

# Back to Earth SW Ltd

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## Project Information

Reference

Date 20 November 2023

## Construction Type

Element : Flat roof - Roof-flat-vented-175mm

Internal surface emissivity : High External surface emissivity : High

	Thickness (mm)	Thermal Conductivity (W/mK)	Thermal Resistance (m <sup>2</sup> K/W)	Pitch (°)	Bridge details Air gaps (Level, Delta U")
Outside surface resistance	-	-	0.040		
Plywood (500 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	18.0	0.130	0.138		
Airspace, heat flow upwards, 50 mm thick	50.0	-	0.160		
Ampatop Protecta	-	-	-		
Beltermo Ultra	60.0	0.042	1.400		L:0 0.000W/m <sup>2</sup> K
SteicoFlex	175.0	0.036	4.850		9.000% Softwood (175.0mm) L:0 0.000W/m <sup>2</sup> K
Fermacell	10.0	0.320	0.031		
Ampatex DB90	-	-	-		
Airspace, heat flow upwards, 25 mm thick	25.0	-	0.160		
Gyproc Wallboard	12.5	0.190	0.066		
Inside surface resistance	-	-	0.100		
<b>Total thickness</b>	<b>350.5mm</b>				

## U-value = 0.16W/m<sup>2</sup>K

U-value, Combined Method : 0.161W/m<sup>2</sup>K (upper/lower limit 6.362 / 6.025m<sup>2</sup>K/W, dUf 0.0023, dUg 0.0000, dUp0.0000, dUr0.0000, dUrc1 0.0000, dUrc2 0.0000)

## Correction factors

Mechanical fasteners :-

Warm pitched roof - insulation over rafters

Alpha : 0.80 per m lambda f : 50.0000W/mK nf : 6.700 per m<sup>2</sup> Af : 12.500mm<sup>2</sup> Recess : 0.0mm

Delta Uf for Beltermo Ultra : 0.0023

nf = fasteners per m<sup>2</sup> Af = fasteners cross-sectional area

Air gaps, Delta Ug = 0.000W/m<sup>2</sup>K

(Based on the combined method for determining U-values of structures containing repeating thermal bridges)

	Thickness (mm)	Thermal Conductivity (W/mK)	Thermal Resistance (m <sup>2</sup> K/W)	Vapour Resistivity (MNs/gm)	Vapour Resistance (MNs/g)
Outside surface resistance	-	-	0.040	-	-
Plywood (500 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	18.0	0.130	0.138	1000.00	18.00
Airspace, heat flow upwards, 50 mm thick	50.0	-	0.160	-	0.00
Ampatop Protecta	-	-	-	-	0.50
Beltermo Ultra	60.0	0.042	1.400	15.00	0.90
SteicoFlex	175.0	0.036	4.850	5.00	0.88
Fermacell	10.0	0.320	0.031	65.00	0.65
Ampatex DB90	-	-	-	-	100.00
Airspace, heat flow upwards, 25 mm thick	25.0	-	0.160	-	0.00
Gyproc Wallboard	12.5	0.190	0.066	50.00	0.63
Inside surface resistance	-	-	0.100	-	-
<b>Total thickness</b>	<b>350.5mm</b>				

## Detailed U-value Calculation Results

Construction includes 1 bridged layer

### Non-bridged layers

Outside surface resistance	0.040 m <sup>2</sup> K/W
Plywood (500 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.138 m <sup>2</sup> K/W
Airspace, heat flow upwards, 50 mm thick	0.160 m <sup>2</sup> K/W
Beltermo Ultra	1.400 m <sup>2</sup> K/W
Fermacell	0.031 m <sup>2</sup> K/W
Airspace, heat flow upwards, 25 mm thick	0.160 m <sup>2</sup> K/W
Gyproc Wallboard	0.066 m <sup>2</sup> K/W
Inside surface resistance	0.100 m <sup>2</sup> K/W
Resistance of non-bridged layers, R <sub>NB</sub> =	<u>2.095 m<sup>2</sup>K/W</u>

