

## **R-VALUE INFORMATION**

Insulation is specified by its thermal resistance or R-value. "R" means resistance to heat flow. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating power. The amount of insulation you need depends mainly on climate, type of heating (gas, oil, electricity) you use, and the area of the house you plan to insulate. The U.S. Dept. of Energy has established minimum recommended insulation R-values for six distinct parts of the country, or insulation zones.

#### FIND YOUR ZONE ON THE MAP



#### FIND THE R-VALUES FOR YOUR ZONE.

If you live on the border between two zones, choose the higher rather than the lower values.

Insulation Zone	Gas	Heat Pump	Fuel Oil	Electric Furnace	Attic	Wall <sup>(A)</sup>	Floor	Crawl Space <sup>(B)</sup>	Basement
1	~	<b>/</b>	~		R-49	R-18	R-25	R-19	R-11
U				~	R-49	R-28	R-25	R-19	R-19
2	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>		R-49	R-18	R-25	R-19	R-11
				<b>/</b>	R-49	R-22	R-25	R-19	R-19
3	~	~	~	<	R-49	R-18	R-25	R-19	R-11
4	~	<b>V</b>	~		R-38	R-13	R-13	R-19	R-11
4				<b>V</b>	R-49	R-18	R-25	R-19	R-11
	~				R-38	R-13	R-11	R-13	R-11
6		<b>V</b>	<b>/</b>		R-38	R-13	R-13	R-19	R-11
)				<b>/</b>	R-49	R-18	R-25	R-19	R-11
	~				R-22	R-11	R-11	R-11	R-11
6		<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>		R-38	R-13	R-11	R-13	R-11
					R-49	R-18	R-25	R-19	R-11

(A) R-18, R-22 and R-28 exterior wall systems can be achieved by either cavity insulation or cavity insulation with insulating sheathing. For 2 in x 4 in walls, use either R-15 or R-13 fiberglass with insulating sheathing. For 2 in x 6 in walls, use either R-21 or R-19 fiberglass insulation.

(B) Insulate crawlspace walls only if the crawlspace is dry all year, the floor above is not insulated, and all ventilation to the crawlspace is blocked. A vapor retarder (e.g., 4 - or 6 - mil polyethylene film) should be installed on the ground to reduce moisture migration into the crawlspace.

NOTE: For more information see: DOE Insulation Fact Sheet (DOE/CE-0180). Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3048, Merrifield, VA 22116, www.ornl.gov

#### Guardian Fiberglass – for your health.







AsureR® fiberglass spray-on insulation is labeled as a part of ENERGY STAR® home sealing. When installed correctly, AsureR® helps ensure that a home stays comfortable and energy efficient during periods of extreme temperatures.

#### The U.S. Green Building Council's LEED

(Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System is a voluntary standards and certification program that defines high-performance green buildings -- which are more environmentally responsible, healthier, and more profitable structures.



AsureR® technology is covered by one or more of the following U.S. Patents:

5,641,368	5,921,055	5,952,418	6,012,263	6,262,164
5,666,780	5,947,646	5,984,590	6,045,298	

AsureR® technology is also covered by certain foreign patents.

AsureR® is not intended for use in exposed applications.



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## **BENEFITS**

Nearly 50% of all wall cavities in today's homes contain some type of obstruction (i.e. wiring, pipes, electrical boxes, etc.) along with non-standard framing in width and height. In response to these changes in construction, Guardian Building Products developed the AsureR® wall system which conforms to all shapes and sizes of wall cavities and fills in and around all wall obstructions. Each customized, one-piece batt is created on the job site for a perfect fit every time.

### Typically 2-3 Times More Fiberglass In Your Walls

Most homes today utilize 3 1/2" blanket insulation in the walls which has significantly less fiberglass.

### AsureR® Contains Water Activated **Powered Adhesive**

This inorganic powered adhesive, when water-activated, bonds the fibers together creating a monolithic blanket of insulation in side wall applications.

#### **Reduced Air Infiltration**

AsureR® systems' unique application and increased density of fiberglass, eliminates gaps and voids, significantly reducing air infiltration.

### **Improved R-Values**

The increased density of fiberglass in the AsureR® system delivers higher R-values when compared to standard R-11. R-13 or R-19 batt insulation.

