation (see Figure 2).

Figure 2 – Acoustic Systems





# Installation

## Bracket & Rail Systems (See Figures 3, 4 and 5)

**URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** is designed to be laid on the inner lining sheet and held in place by the spacer brackets and sheeting rails.

### The usual procedure for construction is:

1. The structural framing, inner liner sheet, metal spacer brackets (with thermal break) and sheeting rails are installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
2. A polythene air and vapour control layer (AVCL), if required, is fixed on the liner with all joints lapped and sealed with special care being taken at the junction of elements. Alternatively the laps in the inner liner sheet may all be sealed to create the vapour control layer.
3. The **URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** is laid on the inner liner sheet ensuring there are no gaps in the insulation, around the brackets or around openings and penetrations. The insulation is slid under the sheeting rails where it will be slightly compressed.
4. If required a breather membrane is laid over the insulation prior to installing the external sheeting.
5. The profiled external sheeting should be installed as soon as possible after laying the **URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** to avoid exposure to the weather. Lay only sufficient insulation that can be covered and protected on the same working day, otherwise provide temporary protection. Provide temporary protection during bad weather including rain, wind and snow or freezing conditions.
6. Ensure that any penetrations through the wall/roof, especially if formed by following trades, are correctly sealed to ensure an air and vapour tight ceiling.

Figure 3 – Bracket & Rail Systems

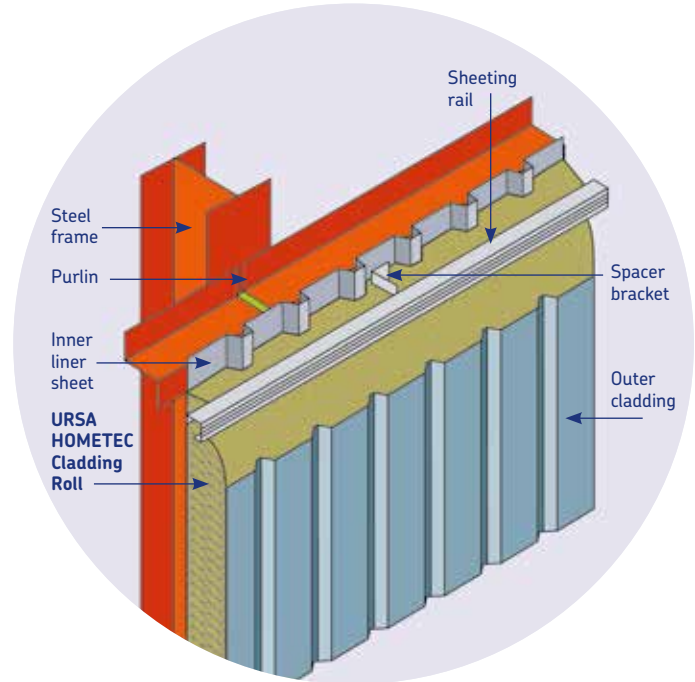
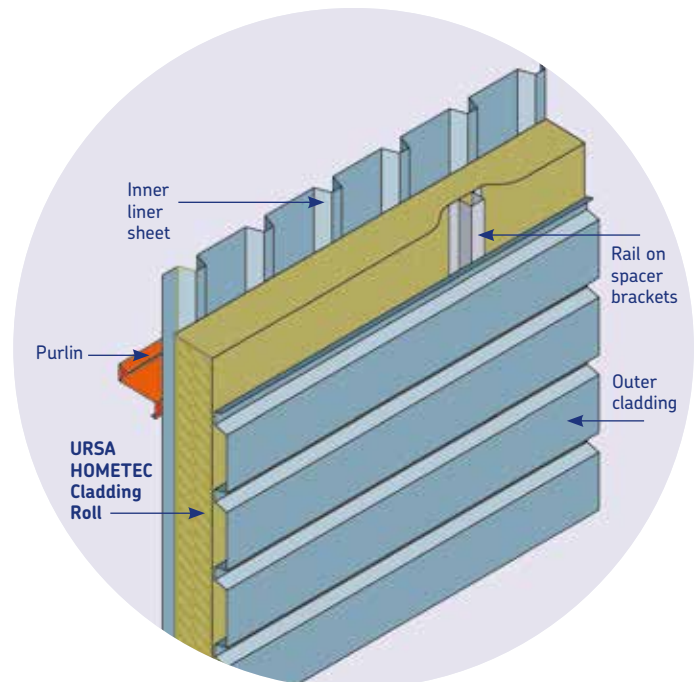