### Bridged layer

SteicoFlex (L1) bridged by Softwood (B1)

Path 1 - SteicoFlex

Path 2 - Softwood

### Resistance and fraction of heat flow paths

$$R_{P1} = R_{NB} + R_{L1} = 2.095 + 4.850 = 6.945 \text{ m}^2\text{K/W} \quad F_{P1} = 91.000\%$$

$$R_{P2} = R_{NB} + R_{L2} = 2.095 + 1.346 = 3.442 \text{ m}^2\text{K/W} \quad F_{P2} = 9.000\%$$

### Upper resistance limit

$$R_{\text{upper}} = 1 / \left( \frac{F_{P1}}{R_{P1}} + \frac{F_{P2}}{R_{P2}} \right)$$

$$R_{\text{upper}} = 1 / \left( \frac{0.910}{6.945} + \frac{0.090}{3.442} \right) = 6.362 \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$$

### Lower resistance limit

$$R_{\text{lower}} = R_{NB} + 1 / \left( \frac{F_{L1}}{R_{L1}} + \frac{F_{B1}}{R_{B1}} \right)$$

$$R_{\text{lower}} = 2.095 + 1 / \left( \frac{0.910}{4.850} + \frac{0.090}{1.346} \right) = 6.025 \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$$

### Total resistance of roof

$$R_T = \left( R_{\text{upper}} + R_{\text{lower}} \right) / 2 = (6.362 + 6.025) / 2 = 6.19 \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$$

### Mechanical fasteners :-

Calculations to BS EN ISO 6946:2007

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Alpha : 0.80 per m lambda f : 50.0000W/mK nf : 6.700 per m<sup>2</sup> Af : 12.500mm<sup>2</sup> Recess : 0.0mm

Delta Uf for Beltermo Ultra : 0.0023

Correction for air gaps, Delta Ug = 0.0000W/m<sup>2</sup>K

(Delta Uf + Delta Ug + Delta Up + Delta Ur) is less than 3% of (1 / Rt) so U = (1 / Rt) + (Delta Ur) + (Delta Urc) = 0.16 W/m<sup>2</sup>K

Structure element : Flat roof  
Condensation calculations performed in accordance with BS5250:2021

**Condensation is occurring at the following layers interfaces:-**

Month	Int (C°)	Int (%RH)	Ext (C°)	Ext (%RH)
Jan	21.00	45.10	3.10	85.00
Feb	21.00	44.60	3.10	83.50
Mar	21.00	45.40	5.20	79.50
Apr	21.00	46.70	7.60	75.50
May	21.00	51.40	10.60	76.00
Jun	21.00	57.20	14.00	74.50
Jul	21.00	61.90	15.80	75.00
Aug	21.00	62.60	15.40	77.50
Sep	21.00	58.60	13.20	79.50
Oct	21.00	53.90	10.00	83.00
Nov	21.00	48.00	6.00	84.00
Dec	21.00	46.40	4.20	85.50

Gc = Monthly moisture accumulation per area at an interface

Ma = Accumulated moisture content per area at an interface

Peak accumulated moisture content per area at interface (Ma) = 0.00000 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Annual moisture accumulation = 0.00000 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>

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**Thermal Mass Details**

	Thickness assessed (actual) (mm)	Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Specific heat capacity (J/kgK)	Heat capacity (kJ/m <sup>2</sup> K)
Plywood (500 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.0 (18.0)	500.0	1600.0	0.0
Airspace, heat flow upwards, 50 mm thick	0.0 (50.0)	1.2	1008.0	0.0
Ampatop Protecta	0.0 (-)	300.0	850.0	0.0
Beltermo Ultra	0.0 (60.0)	180.0	2100.0	0.0
SteicoFlex	0.0 (175.0)	60.0	2100.0	0.0
Fermacell	10.0 (10.0)	1150.0	1000.0	11500000.0
Ampatex DB90	0.0 (-)	280.0	850.0	0.0
Airspace, heat flow upwards, 25 mm thick	25.0 (25.0)	1.2	1008.0	30996.0
Gyproc Wallboard	12.5 (12.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total				11530996.0
kappa value				11.5310
Limiting condition:	insulation			