#### **Excellent Sound Control**

Small gaps or voids in the insulation can reduce its effectiveness as a sound control device. Due to the custom monolithic installation of the AsureR® system, it provides excellent noise control properties.

#### **Non-Corrosive**

AsureR® system does not contain any chemicals or additives that are conducive to corrosion of pipes or wires.

#### Non-Flammable And Non-Combustible

The AsureR® system using AsureR® fiberglass insulation meets Federal Specification testing criteria for smoldering combustion and ASTM E 136 for non-combustion.

## **APPLICATION**

Any void area in conventional batt insulation can significantly reduce the R-value, resulting in heat loss. However, when the AsureR® fiberglass is sprayed into a wall cavity, it completely fills around pipes, wires, electrical outlets and other objects, significantly reducing voids and air gaps.



# **INSULATION**

Only qualified installers approved by Guardian Building Products may install and market the AsureR® wall system. Any installation of fiberglass insulation using the AsureR® wall system must be done in accordance with all product label instructions, as set forth by Guardian Building Products as determined by its testing, to achieve the stated values listed in the coverage charts above.

## **COMPLIANCES**

#### **ICBO ES ER-5437 ASTM E 119 1 Hour Fire Resistance ASTM E 119 2 Hour Fire Resistance** Type 1, ASTM C 1014 -03 And ASTM C 764

- Non-combustible characteristics in accordance with ASTM E 84
- Non-corrosive
- Contains no asbestos
- Surface burning characteristics in accordance with ASTM E 84: Flame Spread index of 25 or less
  - Smoke developed 50 or less
- Thermal resistance values determined in accordance with ASTM C 518

**ASTM E 119 1.5 Hour Fire Resistance** 

- Inorganic: Does not promote fungus growth in accordance with ASTM C 665

# SIDEWALL COVERAGE INFORMATION

Nominal R-value	Thickness	Density	Bags per 1000 sq. ft.	Minimum weight per sq. ft.	Maximum coverage per bag
To obtain a thermal resistance (R) of:	Installed insulation should not be less than: (inches)	Pounds per cubic foot	Bags per 1000 sq. ft. of net area	Pounds per sq. ft.	Content of bag should not cover more than: (sq. ft.)
R-14	3.5" (2x4)		19.6	.55	51
R-22	5.5" (2x6)	1.9	31.2	.87	32
R-29	7.25" (2x8)		41.7	1.15	24
R-37	9.25" (2x10)		52.6	1.46	19
R-15	3.5" (2x4)		24.4	.64	41
R-23	5.5" (2x6)	2.2	38.5	1.01	26
R-31	7.25" (2x8)		50.0	1.33	20
R-39	9.25" (2x10)		66.7	1.70	15

Nominal bag weight 28 lbs. For pneumatic application only. Insulation should not be installed over eave vents. Thermal resistance values are determined in accordance with ASTM C 518. This product meets or exceeds the requirements of Type 1, ASTM C 1014 -03 and ASTM C 764.

## **VAPOR RETARDER**

Guardian Building Products does not recommend the installation of a vapor retarder in conjunction with the application of AsureR® dimensionally stable fiberglass spray-on insulation.

**AsureR®** is installed at a typical density of 2.2 lb./ft<sup>3</sup>; this is approximately 3 times the density of a typical fiberglass batt.

**AsureR®** is applied as a loose-fill wall spray at the job site, which conforms to the shape of the wall cavities, virtually eliminating gaps and voids where water vapor condensation can occur.

Independent laboratory testing of AsureR® shows a significant reduction in air infiltration through the wall cavity vs. typical fiberglass batts. Water vapor is carried by air, so a reduction in air movement into the wall cavity means there will be a reduction in water vapor movement into the wall cavity as well.

AsureR® is pure glass fiber; fiberglass does not absorb moisture.

In locations where local building codes require the installation of a vapor retarder, the installed AsureR® should set a minimum of 24 hours, and be dry to at least 15% moisture content before installing a vapor retarder. The use or creation of simultaneous interior and exterior (double) vapor retarders should be avoided. The placement of vapor retarders is highly dependent on geographical location and the type of climate. Local building officials should always be consulted and their recommendations followed on this issue.