Figure 4 – Wall Detail (horizontal cladding)



### Liner Tray Systems (See Figure 6)

**URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** is designed to be laid in the liner tray and held in place by the external cladding.

#### The usual procedure for construction is:

1. The structural framing and inner liner tray (with thermal break) are installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
2. The laps and joints in the liner tray should all be sealed to create the air and vapour control layer (AVCL).
3. The **URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** is laid in the liner tray ensuring there are no gaps in the insulation or around openings and penetrations.
4. If required, a breather membrane is laid over the insulation prior to installing the external sheeting.
5. The profiled external sheeting should be installed as soon as possible after laying the **URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** to avoid exposure to the weather. Fit only sufficient insulation that can be covered and protected on the same working day, otherwise provide temporary protection. Provide temporary protection during bad weather including rain, wind and snow or freezing conditions.
6. Ensure that any penetrations through the wall/roof, especially if formed by following trades, are correctly sealed to ensure an air and vapour tight ceiling.

Figure 5 – Roof Detail

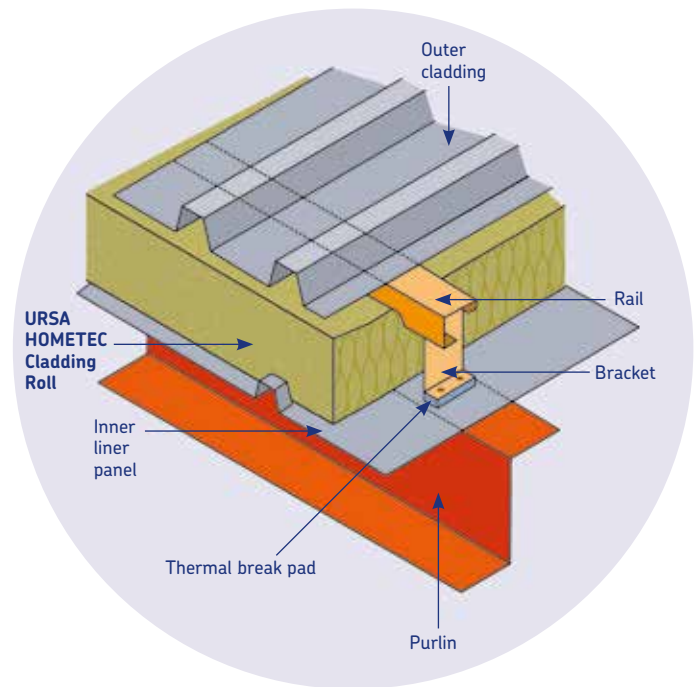
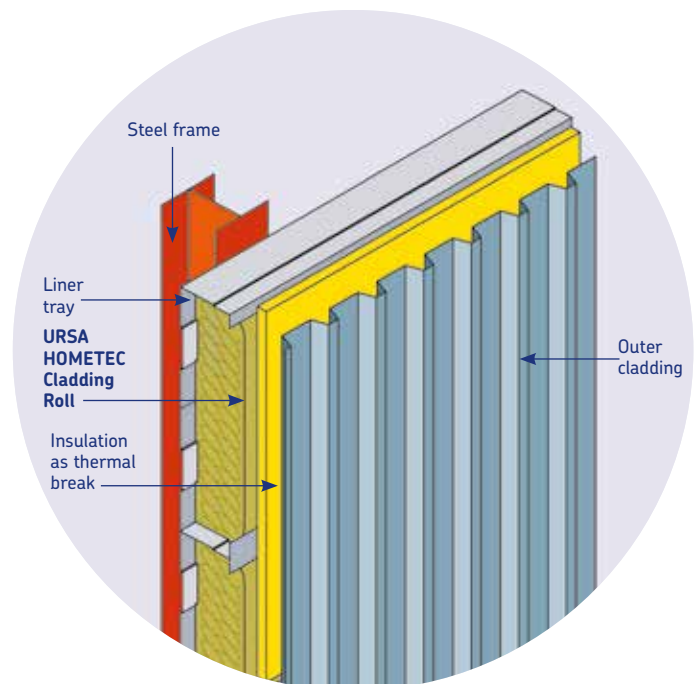