Admittance : 1.12 W/m<sup>2</sup>K    Decrement : 0.33 factor    Decrement delay : -10.97 hours

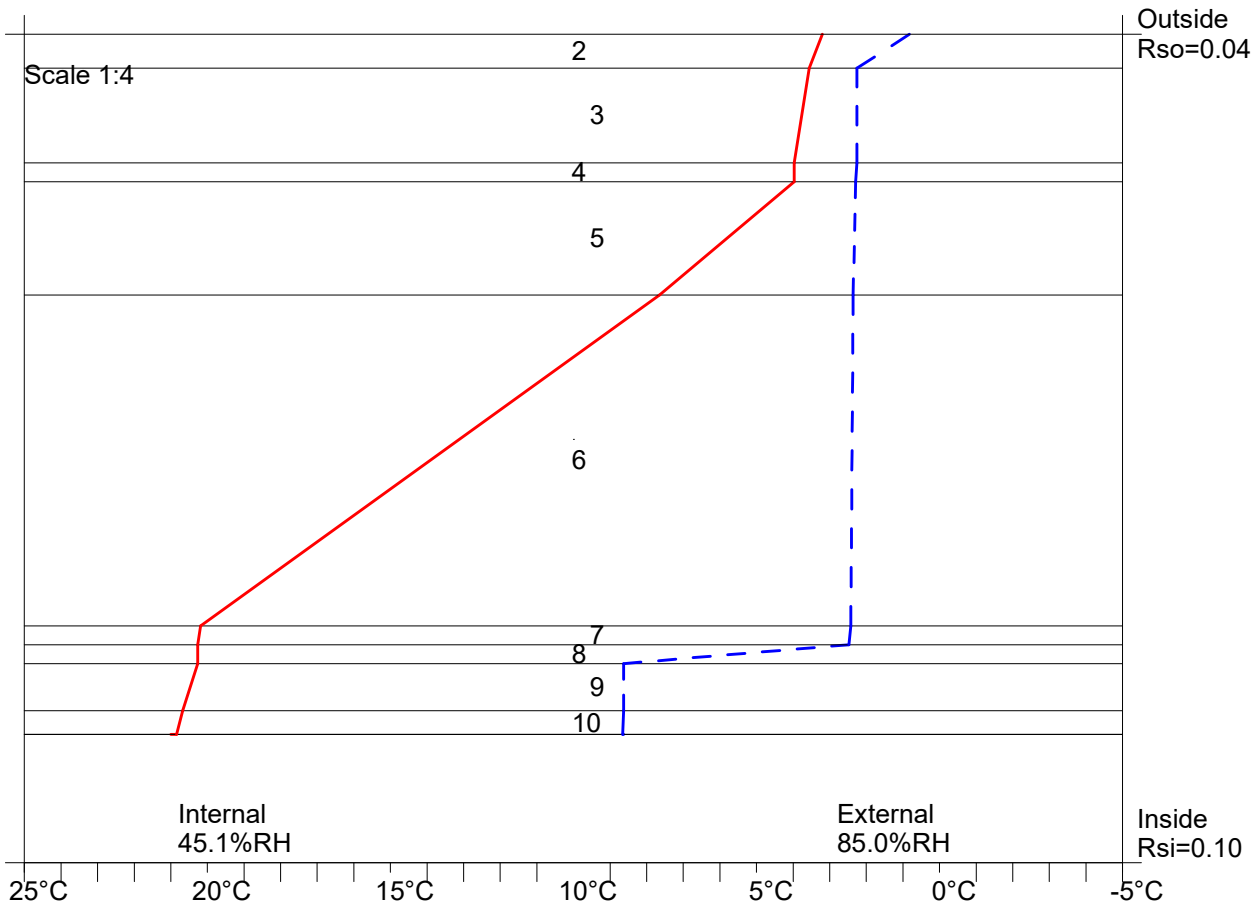
## Condensation Risk Analysis (no account taken of thermal bridges)