Figure 6 – Liner Tray Systems



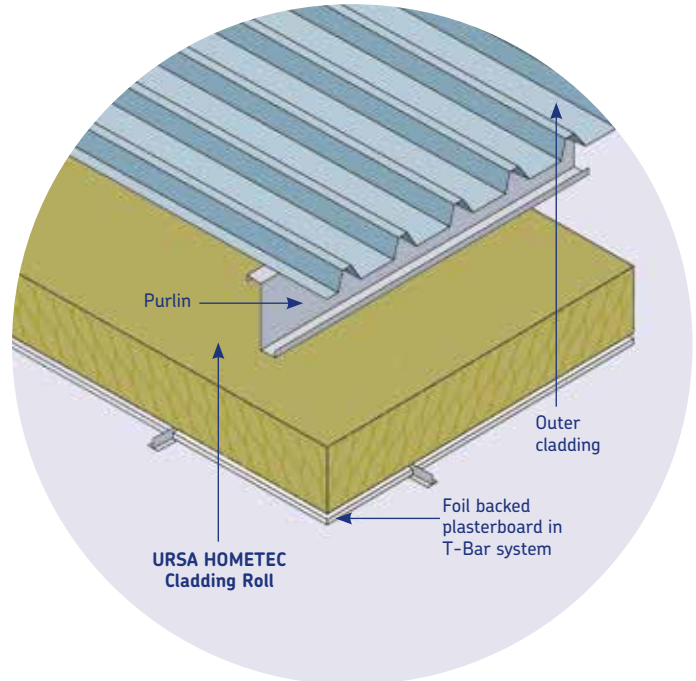
# Suspended Ceiling

**URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** is designed to be laid above the foil backed plasterboard ceiling.

**The usual procedure for construction is:**

1. The structural framing and cladding system are installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
2. The support system for the plasterboard ceiling such as a T-bar system suspended from the structural frame (fixed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions) or timber battens is then installed.
3. Fix foil backed plasterboard to the support system and correctly seal any joints.
4. The **URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** is laid on the plasterboard ceiling ensuring there are no gaps in the insulation, around the suspension wires or around openings and penetrations.
5. Ensure that any penetrations through the ceiling, especially if formed by following trades, are correctly sealed to ensure an air and vapour tight ceiling.

**Figure 7 – Suspended Ceiling**





# Heat Loss Calculations

The normal method of calculating U-values in floors, walls and roofs is the Combined Method (see BS EN ISO 6946). This method cannot be used with metal cladding systems however as the heat loss pattern is considerably more complex due to the metal spacer brackets and sheeting rails. Reference must be made instead to document P312, Metal Cladding: U-value Calculation, from the Steel Construction Institute (SCI) which gives a simplified method of either calculating the U-value from first principles or estimating it from graphs.

For systems that use Z-spacers refer to BRE Information Paper IP 10/02: Metal cladding: assessing the thermal performance of built-up systems using Z-spacers.

Compliance with the Building Regulations is shown by limiting the overall CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the building – this gives considerable design flexibility but there are no specific U-values, except the worst allowable, that must be achieved.

To summarise the requirements:

## **Walls**

A U-value of 0.20 W/m<sup>2</sup>K or better will help ensure Building Regulation compliance.

## **Roofs**

A U-value of 0.16 W/m<sup>2</sup>K or better will help ensure Building Regulation compliance.

**The following pages give typical U-values that can be achieved using URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll based on the following typical construction.**

0.7mm profiled steel outer sheet

**URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll**

0.4mm profiled steel inner sheet

0.67 spacer brackets per square metre.

60mm<sup>2</sup> cross sectional area.

Conductivity 60 W/mK.

C Section rails @ 1500mm c/c.

40mm depth. 40mm width.

Conductivity 60 W/mK.

# Heat Loss Calculations

## URSA HOMETEC 32 Cladding Roll

URSA HOMETEC 32 (mm)	Wall U-Value (W/m²K)	Roof U-Value (W/m²K)
101	0.33	0.33
120	0.28	0.28
140	0.24	0.24
160	0.21	0.21
180	0.19	0.19
200	0.17	0.17
220	0.16	0.16
240*	0.14	0.14
260*	0.13	0.12
280*	0.12	0.12

\* Double layer systems

## URSA HOMETEC 35 Cladding Roll

URSA HOMETEC 35 (mm)	Wall U-Value (W/m²K)	Roof U-Value (W/m²K)
100	0.36	0.37
120	0.30	0.31
140	0.26	0.26
150	0.24	0.25
160	0.23	0.23
180	0.21	0.21
200	0.19	0.19
220	0.17	0.17
240	0.16	0.16
260	0.14	0.14
280*	0.13	0.13

\* Double layer systems

# Heat Loss Calculations

## URSA HOMETEC 40 Cladding Roll

URSA HOMETEC 40 (mm)	Wall U-Value (W/m <sup>2</sup> K)	Roof U-Value (W/m <sup>2</sup> K)
100	0.40	0.41
120	0.34	0.34
140	0.29	0.30
160	0.26	0.26
180	0.23	0.23
200	0.21	0.21
220	0.19	0.19
240	0.17	0.18
260	0.16	0.16
280	0.15	0.15
300*	0.14	0.14

\* Double layer systems

These values are indicative only as each system will be slightly different depending upon the exact system specification.

For the U-value of other wall or roof details please contact URSA UK Technical Services or your cladding system manufacturer.

# Technical Details

## Thermal Conductivity

Declared thermal conductivity of **URSA HOMETEC 32** is 0.032 W/mK.

Declared thermal conductivity of **URSA HOMETEC 35** is 0.035 W/mK.

Declared thermal conductivity of **URSA HOMETEC 40** is 0.040 W/mK.

Declared thermal conductivity tested to BS EN 13162.

## Density

Nominal density of **URSA HOMETEC 32** is 32 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Nominal density of **URSA HOMETEC 35** is 22 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Nominal density of **URSA HOMETEC 40** is 12 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

## Reaction to Fire

Euroclass A1 to BS EN 13501-1.

## Moisture Vapour Transmission

**URSA Cladding Roll** has minimal resistance to the passage of water vapour, thus allowing the roof to breathe. A practical value for the moisture vapour resistivity is 5 MNs/gm.

## Specific Heat Capacity

The specific heat capacity is 1.03 kJ/kgK.

## Environmental Information

### BRE Green Guide

All URSA mineral wool products achieve the best possible 'A+' rating under the BRE Green Guide.

Manufactured to BS EN ISO 14001.