### 2 - Offices, shops and dwellings with low occupancy

Jan (worst)	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
21.0C 45.1%	21.0C 44.6%	21.0C 45.4%	21.0C 46.7%	21.0C 51.4%	21.0C 57.2%	21.0C 61.9%	21.0C 62.6%	21.0C 58.6%	21.0C 53.9%	21.0C 48.0%	21.0C 46.4%
3.1C 85.0%	3.1C 83.5%	5.2C 79.5%	7.6C 75.5%	10.6C 76.0%	14.0C 74.5%	15.8C 75.0%	15.4C 77.5%	13.2C 79.5%	10.0C 83.0%	6.0C 84.0%	4.2C 85.5%

	Interface Temp. °C	Dewpoint Temp. °C	Vapour Pressure (kPa)	Saturated V.P. (kPa)	Worst Cond. (g/m <sup>2</sup> )	Peak Buildup (g/m <sup>2</sup> )	Conden-sation
1 Outside surface resistance							
2 Plywood (500 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	3.2	0.8	0.65	0.77			No
3 Airspace, heat flow upwards, 50 mm thick	3.6	2.3	0.72	0.79			No
4 Ampatop Protecta	4.0	2.3	0.72	0.81			No
5 Beltermo Ultra	4.0	2.3	0.72	0.81			No
6 SteicoFlex	7.7	2.4	0.72	1.05			No
7 Fermacell	20.2	2.4	0.73	2.36			No
8 Ampatex DB90	20.3	2.5	0.73	2.38			No
9 Airspace, heat flow upwards, 25 mm thick	20.3	8.6	1.12	2.38			No
10 Gyproc Wallboard	20.7	8.6	1.12	2.44			No
11 Inside surface resistance	20.8	8.7	1.12	2.46			No

Worst case internal / external conditions for graph : 21.0°C @ 45.1%RH / 3.1°C @ 85.0%RH



## Condensation Risk Analysis (no account taken of thermal bridges)

### 2 - Offices, shops and dwellings with low occupancy

Jan (worst)	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
21.0C 45.1%	21.0C 44.6%	21.0C 45.4%	21.0C 46.7%	21.0C 51.4%	21.0C 57.2%	21.0C 61.9%	21.0C 62.6%	21.0C 58.6%	21.0C 53.9%	21.0C 48.0%	21.0C 46.4%
3.1C 85.0%	3.1C 83.5%	5.2C 79.5%	7.6C 75.5%	10.6C 76.0%	14.0C 74.5%	15.8C 75.0%	15.4C 77.5%	13.2C 79.5%	10.0C 83.0%	6.0C 84.0%	4.2C 85.5%

	Interface Temp. °C	Dewpoint Temp. °C	Vapour Pressure (kPa)	Saturated V.P. (kPa)	Worst Cond. (g/m <sup>2</sup> )	Peak Buildup (g/m <sup>2</sup> )	Condensation
1 Outside surface resistance							
2 Plywood (500 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	15.8	11.4	1.35	1.80			No
3 Airspace, heat flow upwards, 50 mm thick	15.9	11.7	1.37	1.81			No
4 Ampatop Protecta	16.1	11.7	1.37	1.82			No
5 Beltermo Ultra	16.1	11.7	1.38	1.82			No
6 SteicoFlex	17.1	11.7	1.38	1.95			No
7 Fermacell	20.8	11.7	1.38	2.45			No
8 Ampatex DB90	20.8	11.8	1.38	2.45			No
9 Airspace, heat flow upwards, 25 mm thick	20.8	13.4	1.54	2.45			No
10 Gyproc Wallboard	20.9	13.4	1.54	2.47			No
11 Inside surface resistance	21.0	13.4	1.54	2.48			No

Worst case internal / external conditions for graph : 21.0°C @ 61.9%RH / 15.8°C @ 75.0%RH