### URSA HOMETEC 32 Cladding Roll

Dimensions	
Thickness (mm)	Width (mm)
60, 80, 101, 120, 140, 160, 180, 200 & 220	1200

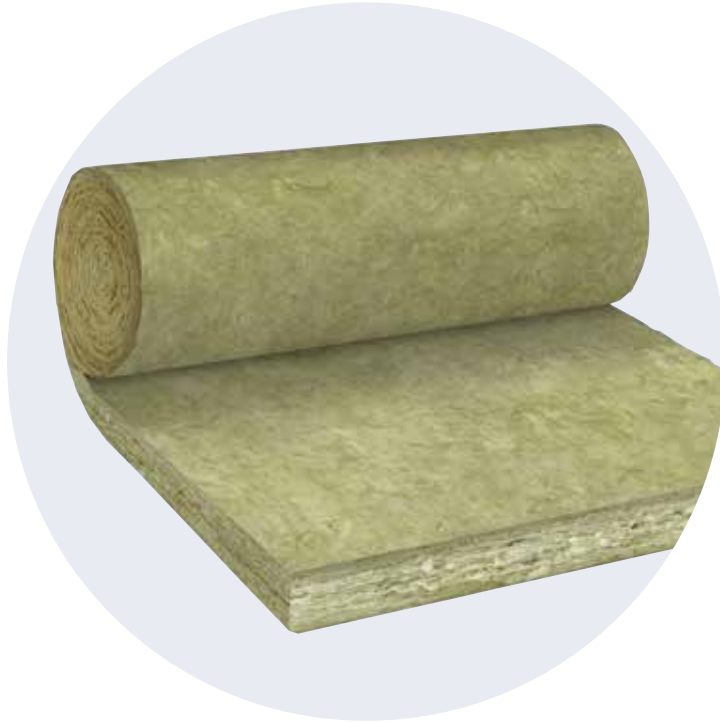
### URSA HOMETEC 35 Cladding Roll

Dimensions	
Thickness (mm)	Width (mm)
60, 80, 100, 120, 140, 150, 160, 180, 200, 220, 240 & 260	1200

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Dimensions	
Thickness (mm)	Width (mm)
60, 100, 120, 140, 160, 180, 200, 220, 240, 260 & 280	1200

# Technical Details



## Durability

When correctly installed, URSA mineral wool products are maintenance free and have an indefinite life at least equal to that of the building.

## Storage

URSA mineral wool products are supplied wrapped in polythene to provide short-term protection. On site the rolls should be stored clear of the ground, on a clean level surface and under cover to protect them from prolonged exposure to moisture or mechanical damage.

## Chemical Compatibility

URSA mineral wool products are compatible with all common construction materials, alkalis, dilute acids, mineral oil and petrol. Products that have been in contact with harsh solvents, acids or saturated with water should not be used.

## Health and Safety

URSA mineral wool products are inherently safe to handle. During cutting or handling any dust generated is of nuisance value only; the wearing of dust masks, gloves and long sleeved clothing is recommended. Large scale machining should be connected to a dust extraction system. A comprehensive Health and Safety data sheet is available from URSA UK Ltd upon request.

## Availability

**URSA HOMETEC Cladding Roll** is available nationally through insulation distributors and builders' merchants.

## References

The Building Regulations and supporting documents.

Thermal Insulation: avoiding risks (2002).

Metal Wall Systems Design Guide – Technical Paper 5 (MCRMA).

Profiled Metal Roofing Design Guide – Technical Paper (MCRMA).

Acoustic Design Guide for Metal Roof & Wall Cladding Systems – Technical Paper 8 (MCRMA).

Metal Cladding: U-value Calculation – P312 (Steel Construction Institute).

Best Practice Guide for the Specification and Installation of Metal Cladding & Secondary Steelwork – P346 (Steel Construction Institute).

BRE Information Paper IP 10/02: Metal cladding: assessing the thermal performance of built-up systems using Z-spacers (BRE).

CIBSE Guide A3 – Thermal Properties of Building Structures.

BS 5427 Code of Practice for the use of Profiled Sheet for Roof and Wall Cladding on Buildings.

BS 5250 Management of Moisture in Buildings – Code of Practice.

BS 6399 Loadings for Buildings.

MCRMA Technical Papers, BRE Digests, Information Papers and Good Building Guides.



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